

POULTRY FACTS



MAKE PROFITABLE SIDE LINE

Success May Be Attained With Pigeons by Careful Attention to Many Little Details.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Many people can keep pigeons successfully as a side issue, although this requires constant oversight and careful attention to details. The greatest difficulties confronting the successful raiser of pigeons seem to be in securing good breeding stock, and finding a market for the produce of a small flock. Pigeons are a profitable source of income on general farms where they may secure much of their feed from the fields, provided they are not a nuisance and the loss by shooting and by hawks, owls and cats is not large. They can also be raised successfully on farms where they are closely confined, provided the squabs can be marketed to good advantage.

Of the squab-raising varieties the Homer is considered the most popular variety. The habit of this bird of returning home if allowed freedom makes it necessary to confine pigeons purchased from other lofts. The Carneaux pigeon has recently become popular as a squab producer. This variety is somewhat larger than the Homer and it is stated is about as prolific. Several other varieties of pigeons larger than the Homer are used on a small scale in squab raising, especially in crossing with the Homer and Carneaux, to increase the size of squabs. The Runt



Homer Pigeon is Most Popular.

is one of the largest, but is not as prolific or as good a breeder or feeder as the Homer.

Some of the other varieties reported used as squab breeders are the Dragon, White Maltese, or hen pigeon, the White King, and the common pigeon.

BIG RETURNS FROM POULTRY

Arizona Farmer Made Profit of Nearly \$300 From Small Flock in Short Space of Time.

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A net return of nearly \$300 in two and one-half months from a side line on the farm is the record made by a Glendale, Ariz., farmer who is carrying on his operations under the direction of a poultry extension expert of the United States department of agriculture. In connection with his general farm work he kept a flock of 210 hens, which produced an average of ten dozen eggs during the four winter months. During February the eggs brought an average of 55 cents a dozen, or approximately \$150, while the feed bill, including the feed for the young chicks, amounted to \$50. The following month the flock showed a profit of a little over \$100. During the first half of April the gross receipts were \$97.50. In April the extension specialist conducted a culling demonstration on this farm and weeded 50 hens from the flock. The culled hens were kept in a separate pen for a week following the demonstration, and made practically no returns in egg yields. This indicates, the specialist says, that the remaining 154 hens probably made the record with which the entire 210 had been credited.

GET RID OF DISEASE GERMS

Drive Out Fowls, Close House Tightly and Burn Sulphur in It for an Hour—Then Air It.

To rid the house of disease germs and vermin drive out the fowls, close the house tightly and burn sulphur in it until the entire house is full of blue fumes. Let it remain closed an hour and then air it thoroughly before the fowls return.

SMALL BACK YARD FOR HENS

Whether They Can Be Kept at Advantage Depends on Whether They Get Proper Care.

The smallest back yard affords an opportunity to keep a few hens. Whether the occupant of the premises can keep those few hens to advantage depends upon whether he or she can and will give them the necessary care.

APOLOGIES TO BR'ER RABBIT

Field Mouse, Not Bunny, is Anathematized Girdler of Trees, According to Eastern Expert.

An official of the state fish and game commission informs us that we are unjust to the rabbit in ascribing to him all the girdling of fruit trees which has been going on in these parts lately. Our informant says, observes a writer in the Ohio State Journal, that the field mouse is responsible for more than 50 per cent of this damage and we hasten to tender our sincere apologies to the rabbit, whose feelings we would not hurt for the world, and are quick to give the guilty field mouse his just share of censure.

Field mice, it seems have the indefensible habit of burrowing among the roots of small fruit trees in the fall, hollowing out a warm place, as field mice estimate warmth, and spending the winter there. When they get hungry and nothing else is available, they shin up a little way and eat the bark of the tree cunningly making tooth marks almost exactly like rabbits' and thus throwing editors and other experts off the scent. The rabbits are out wholly without sin, but a 49 per cent sinner averages up fairly well with the rest of us. Moreover, the rabbit may easily be fooled in his lapses from grace by placing a piece of tar paper about two feet in height, or a piece of wire netting around the base of each young fruit tree. Perhaps this expedient, like other prohibitory measures, does not build character in the rabbit, but it does in the orchardist. Nothing, we understand, can be done about the field mice unless one stays at the foot of the tree and catches them. They are lost in sin.

DIED TO ESCAPE SUFFERING

Crew of Crippled Hun Submarine Took the Easiest Way Out of a Hopeless Situation.

Admiral Sims in the World's Work tells of the efficiency of the submarine listening devices. Once when a submarine had been injured and was lying on the bottom in shallow water a grewsome thing was heard. They listened for hours, without hearing a sound; but about 5 o'clock in the afternoon a sharp piercing noise came ringing over the wires. It was a sound that made the listeners' blood run cold.

Only one thing in the world could make a sound like that. It was the crack of a revolver. The first report had hardly stilled when another shot was heard; and then there were more in rapid succession. The listeners on two different chasers heard these pistol cracks and counted them; the reports which these men independently made agreed in every detail. In all 25 shots came from the bottom of the sea. As there were from 25 to 30 men in the submarine crew the meaning was all too evident. The larger part of the officers and men, finding themselves shut tightly in their coffin of steel, had resorted to that escape which was not uncommonly availed of by German submarine crews in this hideous war. Nearly all of them had committed suicide.

Gen. Benjamin Butler's Wit.

General Butler was the leader of the house in 1875 and Samuel J. Randall leader of the Democratic side. As the forty-third congress was about to close I was with Randall when Butler came up and Randall asked him to hold a Sunday session. Butler said no, he would not consent to it; he never would do any work on Sunday that was not necessary.

Randall turned and challengingly said: "Oh, that is your New England Puritanism, I suppose. That serves you to good purpose, and I expect to meet you some day. Butler, in another and better world."

Butler replied in a flash: "Oh, no Sam; you will be there, as you are here, a member of the lower house." —Melville E. Stone, in Collier's Weekly.

Forest Airmen's Records.

Forest fire patrol performed by the air service of the war department, with its personnel and equipment, and at the expense of that organization in 1920, covered 92,006 miles, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. Many fires were discovered, located, and reported. Six patrol routes, covering national forest areas of high value were followed, and twice each day six airplanes covered the better part of 9,000,000 acres of rough, mountainous, heavily timbered country. The average nonstop run was 160 miles; the average round trip, 320 miles.

Taft's Unique Walking Stick.

Former President Taft owns a walking stick that is 250,000 years old. When Prof. W. S. Foster of Spokane was investigating the geological history of southern Alberta a few years ago he discovered a stump in a peat bog and glacial drift in the valley of Old Man river. The age of the stump was estimated by geologists at a quarter of a million years.

Professor Foster took the stump home to Seattle with other souvenirs of the glacial epoch and when the Spokane people on one of Mr. Taft's visits wanted to give him a unique present they had a cane fashioned from the wood.

Naturally,

"I suppose accidents vary much on the icy hill, do they not?"
"Yes, there is no fixed number. They are on a sliding scale."

Seized Liner Now In Passenger Service



The S. S. Martha Washington, formerly an Austro-Hungarian liner, sailed from New York for South America recently, flying the American flag. She is the first of the seized vessels to be placed in the passenger service by the United States shipping board. The illustration shows also Capt. Francis Cross, commander of the ship.



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Dated May 29th, 1920.

Harry R. Newport,

Executor, etc.

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