

MARKET ROASTERS FOR EXTRA PROFIT

Way to Dispose of Surplus Heavier Breeds.

In seeking new ways to diversify their industry, eastern poultrymen have been experimenting with marketing small lots of young reasters, during the last few years, using surplus males of such breeds as Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, New Hampshire and Wyandottes.

One of the best quality poultry meat products offered anywhere in the werld has been the Sussex light roasters. English poultrymen have found that surplus males from the heavier breeds when finished for the market during the fall menths and sold at an approximate weight of six pounds. Disposing of surplus males in this way has been found to be more profitable than selling them earlier as broilers or carrying them until the holiday season of mid-winter to be sold as reast-

ers or capons. Farmers who plan such a project. however, should see that young roasters are preperly finished before being marketed. Keep them confined for two to three weeks and feed them a wet mash comparatively high in fattening ingredients just before being sold. If properly done, such finishing will add from three-fourths to one and one-half pounds in weight and it will insure a great improvement in quality.

Tumor, Bumblefoot, Corns,

Common in Poultry Flock It is a common thing to find upon the feet of old fowls enlargements of a rather hard nature that apparently give the bird no trouble. At times, according to an authority in the Rural New-Yorker, such growths or tumors become soft and display a formation of pus within, then opening and becoming abscesses. The majority of these tumors need no treatment, as they do not progress and do not injure the fowl. If, however, they open, they may be treated like any other abscess, given free opening with a sharp blade, that they may discharge their contents, be syringed out daily with a mild antiseptic solution and the bird kept upon clean, soft litter until healing occurs. Some of these abscesses, however, are of a tubercular nature and not curable by any simple means.

These simple tumors—and any enlargement of a localized nature upon or within the body is a "tumor"produce a condition called "bumblefoot." Some injury to the foot, such as might be caused by jumping from a high perch to a hard floor, or an injury from scratching, is assumed to be a frequent cause, though, where pus rormation occurs, there must also be an infection by pus forming germs from within or without. "Corns" also occur upon the feet of fowls. When hard and evidently painless, these formations need give the owner of the bird no concern.

Treating Wattle Disease

Wattle Infection, or edema of the wattles, is caused by an organism that lives in the soil, according to H. M. Scott, Kansas State college poultryman. The infection causes the wattles to become filled with a fluid. Ja some instances, they reach huge proportions. Death may result. The most practical way of dealing with the problem is to cut off the wattles with scissors and apply a dusting powder to prevent bleeding. The powder should be made of equal parts of calomel and powdered burned alum.

Chicken-Killing Cats

A cat that is a good mouser and ratter and will not molest young poultry is invaluable about a poultry plant. One Ahat kills chickens can do an enormous amount of damage. The average cat of this character will take two chickens of several weeks of age a day, and a greater number of smaller chicks, as long as it has the opportunity to do so. Some of them are very sly about it. Often the wrong eat is suspected and sometimes the losses continue after the supposed offender is killed.

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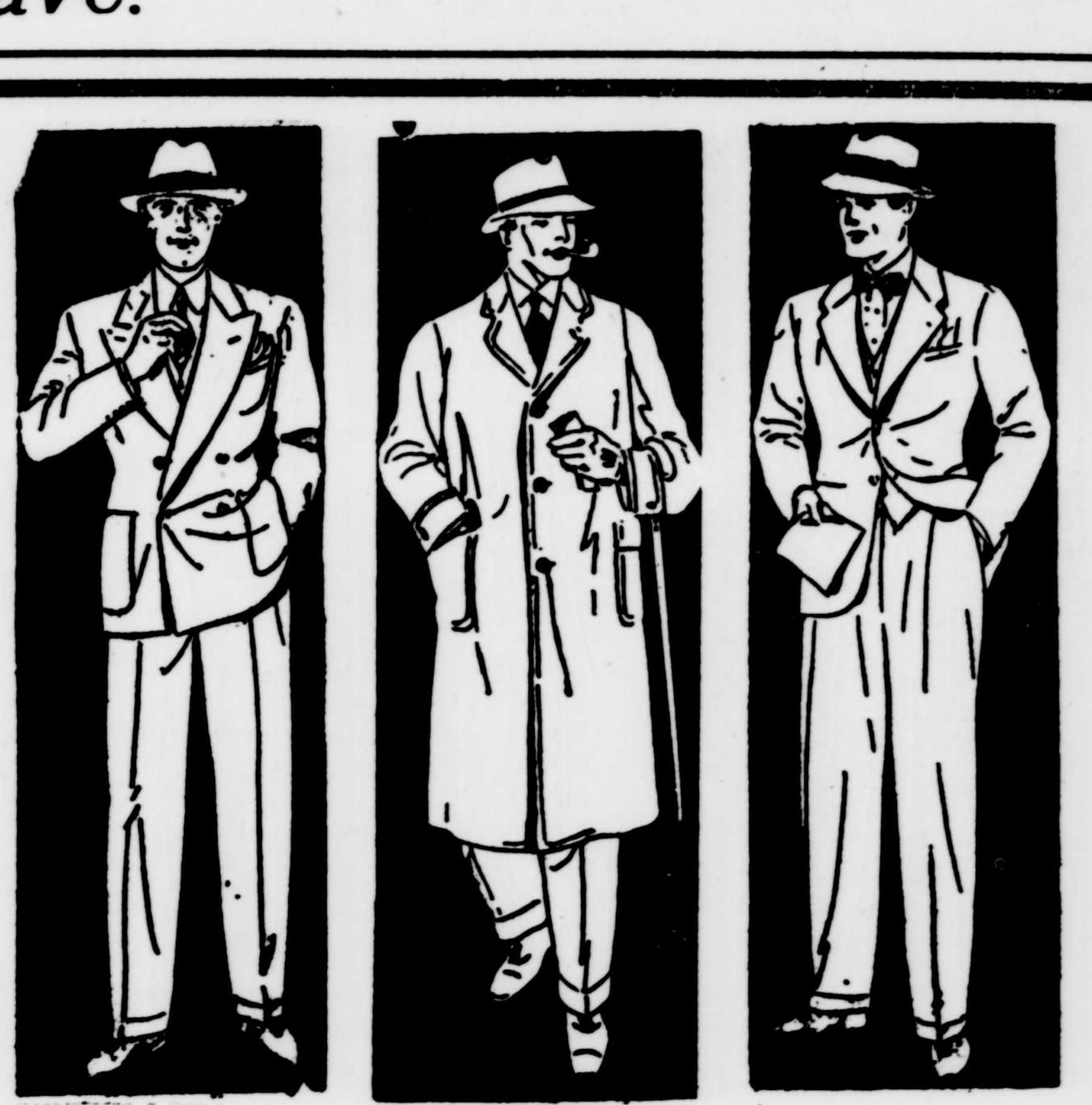
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