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POULTRY NOTES
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THE GOOSE AND HER GOLDEN EGG.

If your goose begins to lay in December, when eggs are so high, don't raise too glad a cry. She will soon quit and start again in February, the real beginning of the rubberneck breeding, laying and broody season.

When Mrs. Goose wishes to lay she will give you the tip by carrying round sticks and straw. Then by quietly driving and penning her in a place where you wish her to lay and sit and keeping her there a few hours at a time she will there make her nest if undisturbed and nesting material is provided.

She will lay from eight to twenty eggs and then get broody, but if removed to a darkened coop, kept on short rations for a few days and then returned she will lay again and again get broody.

The trick may be played a second time, but the third laying should be left for the faithful goose to incubate.

In this way sixty eggs are often secured from one goose in a season, the surplus being set under hens, large breeds such as Brahmas, Cochins and Langshans being used, six eggs, weigh



THE WHITE EMBDEN NESTING.

ing two pounds, being enough for a hen to cover. If two geese or a goose and a hen are set with the idea of giving all the gulls to one goose the transfer should be made at night, as the old goose will detect the hen odor on the goslings and reject or kill them.

By morning they all smell alike. The nest should be hollowed out so the eggs may not roll away, be exposed to the morning sun and if possible be near a stream, so the old goose may wet the eggs with her feathers when she returns from a swim.

Those under hens should be sprinkled with tepid water every other day. Feed, gravel, sand and water should be kept near the nest, and the goose should not be disturbed, as in her efforts to defend the nest she will break the eggs, and, besides, the big gander, who guards his mate while out on the nest himself, may attack you with serious results.

Goose eggs hatch in twenty-eight to thirty-five days, and gulls must be removed at night. They must also be returned early or the mother will disown them.

The most popular and best laying geese are Toulouse, Embden and African.

Toulouse and African lay forty to sixty eggs per year and Embden twenty to forty, and one goose often raises three broods a season.

DON'TS.

Don't tire your jaw and other people by criticising a competitor's stock. For jealousy Haaman hung, so hold your tongue and rest your lung or you might be stung.

Don't knock the expressman when the company buknoes you. He gets light pay for an awful long day.

Don't scald broilers for market. Their tender skin will tear and you'll swear.

Don't set that incubator till you have it perfectly clean and all parts in perfect order.

Don't be too sure the incubator thermometer is all right. Better test two together. A difference shows one wrong.

Don't fail to closely examine the brooder and incubator heaters. A little neglect often causes a great fire.

Don't buy a nest class cock and a hen, unless you are thinking to hatch throughly. You'll get fakes.

Don't put the brooder together without feathers and inspection for vermin.

Don't let chicken droppings accumulate in thick coatings on the floor. Sanitary quarters help make the dollars.

MR. TOM TUMBLEDOWN.

Do you know Mr. Tom Tumbledown, A man of wide renown? Oh, yes, he must live in your town At his place called Tumbledown.

Just tumble to our tale of Tom, Whose chimney's tumbling down. He's rickety rickety, like his place, This careless, lazy clown.

If he keeps store, it's full of dust, And the scale is full of rust, While goods are scattered everywhere, And everything looks mussed.

Or an office is a fearful sight, With cigar stumps decorated, While the walls are all done up in brown Where experts have expectorated.

And Tom's farm looks the very same— Everything's going to rack, While every horse, cow and sow Is a rattling old bone rack.

Tom's chickens roost on the wagon wheel, His turks rot on the fence, For turks and fences some time ago Tumbled into the thence.

And Tom loafs along and laughs at fate, His turks rot on the fence, He swines on his rickety garden gate While his poor wife earns the living.

But don't let's be too hard on Tom As we list to this narration, It may be we are Tom himself Or else some near relation. C. M. B.

KURIOS FROM KORRESPONDENTS

Q. Some of my pigeons have a most peculiar disease. A cock bird's wing became stiff. I bred from him, and now two of his squabs have a stiff wing. What is this disease, its cause and cure?

A. The trouble is called "wing bone" and is claimed to come from inbreeding and improper feeding at time of molt. It is cancerous in nature, and victims should be killed.

Q. Is it true that a Leghorn hen mated to a Cochlin male becomes a half Leghorn and half Cochlin and from that time remains the same, it matters not with what other breeds mated?

A. No. That fool notion exploded fifty years ago. To mate an eleven pound cock with a hen half, the size is, however, a colossal fool stunt.

Q. Is there any way to make hens set?

A. Yes. Pen them in a coop where there is little room to exercise; feed only whole corn to make them fat and lazy. The hotter the coop the better.

Q. Which do you consider the more important, shape or color?

A. The saying is, "Shape makes the breed, color the variety." Thus if you don't have the shape you haven't the breed. Both shape and color in every section are scored, and the result decides the prize. A good shape with bad color and a good color with bad shape are seldom considered where there is competition.

Q. How can I prevent my pheasants from eating their eggs? How many eggs should a pheasant lay in a season?

A. If you will watch, you will discover that the cock birds generally do the trick. In the spring, place a bundle of brush in each corner of your pheantry, leave just room enough behind for hen, and a hole in the bundle just large enough for hen to creep through. Buy or make eggs (ground glass) same size shape and color as pheasant's egg. Always have one in nest, and scatter a few around and let the birds dull their beaks on them. Always gather eggs closely. Twenty-five to thirty per hen.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

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It's the red mites that worry and weaken and wreck the flock. Don't waste money on louse paint. Use coal oil on them, and plenty of it.

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She Was Willing.

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