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RUNAWAY SNOWFLAKES

ONE night a band of little snowflakes softly crept out of their home and ran down to the earth...



All the Snowflake Family on the Hill and Over the Meadows.

"I guess folks will be scared when they see us," said one, "just look how thick and white we are."

"And just see how big we are," said another, "we soon will cover everything white and won't those stay-at-home flakes be sorry they did not come along with us?"

"Let's whirl upon that hill," said one big flake, "and cover it so no one can get over it to the other side."

So intent upon making things white were the runaways that they did not see Mr. Sunman peering at them from

behind a cloud. He had been watching them all the time, for he had no intention of letting the snow settle over the earth that day.

"It is all white anyway," said one. "I thought we were big enough to make deep snow. O dear, I am so warm."

"You had no right to think anything," said old Mr. Sunman. "You should have waited until my day was done, you runaway children, and to pay you for leaving all your relatives up there worrying about you, I shall melt you all."

Poor little snowflakes, they did not have a chance to run, for Mr. Sunman breathed upon them his warm breath and down they sank into the earth and the hill was as bare as before they came.

"I'm sorry I had to do that," said Mr. Sunman and for a minute or two his face was hidden again, for unless he can smile he does not show it to the earth, "but I could not help it; I had to shine today and if those foolish children had waited until tomorrow they would have had plenty of help in making things white, but today is mine."

Then out from the cloud Mr. Sunman came and beamed all day upon the earth, and warmest he shone upon the hill where the runaway flakes were asleep.

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POULTRY

FIRST REQUIREMENT FOR SANITARY COOP

The first requirement for a sanitary hen house is a roomy, dry building with plenty of window space and easy means of ventilation.

Dropping boards under the roosts are quite essential for the proper maintenance of cleanliness. They should be made of tongued and grooved flooring well laid, and should be at least three feet above the floor of the house. If nests are under the dropping boards, three feet six inches would be better height. In the case of heavy breeds runways up to the roosting perches should be used, but with leghorns and other light breeds they are not necessary.

Dropping boards should be level, and the perches arranged about six inches above them. The perches should be on a level, also, and of 2 by 2 material. They should be fastened to 2 by 4 supports that are hinged at the back end of the house so that the roosts can be raised out of the way while scraping the dropping boards.

A hoe with 15 or 18-inch blade is very satisfactory for scraping the dropping boards, and if used regularly once or twice a week will assist materially in maintaining the health of the flock. A small box arranged to hang from and slide along the front edge of the dropping board platform, to receive the droppings as they are scraped from the board, will help to preserve the fertilizer for the garden.

One nest should be provided for each five or six birds, and even more if trap nests are used. Twelve by twelve inches is large enough and one-fourth inch mesh hardware cloth is excellent for the bottom. Wall nests are to be preferred to those located under the dropping platform, but the wall nests require a top place at an angle of at least 45 degrees, to prevent the chickens roosting on them. The runways along the front of the nests can also be made to fold up in front of the nest openings, which will keep the young birds from roosting in the nests at night and fouling them.

Dry mash hoppers are essential to the economical feeding of the flock; they should be raised on legs 15 inches to 2 feet from the floor.

Water stands should be raised the same as the mash hoppers, and are best made with a slatted top in the middle of which an opening is left to receive a 12-quart pail. The support for the bucket should be about six inches lower than the top of the platform.

A broody coop where feverish hens can be confined and fed is much to be preferred to ducking them or to starvation.

A catching coop is very desirable and almost necessary where any regular and consistent effort at culling is attempted. A heavy wire with one end bent to form a hook and the other end tied to an old broom handle is useful in catching a bird or two, as occasion may demand.

A bin where two or three hundred pounds of scratch grain may be stored in the chicken house is also a labor saver.

Details as to the construction of different items mentioned above must of course vary with the size of the flock and local conditions.

Difficult to Determine Sex of Goose or Gander

Ganders are usually a little larger and coarser than geese. The head of the gander is apt to be larger and the neck thicker. The cry of the goose is rather harsh, while the gander makes a shrill cry. The only accurate way is examination of the organs, or observation of the flock at mating time.

Laying ability of geese depends on the breed and the individuals. Toulouse geese will usually average about twenty eggs, and some produce thirty to thirty-five. White Chinese geese will lay from fifty to one hundred eggs. The Emdens are not generally quite as good layers as Toulouse, although very similar.

The lameness may be due to rheumatism caused by spending the night in a damp roosting place. Goslings sometimes become lame, due to faulty feeding methods caused by lack of mineral matter or animal feed in the ration.

Early Hatching Favored

Hatching in March and April instead of May and June has several advantages. In the first place, the early hatches do not meet the strenuous competition of chicks that are incubated by hens later in the season. The incubator can be made to yield more profitable returns by running it during the early months when farm work has not become heavy.

Winter Egg Production

Winter egg production does not depend entirely on the number of hens you keep. Regardless of the size of the flock they will all do the same thing without a balanced ration. Nearly everyone knows what is needed to feed hens a balanced ration. The problem is to keep all the different items on hand all the time. It really takes skillful management to do it, as many poultrymen work on limited capital and something is always running short.

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Three Classes Favored

"Sleeping sickness," the disease whose origin has so far defied scientists, attacks people, irrespective of age or sex, the lowest number of cases occurring among publicans, "vagrants" and dairymen.—Exchange.

"Mugwump" Defined

In political parlance a "mugwump" is a man with no fixed beliefs or party affiliations. Horace Porter in the Cleveland-Blaine campaign of 1884 perpetrated a bonnet that became famous when he said, "A mugwump is a person educated beyond his intellect."

Origin of Bachelor

The word "bachelor" is derived from an old word for "cowherd." A bachelor, or cowherd, stood lowest in the social scale, and the term therefore came to be applied to men who had not yet reached the full dignity of manly responsibility.

Disadvantage of Middle Age

Another thing about middle age, or worse, is that while you may admire the primroses along the path of dalliance just as much as ever, you don't feel so much like stooping and picking them.—Ohio State Journal.

Confusion in Terms

Only a doctor's customers are "patients," while a lawyer's are "clients," in spite of the fact that having a lawyer takes more patience than anything else in the world.—Boston Transcript.

Ancient Air Glider

According to recent claims of the Royal Aeronautical society, Solomon gave to the son of the queen of Sheba a machine that is believed to have been an air glider.

Hint For Watch Carriers

One railroad has issued a bulletin asking its employees to wind their watches at the same time every day, preferably in the morning, which helps to keep the timepiece in good condition.

Let the Water Run Out

Brushes should be dried with the bristles turned downward so the water will not soak into the backs of the brushes and loosen the bristles.

Egotism

It is only when a man is complimented that he thinks he is seeing himself as others see him.—Boston Transcript.

Biggest Geyser Regions

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The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING

EGGSHELLS

THERE are various superstitions current in this country with regard to eggshells, and all of them can be found existing in a practically similar form in Europe. Most common of our eggshell superstitions are as follows: Burn your eggshells to prevent bad luck; it is bad luck not to break the shell after having eaten a boiled egg; and powdered eggshells are good for the ague.

It is a custom with many people both in Europe and America when they have eaten a boiled egg—eaten it as a boiled egg should be eaten, out of the shell in an egg cup—to put their spoon through the bottom of the shell "for luck." Napoleon III is said never to have omitted this ceremony.

All these modern superstitions come from the ancient belief in a connection between eggshells and witches, which was an old belief when the great Roman naturalist Pliny mentioned it nearly two hundred years ago. According to Pliny eggshells should be broken lest witches and other evil-minded necromancers get hold of them to work magic with. Among the northern nations witches used eggshells which had not been sufficiently shattered as ships in which they sailed across rivers and seas to regions where winds and storms were brewed and where they could be bought for a sufficient consideration to be afterwards dealt with at retail by the weird sisters. In eggshells they used to journey to Lapland where they learned not only the control of winds but much other forbidden lore from the Lapps and the "wrecklock Flans."

After the discovery of the Western World the witches voyaged much in eggshells to Bermuda, "the storm-wrecked Bernmothes," also a region of storms and of magic according to the belief of our forefathers. From all this it will be easily seen why it is well to take the precaution of so breaking your eggshell that no witch can use it for a boat or for purposes of necromancy as indicated by Pliny. The belief that pulverized eggshell is good for the ague comes from a logical train of reasoning. The ancients believed that diseases were inflicted from evil spirits or witches. Now, for



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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

O FRIENDS of mine Who read this line, Here's hoping that each passing day Will find you on the Cheery Way Up to the radiant Gardens of Content, and Joy, and Peace, and Love.

Alligators Birds' Foes

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