

THE FARMER

By W. H. Craighead

Selecting Breeding Hens

Farmers who have small flocks of birds and who do their own breeding should take special care in the fall season to eliminate from their breeders the habitual setters. Each time a setting hen is observed place a celluloid leg band on one leg so that by the end of the laying year you can easily determine just how many times she has been broody.

Broody hens, as a rule, cut into poultry profits, feed is wasted, and egg production is cut low; so do not use them as breeders.

Always select your breeding hens in the fall for several reasons: first, more definite and accurate work can be accomplished; second, high-producing hens in the early and late fall have more definite earmarks by which they may be more easily identified; third, always select the late-laying hen, for she lays eggs when they are highest in price.

A good sign of a high-producing bird is a ragged and somewhat worn appearance. Her feathers are generally soiled and dirty, while the poor producer is busily engaged in growing a new coat of feathers. All heavy producers show a well-bleached out shank, beak, and skin. Then by late fall, the yellow pigment is entirely absent in high producers. In late fall, all these conditions can be

easily observed, more so than at any other time of the year.

The good and poor hens are quite difficult to detect when both are in heavy production. Never select the high-producing hens in February or March; nor select them in the spring as many farmers do.

Choose the Right Male

Selection of the male birds should also be made in the fall. And if new birds are to be introduced into the flock, they should be ordered at this time. At the male is half of the flock, you should use special care in selecting him. As a rule, those males which grow early, feather quickly, and are vigorous individuals, make the best breeders.

Egg production is an inherited characteristic, and this means that this quality may be carried through the male as well as the female. Since high egg production is most essential to the greatest profit, the breeding behind both males and females with respect to egg production is of vital interest.

For that reason it has been found to be very profitable to use males with a known pedigree in the breeding pens. Provided they are strong, healthy, and vigorous specimens, there is every reason why the flock should be greatly improved.

By the selection of the best hens for breeding pens and the use of only pedigree males, the flock improvement is inevitable.

Beauty Hints

R.—If your face is broad the illusion of less breadth will be gained by bringing your heaviest rouge near the nose. If the cheek bones are prominent, keep the rouge away from them.

H. B.—The cleaner the teeth are kept, the less susceptible they are to decay, or to gum infections. Have two tooth-brushes for alternate use. After a tooth-brush is used it should be thoroughly washed to remove particles, sprinkled with salt, and allow to dry.

B. G.—While you are reducing it is advisable to drink water. Drink all the water you can comfortably. It is not fattening. Water is needed to activate the kidneys and flush the colon, carrying away large amounts of waste.

P. W.—Glycerin and rose water is a well known hand bleach. It may be used on the face, though some people find it uncomfortable. An application of lemon juice over the face and neck is a mild form of bleach.

C. H.—Potatoes are less fattening than bread, rice, macaroni, or other starches, especially if eaten in their jackets. They contain 75 per cent water.



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Needlework

By CLOTILDE

Because of its light weight and universal becomingness, the crocheted beret is in strong favor for fall wear for sport, school or traveling. If directions are followed closely the cap works out well.

Begin by making a chain of three stitches and join. All the crocheting is done in single crochet. No double crochet is used. In the circle of three stitches crochet six stitches. I would advise you to tie in a different color thread or yarn when you start your first row. By that you can tell where you started or left off, as the yarn gets fuzzy and it is hard to find the starting place.

First row six stitches; 2nd row, 12 stitches in each stitch; 3rd row, 18 stitches, 2 stitches in every third stitch; 4th row, 24 stitches, 2 stitches in every fourth stitch; 5th row, 2 stitches in the first stitch, skip one stitch, 2 stitches in the next stitch, skip one stitch, 2 stitches in the next stitch, continuing in this way skipping one stitch, 2 stitches in the next stitch for five rows, increasing six stitches in each row by putting three stitches in one stitch at an equal number of stitches apart.

You can have ten rows and should have 54 stitches. Eleventh and 12th rows; increase four stitches in each row, which brings you to the 13th row with 62 stitches. Continue, not increasing until you have 26 rows. At the 27th row, crochet one stitch in each of the 62 stitches; 28th and 29th rows crochet one stitch in each stitch. Now reverse your work and crochet four rows in single crochet in the opposite direction from the rest of the work. This brings the last four rows right side out, which should turn up for the rolling brim.

These directions are for 21 inch head size. To make a larger size add rows for the depth of the crown, and stitches for the head size. This addition can easily be made by finding how many stitches there are to the inch and increasing accordingly.

The amount required for the beret is two ounces of Germantown or brush wool, 2½ one-half ounce balls of Angora wool; 2 balls of coarse crochet cotton about the size cord of Germantown yarn.

Use an Afghan crochet needle. The brim of the beret can be rolled tight to the crown also.

SHIRT-TAIL KEPT HIS \$300 SAFE

RHODESDALE, Md. — Lemuel Thomas, who arrived here after being ship-wrecked while en route from Mexico, is \$300 in because he had sewed that amount in his shirt tail.

Thomas was evicted from Mexico and was traveling aboard the liner Columbia which was grounded off lower California. Thomas was rescued and the money he had sewed in his shirt was still safe.

New Jersey Cagers Ready

ASBURY PARK, N.J.—A new basketball aggregation, the Dunbar A.C. is being formed under the leadership of Peter Ball. Particulars as to games and engagements may be obtained from Gilbert Reed, business manager, 9½ Avenue A, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

15,000,000 ARE STILL HELD AS SLAVES

PARIS.—There are more than 15,000,000 people still held as slaves in various countries of the world, according to Lord Lytton, the British delegate at the recent conference held on slavery by the League of Nations at Geneva. These slaves, he said, are chiefly to be found in Asia and Africa, notably China, Abyssinia, Arabia, Liberia, and other regions in the African interior. Britain, he said, had ended slavery in her colonies in the 19th century by paying millions of pounds to the owners.

Count Da Garcia of Portugal in opposing the establishment of a permanent slave commission at Geneva, stressed the impossibility of getting certain countries to abolish slavery due to the lack of funds to indemnify the owners.

Dr. A. Scottile, representing Liberia, accused the press of the world of holding up Liberia as the centre of the world's slave traffic. By making of Liberia a horrible example, he said, the press diverted attention from the European countries who permit slave traffic in their African colonies. Dr. Scottile promised an exposure of these countries for the League.

The Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia, according to the European press, recently freed all the remainder of the slaves in his territory.

ENGLISH

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED

Do not say, "I wish that it was true." Were is required after wish. Say, "I wish that it were true."

WORDS OFTEN MISSPELLED

Slaughter. Observe the augh. Words often mispronounced Munich (Germany). Pronounce mu-nik, u as in "unit," i as in "lick."

SYNONYMS

Innocence, blamelessness, guiltlessness, sinlessness, guilelessness.

WORD STUDY

PERSONIFICATION; embodiment, incarnation. "He was the personification of good-natured indulgence."

Household Hints

To remove a greasy appearance from the skin, try boiling for 3 hours, 2 tablespoonfuls oat meal in 2 quarts of water, strain and cool; then add juice of 1 lemon and 1 tablespoonful alcohol. After bathing in warm water apply above lotion with rag and allow to dry into the skin. The oatmeal softens the skin, lemon juice whitens it, and alcohol removes the greasy appearance.

To make peach-ade, use 1 cup of peach honey, 1 cup of water, 1-2 cup of sugar, and the juice of 1 lemon. Mix these ingredients and when ready to serve, add one quart of water and sugar to taste.

Salt meat should be put in cold water. Fresh meat should be put in boiling water, except when making soup, when it should be put into cold water and brought slowly to the boiling point.

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Home Run Proves Fatal to Fan

CINCINNATI, Ohio—John D. Stovall, 36, sat by his third-floor window watching a sandlot baseball game and shouting instructions and applause at the players here last week. A batter connected for a long, arching home run. Stovall's excitement caused him to lose his balance. He fell through the window and was instantly killed.

"NEGRO DID IT"; HUBBY TO PEN

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The Florida Supreme Court recently declined to reconsider its recent ruling granting a new trial to William Raymond Carver, white, former Philadelphian.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the alleged murder of his wife at Sebring, Fla. The State had asked a rehearing.

Carver claimed a servant slew Mrs. Carver and their child and that he killed the servant after the double ax slaying.

NUMEROLOGY

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Bobby, Townsend—You are entirely too young to be considering the boys yet. You ask about your handwriting. It shows that I am correct that you should continue with your schooling. Never let a boy take such liberties with you, especially on first acquaintance.

E. C. Balto.—You should live outside of the city always.

S. A. M., N.C.—Use your first name.

S. J. H., Beeth.—Continue being entertaining and helpful.

B. M., Pa.—Yes, continue with your singing, a bright outlook shows for you.

A. L. T., Del.—Better stay where you are. The first named person seems the most likely.

E. M. D., Penna.—You should take up the study of astrology.

J. B., Phila.—Personal letter goes forward to you.

G. E. M., Frederick.—Personal letter goes to you.

R. I. B., D.C.—It is better for you to use your middle name rather than the first one.

MOURNED OVER WRONG BODY

EASTON, Md.—While en route to a funeral, George Sampson and William Cephus got separated from the procession and fell in behind another entourage going to another cemetery. They remained for the final rites and mourned with the assemblage; and did not realize until after the body was interred that they were mourning over the wrong corpse.

Pet Economy

Send your Pet Economy to the Editor and it will be published.

Celery Leaves Season Food

Save the leaves of fresh celery and dry them to use for seasoning. I like their flavor in food much better than that of celery salt bought at the stores.—B.E.S.

AFRICANS SAY:

"Africans have much in common with us as wit and wisdom expressed in their proverbs show. It is time for us to get away from the notion that they are in an inferior and barbaric state. In more than one sense, we Americans are less civilized and more barbaric than they"—C. J. BENDER.

Why worry? To be divorced does not mean to die.

OH, YEAH!

Edgar Rouzeau, one of the many editors of the New York Interstate Tattle declares that he is going to make a real newspaper out of same. First thing he's got to do is edit news that's fit to read!

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