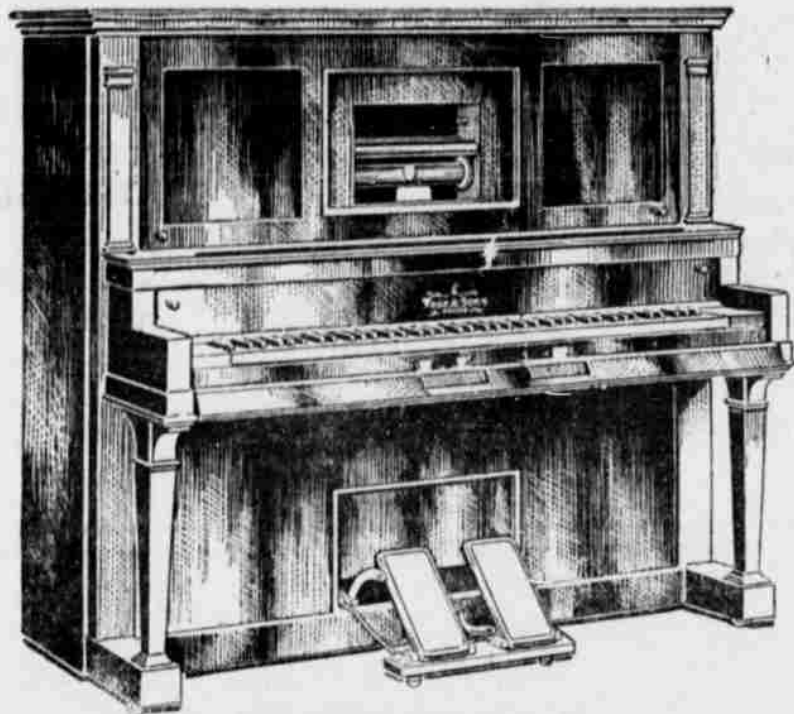


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SOFT SHELLED EGGS.

Soft shelled eggs may be a curiosity, but are no joke to Biddy, she often dies straining to lay them, the oviduct being made for a smooth, hard, close fitting shell, the soft shell has a surface like fine sand paper and hard to roll like a half blown football.

Such eggs, at times, stick in the cloaca until they rot or start to in-



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

ORDINARY SOFT SHELLED EGG.

cube. After receiving albumen the yolk rotates into the uterus, where a thick white fluid, secreted by the inner surface, is thrown about it and this condenses into calcareous crystals which form the hard porous shell.

In her food a hen requires 12.2 per cent of mineral to make this shell and 3.8 per cent for her body, and as corn contains but 1.5 per cent of mineral it is easily seen how exclusive corn diet brings soft shelled eggs and weak skeleton.

Heavy egg production is another cause. The shell factory can't furnish shells fast enough, and so lime must be fed.

Cracked oyster shell is best. The gizzard grinds it easily, its salty flavor is appetizing and it quickly turns to eggshell. An analysis shows the two about the same.

An eggshell contains 97 per cent carbonate of lime, 1 per cent phosphate of lime and 0.5 per cent animal matter.

Clean oyster shell contains 98.3 per cent carbonate of lime, 1.2 per cent phosphate of lime and 0.5 per cent animal matter.

Other causes of this trouble are inflammation of oviduct when membrane



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SOFT SHELL WITH EXTRA SKINS.

causes to elaborate lime; overfat, fright, injury, sickness, feeding egg stimulant.

The victim is easily detected as she lingers about the nest and strains to lay.

Manipulation of the posterior will cause her to project egg organ, which should be sprinkled with lubricating oil and thrust back, and an oiled finger should be gently worked back into the tube and the egg moved out. Forcing in this case means rupture of blood vessels and death.

Ice placed in protruding duct will cause immediate contraction, withdrawal and will quiet the spasms caused by straining to lay.

DON'TS.

Don't condemn a breed of fowls because you can't succeed with them. If others can, must be the man.

Don't growl about waste in the kitchen when rats are robbing the corncrib and mice plunder the granary.

Don't treat your wife like a servant, and be sure to treat a servant as you would have an employer treat you.

Don't have two prices for the same article. Set a fair price that gives a reasonable profit, and stick to it.

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I sing not of the soldier
Who saved this land for you,
But of the hero who all week
Wears the overalls of blue.

He hears no sounding bugle,
But at the whistle's blast he's there
To fight the daily battle
And to do his noble share.

He faces no loud cannon,
But before the furnace flame,
At the throttle or in dark, deep mine
This hero oft dies game.

He hears no whistling bullet
Beneath a flag unfurled,
But he's the hero makes our land
The workshop of the world.

He may not push a bayonet home
Nor on a rampart die,
But his hard hand has placed our land
On a pinnacle so high.

That the nations stand in wonder
And the people praise the Lord
That the victories of labor
Are greater than the sword.

C. M. BARNITZ.

STOCK OR EGGS, WHICH?

Here is a question from a beginner that may interest others. "How should I start--with stock or eggs?" At once there comes to memory a sad event in our early experience when we paid \$30 for eggs and but 10 per cent were fertile, and this remembrance and other considerations prompt us to say, Start with stock or chicks.

Not that all poultrymen are sharks, though. The profession has its swindlers, like the others. But one is more apt to be deceived on eggs. Then the baggage smasher is on the job. And no one knows the pedigree of the eggs unless he knows the breeders, and eggs also have their vicissitudes in the incubator.

We prefer adult stock to chicks. Chicks may come true to name and be all that is desired; then they may be otherwise, and their development and future only can prove whether they come from inbred, immature stock or not.

We prefer stock because you know what you've got. You are apt occasionally to be deceived in buying stock, but not so frequently as with the others, and then there's no waiting for it to hatch nor develop, and there's no time wasted, as when hatching and development are a failure. The stock is in sight, in your hands.

You know what you are breeding from. You are sure of good eggs if you manage right. You know the pedigree of your chicks. Your parent stock is an asset for the next season, and if fine breeding is the object you may mate progeny back to parents.

Foundation stock is all important, and buyers should not huddle over a good price for good birds.

Buying by mail is cash, and birds are not sold on credit simply because the seller does not know any more about the buyer than the buyer knows about him, but the privilege to return purchases if express is prepaid and your money back is the rule. It pays to spend a few dollars looking around before buying. This gives one the chance to see other plants and to personally pick the stock, and that isn't so much like buying a pig in a poke.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Rhodesia, South Africa, has regular poultry inspectors, who meet all trains coming into that territory and reject any poultry unfit for food. Think of the "Dark Continent" being ahead of Uncle Sam in poultry inspection! Whew!

Many beginners select a line in poultry where is hottest competition both for market and show, and the fellow of wider experience has the advantage of them. Take capons. They are made of roosters, easy to raise, sell the highest, and yet so many pass this by when the demand for capons is unlimited.

The hen is not a magician, as some would have us believe. She cannot make many eggs and sustain bodily vigor on mere bran. Neither is she a natural garbage disposal plant. She cannot change obnoxious offal into sweet pure flesh and delightful sweet sanitary eggs, and no bughouse argument can make us believe such rot.

Keep the water vessels full of clean, fresh water the year round. It is not only necessary to the health and comfort of the fowl, but remember that over 65 per cent of the edible part of an egg is water. A hen gets some water from green food, but not sufficient for her eggs and bodily needs.

To save fish spawn that might be lost the Chinese are said to open hens' eggs, empty them, place the spawn therein, close the aperture, set them under hens, and then when about to hatch they break the eggs and place the spawn in warm water, where the little fish come out and are later placed in large ponds.

A citizen of White Salmon, Wash., angry on account of the depredations of neighbors' hens, sent the following letter to the judges of the United States supreme court: "Honored Sirs--Will you please send me a copy of the decision that poultry is considered a wild bird when in your neighbor's yard and can be taken up as such?" As no such decision has been handed down our friend will now probably make history by wielding the ax and pleading the unwritten law.

Here's one from the London Opinion for those who desire a sure way to tell the age of poultry:

"Casey," said Pat, "how do yez tell th' age of a tu-u-rkey?"

"O' can always tell by the teeth," said Casey.

"By the teeth?" exclaimed Pat. "But a tu-u-rkey has no teeth."

"No," admitted Casey, "but O' have."

C. M. Barnitz.

RUSH CHRISTMAS MAIL BUSINESS

Packages This Year May
Bear Simple Holiday
Greetings.

For the first time in history the postal authorities have given out the order that it is permissible for senders of Christmas packages to place simple greetings on them. "Please do not open until Christmas," and contain such inscription on the wrappings as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," or "With Best Wishes."

Orders have gone out from the Postal Department at Washington for extraordinary precautions to be made by all postmasters to handle the holiday mail with as much dispatch as possible.

Postmaster Ahlstrom expects a heavy business through the local office during the holiday period and he states the postal clerks and mail handlers can be greatly helped by the public in expediting the work if the people will remember that thousands of packages will go through the mails between now and Christmas, and the facilities of the postoffices will be taxed to the limit, and will mail their packages early. Wrappers about all parcels should be of sufficient strength to resist the pressure of other mail which, must necessarily be piled on them.

Bats in pasteboard boxes should be crated with wood unless packed in double corrugated pasteboard boxes, and must not exceed 72 inches in length and girth combined. Cut flowers should be placed in boxes of wood, tin or heavy pasteboard.

Candies in tin or corrugated pasteboard. Sharp instruments or other pointed articles with sharp corners should have the points well protected to avoid damage and injury to the postal clerks who handle them. Articles of glass and other breakable matter should be packed in boxes.

Parcels sealed or otherwise closed against inspection will be subject to the first class rate of postage. Parcels should also be mailed in time to reach their destination at least two days prior to Christmas.

Dr. Steiner Arrested

Yesterday was designated as the time for hearing arguments on a writ of habeas corpus, applied for by Dr. Steiner, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Salem in the Supreme Court. Dr. Steiner was arrested upon a warrant sworn out by Labor Commissioner Hoff, charging him with violating the eight-hour law in employing manual labor at the asylum, and the writ was applied for in order to determine at an early date through a Supreme Court decision whether the law is applicable to labor employed by the state.

Umatilla Lands

In pursuance of the terms of a contract entered into between the Government and the Maxwell Land Company, of Hermiston, Oregon, Secretary Lane has ordered a public sale of several hundred acres of land embraced within the Umatilla irrigation project. The sale will be held at Hermiston, Oregon, December 27, and will afford homeseekers an opportunity to secure valuable farms located in the midst of a rapidly growing community. The Umatilla Project contains about 20,000 acres of irrigable land.

W. J. SHAVER

Money to Loan
Klamath Falls, Ore.

Notice of Lease of State Lands

The State Land Board desiring to lease all unsold school sections (16 and 36) will receive offers for same up to December 22, 1913. Leases will be made for a term of one year, subject to cancellation in event of sale of land. Remittance to cover annual rental must accompany offer.

G. G. BROWN,

Clerk State Land Board.

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