POULTRY

TO KEEP LICE FROM POULTRY

One of Most Difficult Problems That Confronts Chicken Fancier—Proper Proceedure.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

One of the most difficult problems which the poultry keeper has to meet is that of keeping his poultry houses and stock reasonably free from lice, mites and other external parasites.

In keeping a poultry plant free from lice there are two points of attack: One, the birds themselves; the other, the houses, nest boxes, roosting boards, etc.

In using any kind of lice powder on the birds themselves, it should always be remembered that a single application of powder is not sufficient. When there are lice present on a bird there are always unhatched eggs of lice ("nits") present, too. The proper procedure is to follow up a first application of powder with a second at an interval of four days to a week. If the birds are badly infested at the beginning it may be necessary to make still a third application. To clean the cracks and crevices of the woodwork



First Prize Black Cochin.

of houses and nests of lice and vermin a liquid spray or paint is probably the most desirable form of application.

A splendid lice powder may be made at a cost of only a few cents a pound in the following way: Take three parts of gasoline and one part of crude carbolic acid; mix these together and add gradually with stirring, enough plaster of Paris to take up all the moisture. The liquid and the dry plaster should be thoroughly mixed and stirred so that the liquid will be uniformly distributed through the mass of plaster. When enough plaster has been added the resulting mixture should be a dry, pinkish brown powder having a fairly strong carbolic odor and a rather less pronounced gasoline odor.

Do not use more plaster in mixing than is necessary to blot up the liquid. This powder is to be worked into the feathers of the birds affected with vermin. The bulk of the application should be in the fluff around the vent and on the ventral side of the body and in the fluff under the wings. Its efficiency, which is greater than that of any other lice powder known to the writer, can be very easily demonstrated by anyone to his own satisfaction. Take a bird that is covered with lice and apply the powder in the manner just described. After a lapse of about a minute, shake the bird, loosening its feathers with the fingers at the same time, over a clean piece of paper. Dead and dying lice will drop on the paper in great numbers. Anyone who will try this experiment will have no further doubt of the wonderful efficiency and value of this powder.

For a spray or paint to be applied to roosting boards, nest boxes or walls and floor of the hen houses the following preparation is used:—3 parts of kerosene and 1 part crude carbolic acid. This is stirred up when used and may be applied with any of the hand spray pumps or with a brush.

In both of these formulae it is highly important that crude carbolic acid be used instead of the purified product. Be sure and insist to the druggist on getting crude carbolic acid. It is a dark brown, dirty looking liquid, and its value depends on the fact that it contains tar oil and tar bases in addition to the pure phenol (carbolic acid).

Guineas in Winter.

The guinea fowl is a native of warm countries and has a natural fear of snow, so in the north when guineas are caught out in a snowstorm there is a good chance for trouble if we undertake to force them to walk through snow to the poultry house.

The guineas will take to flight rather than wade in snow and rather than light on the ground when covered with snow they will light in trees, or if there are no trees they will light on the tops of buildings.

It saves trouble to house the guineas as soon as it is apparent that snow will cover the ground and keep them housed until the storm is past.

Dressing a Duckling.

The manager of one of the largest duck farms claims that an expert can scald and dress a duckling in ten minutes.

Sleeping With Children.

When it is necessary for an adult to sleep in the same bed with a young child, the following method will be found quite satisfactory, and insure comfort to the adult at least. Make the bed with three sheets instead of two; then have the child sleep between the middle and lower sheets, and the adult between the middle and upper sheets. This prevents the child from rolling around and also holds the sheet tightly about its shoulders.—Good Housekeeping.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE

Conducted by Charles M. Gardner, Editor of the National Grange, Westfield, Mass.

FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT

Head of New Hampshire State Grange Makes Comment Which Is Worth Considering.

A significant comment on what the future of the Grange movement may be expected to be was recently made by Richard Pattee, master of the New Hampshire State Grange, whose words are well worth considering. Mr. Pattee spoke as follows:

The great national and personal problem is the problem of existence. A period in our national life has been reached which demands the establishment of a fixed and definite policy. Consumption and production of foodstuffs in America are about to meet. When they do, one of three things is possible: First, the country may cease to grow; second, we may import food to sustain our increasing number of people; third, we may increase our production to meet our growth.

No sane person wishes to limit or check the growth of our population.

The attitude of certain leaders whom some call "great" indicates a determination to force the second plan upon the country. It means the maintenance of a military establishment adequate to enforce demands for markets in which to sell surplus manufactures wherewith to buy food and for markets wherein to buy the surplus food products of other lands.

The third is the reasonable and patriotic policy. It alone insures permanent national existence. Better far to support agriculture than armies, production at home than to purchase abroad.

To increase agricultural production and make that increase available, is the problem of the country. The American factory policy has given an unnatural stimulus to the investment of capital and intelligence in manufacture and its consequent industries. It has brought about an undesirable standard and condition of life, jeopardizing rather than insuring the permanence of American institutions. That policy may give place to one of agricultural development with larger financial returns to capital and labor invested in farms, one that will restore the balance between factory and farm life.

The problem of distribution must be met by a co-operative system under which the profit of the producer may be increased without lessening the ability or inclination of the consumer to buy. Higher intelligence in agriculture will follow a larger financial return. The direction of that intelligence toward increased production demands the development of a school system which shall train for productive industry, rather than non-productive professions.

Now is the psychological moment for the grange to direct public sentiment in America to the promotion of the business it represents and the future of the nation.

Personal ambitions and animosities have no place in our deliberations. Forget grievance or aggrandizement and join in the development of an agricultural policy in our nation which will lead to the perpetuity of American institutions, a work which is "glory enough for us all!"

A New Grange State.

A new state grange has been added to the national organization, making 25 organized states now included in the body. This is Nebraska, which was formally organized on November 1, and which was represented for the first time at the recent National Grange session in Columbus, O.

A three-days' session was held at Broken Bow, Neb., with a strong program of exercises, while National Master N. J. Bachelder of Concord, N. H., was present and conducted the formal exercises of organization. John D Ream was elected state master, supported by a strong list of officers, and the prospects ahead are very bright.

More than a score of subordinate granges compose the state organization at the start, and the bulk of the work so far has been done by National Organizer Charles B. Hoyt of New Hampshire. Nebraska is considered a most promising field for grange work and it is expected that the coming season will witness the addition of a large number of new granges.

The Grange in Missouri.

A noteworthy gathering recently held in Missouri was the "First Missouri Rural Life conference," in Kirksville, Mo., which closed a four days' session October 1. A wonderful array of interests were represented, all actively concerned in solving the present day problems of rural life; including the State Normal school, the public schools of the state, the Grange, the Presbyterian department of church and country life board and home missions, and various other allied forces.

The program was of exceptional interest and sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening of each day. The range of topics was very broad and the speakers among the best in the country. The grange contribution to the program of the session was at the big evening meeting of the third day, when State Master N. P. Hull of Michigan was the speaker on the topic, "The Grange as a Factor in Rural Life

For Baby's Eyes.

Mothers, please do not send your babies out without any shade for the eyes. Even though it is not summer time, they should not be allowed to lie with the sun shining in their eyes. All sorts of troubles result from this, eye inflammations of many kinds, often defective vision and nervous conditions, which remain for life. If you would try lying with the sun shining in your eyes for an hour or so you would soon realize how disagreeable it is for a baby in a gocart or carriage to be subjected to it.

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His eyes glittered with a sort of repressed excitement, as if anticipating sport and gain combined.

—"to have—"

He threw back his sleeves significantly, disclosing a pair of brown, browny, muscular arms that could have felled an ox.

—"a row?"

The girl shrieked a delighted assent, as the boatman helped them in, and rowed them around for an hour.

At Last.

"Bill," said his long suffering sweetheart, "I'm tired of your shiftless ways. Got a job yet?"

"Nope," he grunted; "I'm still waitin' fur somethin' to turn up."

"Well, here it is, Bill. Take a good look at it and clear out."

Whereupon she turned up her nose at him.

Slow but Sure.

"You say you are racing those aero planists who are flying across the continent?"

"That's what I said."

"But how does it happen that you are on foot?"

"I'm walkin'. That's how it happens that I am so far ahead of them."

NO WONDER IT DROPPED.



Joax—Our thermometer dropped 90 degrees this morning.

Hoax—Put it on ice?

Joax—No; my wife broke the bulb.

Modern Mary.

Of Mary and her little lamb
The rhymers like to prate,
But Mary doesn't care a—rap!
She's found a new soul mate.

How Nice!

Visitor—Personally, I don't think much of the American method of spelling.

Hostess—Why not?

Visitor—Well, take parlour, for instance. Having "u" in it makes all the difference in the world.—Tatler.

Easily Fixed.

"John," exclaimed the inebriated printer's wife, "when you come home in that condition at this unseemly hour I hardly know what to call you!"

"'At's awright, m'dear," cajoled the printer. "Jus' put me in the 'too late to classify' department."

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ANNUAL ELECTION.

Office Westminster Cemetery Co., Westminster, Md., Jan., 18, 1911.

Notice is hereby given to the Lotholders of the Westminster Cemetery Company, that the annual election for a President and Board of 6 Managers of said Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the First National Bank of Westminster, on

TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 6, 1912, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

P. S.—Notice is also given that the stated meeting of the present Board will be held at 7 o'clock, p. m., on the same day, at which time a full report of the operations of the company for the past year will be given to the lotholders.

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While Waiting for His Oatmeal.

"What has become," asked the inquisitive boarder, "of the old-fashioned man who used to say, 'as the feller says'?"

The Ideal Architect.

"As I understand it," said the architect, "you want me to build a typical modern apartment building." "That's it," said the builder. "Hardwood floors, mahogany finishing, gas grates, tiled bathrooms and all that—you know, make it swell." "Sure, I see. Good appearance. Big living room? Yes. Plate rail in the dining room, and alcove for sideboard? I get it. Spacious front hall? Uh-huh." "You've got the idea exactly." "And about half the entire space is to be given to the living room and library. Three-fourths of what is left goes to the dining room and kitchen. What's left over is to be divided up into bedrooms?" "Fine! You are the ideal architect—the one I've been looking for!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Little Raymond's Plan.

Little Raymond was fond of tomatoes. His mother always insisted that he not ask for a second helping, especially when there were strangers present. One day the family had a young man as a dinner guest and he and the small boy of the family got real chummy before dinner. Along about dinner time Raymond cornered the young man and said, in a whisper: "Say, do you like tomatoes?" The young man thought that was a strange question, but he smilingly admitted that he was not overfond of them. "Well, you sit next to me at the table and don't tell mamma that you don't like 'em. Then when I eat mine I'll just reach over and take yours."

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