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The Greatest Empires.

The British empire does not embrace "far and away more people than any other empire," as some have claimed. Although it includes about one-fifth of the total population of the world, China can make an equal claim, the approximate figures for each empire being 435,900,000.

Tires Collect Relics.

Automobilists using the Pottstown (Pa.) pike have frequently found flint arrowheads and other Indian specimens picked up by their tires. One, unknowingly, became the possessor of a tomahawk head.

South Wales' Coal Wealth.

The South Wales coal field, covering approximately 1,000 square miles, is the largest in the British isles, and supplies more coal for export than any other British coal field.

Mark of Breeding.

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest people uneasy is the best bred in the company.—Swift.

Smoking in Church.

Smoking is common in South American churches. A visitor to Peru records that at a church in Lima he noticed one of the congregation enjoying a cigar during service and the bishop indulging in the same luxury.

Other Fellows' Prosperity.

Jud Tunkins says prosperity nearly always seems like something some other fellow has more than his share of.—Washington Star.

Colors in Brass.

A process has been discovered that makes it possible to obtain brass in coloring ranging from bright yellow to orange and from red to blue.

Used Tub for Baptism.

A woman of Ascot, England, recently was granted a separation because her husband, in religious zeal, persisted in baptizing people in the family bathtub.

Can't Tap Cemetery.

Efforts to attach a wireless aerial to a tree in the cemetery of Ashford, Ireland, were stopped by the town council.

POULTRY

FEEDING FOR HIGH EGG PRODUCTION

The wild fowl of India, from which the domestic hen originated, lays about two dozen eggs in a season. In order to secure the high production expected of our flocks today, we are calling upon them to digest food more rapidly and more efficiently. To make this possible some of the feed must be ground, and a high or economical production cannot be secured unless this is done. It is still necessary, however, to give some unground grains to induce exercise and maintain the bird's appetite. Exercise and appetite are necessary to health and production. Let us keep in mind, then, that we are to feed a mash of such a nature and in such a manner that the maximum of eggs can be produced, and feed the grains in a way which will provide the greatest inducement for exercise.

Ground feed may be fed in a trough or hopper to keep it clean and to save labor, but the value of grain is largely lost when it is made easily accessible on the bare floor or ground. Six to eight inches of dry, clean litter should be maintained on the floor and the grain buried in this both winter and summer. About 20 per cent of the grain mixture can consist of feeds like oats, barley, cane, or millet, which are more slowly eaten, lengthening the scratching period and providing a gauge as to whether too much or too little is being fed.

A change from day to day in what is fed will upset the bird's digestive system. This is often done to stimulate her appetite, but a much safer means is the giving of a good variety every day. There should be a minimum of three grains in the scratch feed and foreign ingredients to the mash, accompanied by a supply of meat, minerals and green feed. A small flock benefits very much from table scraps in providing variety.—O. C. Krum, Poultry Specialist, Colorado Agricultural College.

Scaly Leg of Chickens

Caused by Small Mite

Scaly leg in chickens is caused by a small mite that burrows under the scales on the legs causing the formation of a spongy or powdery substance that raises the scales, causing severe inflammation. In bad cases the joints are affected, the bird becomes so lame that it can hardly walk and because it is unable to scratch it may lose flesh and die from hunger and exhaustion. In the treatment of scaly leg it is advised to smear the roosts with crude petroleum as a precautionary measure to prevent further spread of the disease. The infested birds should be isolated and have their legs washed with soap and warm water, removing all loose scales. Dry the legs and apply an ointment made by mixing oil of caraway one part with five parts of vaseline. If large numbers are affected make a mixture of one-half pint of kerosene and one pint of raw linseed oil in a quart can and dip the legs in this solution at night and set the fowls on the roost. Care should be taken not to wet the feathers. Repeat the treatment in three or four days. Crude petroleum may be used in the same manner and is very effective.

Three Classes of Fowls

on Average Farm Today

There are three classes of hens on most farms today which should be marketed at once. The first group are those which are five years old or more and which have very low vitality. It is almost useless to try and fatten or prepare them for the market. They should be picked out and sold at once as they are wasting feed. The second group is composed of the ones from one to two years old which are large and fat. They could also be put on the market at once as they are not producing returns equal to the feed that is being given them. The third group is made up of those of medium age which are in fair condition but are very poor layers. These can be shut up and fattened for a short while and then command a fair price on the market.

Epsom Salts for Hens

Epsom salts given to the flock at stated intervals is an excellent tonic. It should be given at least once each month at the rate of about one-half pound to each 100 adult fowls. It may be dissolved in the drinking water and put before the birds for a few hours in the morning, during which time the other drink is given. Most poultrymen, however, prefer dissolving the salts in water and mixing a moist mash to put before the flock.

Feed for Ducklings

When the ducklings are at least thirty-six hours old, give them a mixture of equal parts of bread crumbs and rolled oats, to which 3 per cent sand has been added. From the fourth to the seventh day use equal parts of corn meal, rolled oats, bread crumbs and bran. After they are a week old try using a mash of three parts bran, one part low-grade flour and one part corn meal. Add 10 per cent green feed, 5 per cent beef scraps and 3 per cent sand.

Poor Food Is Wasted

On some farms the bulls are given the spoiled or musty hay or waste feed left by other animals. This is poor practice. It is just as necessary to feed the bulls properly as the cows. The legume hay—alfalfa, clover, vetch, soy bean, cowpea—are excellent roughage, and should be fed liberally. If the non-leguminous roughage, such as timothy or prairie hay, corn silage or fodder, are fed, a grain mixture higher in protein should be used.

The DAIRY

FOUR QUALITIES OF HIGH PRODUCING COW

The farmer who is willing to milk cows at all, should milk only those animals that will give large yields of rich milk. These only are profitable; the rest will lose money for you as sure as you're alive. The wise dairyman, therefore, demands cows with four outstanding qualities or signs. These are capacity, dairy temperament, well developed milk organs and constitution and vigor. If you will learn these four items by heart and find out what they mean and how to tell them when you examine a cow, you will make more money milking cows than most men.

Cows with feed capacity are full-sized for the age and breed. They will show plenty of room for the storage of feed. They will have long, deep, roomy middles, a wide forehead, broad muzzle, good-sized mouth, strong, sinewy jaws and a comparatively long face.

Cows with dairy temperament are best judged by the milk scale, Babcock tester and good yearly records. They have comparatively long, thin necks; sharp withers; prominent backs, hips and pinbones; thin, incurving thighs, and a wedge-shaped conformation; are free from marked coarseness; show alertness and marked activity; are not overfed.

Cows with well-developed milk organs have udders of good size for age and stage of lactation, with quarters of udder uniformly developed; have udder extended well forward underneath the body and high up behind and between the thighs; udder well attached to body and not pendulous; udder tissues plastic and free from coarseness and blemishes; udder combined with a good system of large veins underneath the body.

Cows with constitution and vigor are free from all diseases of an infectious nature; have a strong circulation of blood to all parts of the body, indicated by a healthy condition of the hair, oily secretions of the skin, and well-developed veins on the under side of the body and sometimes noticeable on the face and udder; show large, open nostrils, prominent bright eyes, and alertness of body. A good heart girth and a good width of body in the region of the heart further indicate constitution and vigor.

Don't Wean Calves Too Early, Advises Hulce

Calves from the modern highly domesticated dairy cow are not overfed the first two weeks of their lives on the average Wisconsin dairy farm. "Calves are raised the most successfully at the Wisconsin station by letting them suck their dams until two to seven days old," states R. S. Hulce in charge of the Wisconsin dairy herd. Only where a reliable experienced hand is in charge would he advise hand feeding before the calves are one or two weeks old.

The reason for fatalities among calves is improper hand feeding and lack of clean warm dry pens. Hulce advises against the use of any foreign matter to reduce the acidity of the average cow's milk. Only where calves are not born normal and careless feeding prevails is it necessary to add foreign material to the milk.

Feeding Value of Yeast Determined by Expert

Under the direction of Dr. C. H. Eckles of the dairy department of the Minnesota College of Agriculture, an experiment was carried on with calves to determine the supplementary feeding value of yeast. Several groups of calves were used to determine whether yeast would produce faster growth, stronger calves and otherwise be advantageous to use. The conclusions drawn from the experiment are as follows:

- 1. The addition of vitamin B in the form of dried yeast to the rations ordinarily fed on dairy farms did not increase the rate of growth of calves from the age of 20 to 180 days.
- 2. No definite effect was observed on the health of calves as a result of supplementing their rations with dried yeast.

Feed Milk and Water

No calf should receive more than 10 pounds of milk a day. Many dairymen make the mistake of feeding milk that because they are feeding skim milk they must give more than they would of whole milk. This is not a good practice. Calves should also be supplied with water and be given an opportunity to drink all the water they wish. If they can run to water at will, so much the better, but feeding water in a bucket twice a day will answer the purpose very well if it is done regularly.

Selling Spayed Heifers

Spayed heifers, if they do not weigh above 900 pounds and if they are really fat, oftentimes sell almost as well as steers of the same weight and finish. The best market for them seems to be in April, May and early June. In the late summer and fall there is usually a strong discrimination against spayed heifers, but in the spring and early summer they oftentimes sell for just as much as steers, provided they are not heavier than 900 pounds.

Feed for Young Calf

The method of raising calves principally on grains and hay with a minimum amount of whole milk has an important application to dairy districts where the milk is wanted for market. It also can be used frequently on the average farm when a shortage in the supply of skim milk makes necessary a change in the ration of the calves. The Wisconsin tests show that calves can be raised with very little milk and with but a small amount of purchased feeds.

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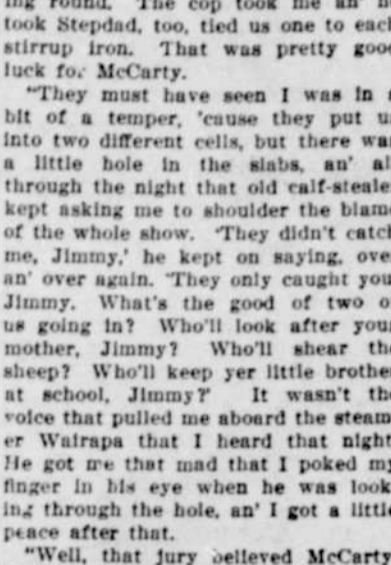
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"They must have seen I was in a bit of a temper, 'cause they put us into two different cells, but there was a little hole in the slabs, an' all through the night that old calf-stealer kept asking me to shoulder the blame of the whole show. 'They didn't catch me, Jimmy,' he kept on saying, over an' over again. 'They only caught you, Jimmy. What's the good of two of us going in? Who'll look after your mother, Jimmy? Who'll shear the sheep? Who'll keep yer little brother at school, Jimmy?' It wasn't the voice that pulled me aboard the steamer Walrappa that I heard that night. He got me that and that I poked my finger in his eye when he was looking through the hole, an' I got a little peace after that."

"Well, that jury believed McCarty. They sent that old scoundrel back home, and a new voice came to my ears. It was the voice of the trail that called me day an' night for two years while I lay in Dubbo jail, an' when I wred to look at the guards on the wall I swore I'd never imitate the prodigal son again. Those were the three kinds of voices I heard. First, the voice that calls you home—the one Galt was tellin' you about; secondly, the voice of that old calf-stealing cuss in Bourke lock-up; and thirdly, the voice of the trail."

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