Castles in Air

By ELLA SAUNDERS

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"UNDER the terms of your uncle's will you are to receive the sum of five thousand dollars. We shall appreciate an early visit on your part to our office."

Dora stood reading the letter. So Uncle Will had left her five thousand dollars! Her heart leaped at the thought. She was rich beyond the dreams of avarice.

What should she do with it? She must help all who had been so kind to her, of course. Dora lived with Aunt Matty, a relative on her mother's side; none of them were related to her Uncle Will or knew anything about him. But Aunt Matty had given Dora board and a room—the garret—for ten dollars a week, and Dora helped with the housework when she came home from the office where she was employed as a stenographer.

Had she not been shrinking and timid she would have left them. She knew that they exacted a good deal from her. She had almost begun to dislike them. But now everybody would be happy.

Five thousand dollars! Well, there must be a thousand for Ruth, the clever one, who wanted to go to college and couldn't bear the idea of having to work her way through. Poor Ruth was so sensitive. Then five hundred—just a loan—to Charley, who wanted to open a garage. He would pay her back, of course, but still she would count the money as gone. Five hundred for her aunt, to buy some new clothes and have the furniture recovered. That made two thousand.

And Uncle Jim, who was so pushed for a little more capital for his store—he must have a thousand. That was three thousand.

And of course she must give a tithe, a tenth—five hundred to charitable purposes. That left fifteen hundred.

Perhaps she would spend fifty on herself, for some new clothes. The rest must go into the bank, to be hoarded against a rainy day.

Dora dreamed of it all the way home, and went in so happy that all looked at her in surprise.

They were a glum family, she had to admit that, as they sat grumbling over their victuals. Uncle Jim was complaining of impending bankruptcy.

"You'll have to cut down on the living expenses," he told Aunt Matty.

"Jim, I tell you again what I've told you over and over, you don't know how much it costs to keep a family," Aunt Matty answered viciously. "I can't do with a penny less, so now!"

Charley was full of talk about the projected garage. "I only want five hundred—gee whiz, ain't there a Christian in this burg willing to lend that much?" he moaned.

As for Ruth, she sat silent and sullen through the meal. The poor child, thought Dora! She was eating her heart out over the prospect of having to give up college or to work her way through!

The wonderful news trembled on the tip of Dora's tongue, but she refrained. She did not intend to say a word until she could put the money into their hands. She was so happy at the prospect that her aunt's customary scoldings fell off her back as light as water from a duck's.

During the following days she felt a warmer attachment toward them than ever before. They all noticed the change in her, they thought she was in love, and joked in a nasty spirit. Dora kept her secret.

Another letter from the lawyers. She had written about an appointment; this no doubt was their answer: But she stood staring in dismay at what she read:

"We beg to inform you that since writing you it has been discovered that your uncle secretly married subsequently to drawing up his will. Under the law of the state, this makes the will invalid, and accordingly we régret to state that the bequest to you is invalid. . . ."

Dora went slowly homeward. All the light was gone out of her future. Her feet fell leaden on the flags.

"I've got to cheer up," she told herself. "It's a mercy I didn't tell them, anyway."

And suddenly she realized that she had received a greater gift even than the legacy; the understanding of and sympathy with these cramped lives that had come to her—and a strength that had not been hers before.

Smiling, Dora went in.

Government Fur Monopoly.

In the opinion of experts sealskin will again be the distinctive American fur if the Alaskan herd continues to increase as it has increased since the government took control in 1911. At that time the fur seal appeared to be doomed to extinction, for a census showed less than 200,000 seals, but government watchfulness has saved the industry. The last census numbered the herd at 549,000, an increase that in one or two decades will bring the number into the millions. The present value of the herd is reckoned at $60,000,000. Its potential value cannot be estimated.

"Parked" on His Memory.

Billy had a good memory, and almost every member of the family called upon him whenever there was anything they couldn't remember.

He was proud of the fact and was heard to boast of it to the other boys in this wise: "All my folks use my memory for a parking place for everything they forget."

POULTRY

Condition of Hen House Factor in Productivity

The condition of their winter quarters is a potent factor in the productivity of poultry flocks. Only healthy, contented hens produce eggs in paying numbers. While on range most hens both lay and pay, because conditions are such that they are perfectly healthy. Sanitation then takes care of itself and constant exercise, coupled with natural selection of food having widely differing properties, gives ideal conditions for high production. Because conditions differ widely in these particulars during the seasons when fowls are confined, results are not as satisfactory.

"To counteract unsatisfactory results," says A. C. Smith, poultry husbandry leader at University Farm, "proper sanitary measures must be practiced. Begin by putting the young flock in a clean house this fall. Clean and disinfect the house thoroughly. Remove and burn all floor and nest litters. Remove all fittings, such as nest, roost, roosting platforms, and water stands; clean and paint with a good liquid disinfectant. Kerosene to which has been added a little strong, crude carbolic acid serves the purpose, as do several commercial disinfectants.

"Brush down the walls and ceiling, remove as much of the old earth as seems necessary, paint the walls with the same disinfectant as the fittings and put in fine or sandy loam to the depth of four to six inches. Replace the fittings, and let the house air well for a week or more before putting in the young stock."

Proper Arrangement of Roosts for Hen Flock

Roosts for chickens should be wide enough to support them; narrow roosts cause cramped positions and crooked breast-bones. The best roosts are scantling of 2 by 3 or 2 by 4, broad side up, with rounded edges. They should be smooth and movable. Roosts need not be very high. Too high roosts cause bumble-foot when the chickens fly down on a hard surface. Heavy breeds require lower roosts than the light breeds. From one and a half to two feet high is a good height. Roosts should not be arranged like stairs. Chickens like to roost on the highest point; the stair arrangement means overcrowding on the upper roost.

Plan to Clean Up Badly Mite-Infested Building

To clean up a badly mite-infested building, proceed as follows: Sweep and dust thoroughly, first removing everything removable. Scrub with washing powder and water. Paint the roosts and supports for the roosts with heated carbolineum. Next, spray the nests and every other bit of woodwork that harbors vermin, or might do so, with crude creosote and distillate, one gallon of each to the mixture. If there were no mites on the walls or floors whitewash would make a good spray for them. In either case the fowls should be shut out of the house until thoroughly dry.

Breeds for Production of White-Shelled Eggs

Poultry of the Mediterranean or egg breeds are best suited for production of white-shelled eggs. Representatives of this class are bred largely for the production of eggs rather than for meat production. Among the popular breeds of this class are: Leghorn, Minorca, Ancona and Andalusian. One of the outstanding characteristics of the egg breeds is the fact that they are classed as nonsitters. That is, as a rule they do not become broody and hatch their eggs. When fowls of this class are kept, artificial incubation and brooding are usually employed.

Oyster Shells Are Good to Form Shells of Eggs

Ordinarily, the hen does not consume enough lime to form the shells of eggs if she is laying abundantly unless something besides the ordinary grain feeds is accessible to her. Oyster shells are very good for this purpose. A box of crushed shells may be placed before the fowls, allowing them to eat at will. Old mortar and fine gravel are also useful in supplying lime.

POULTRY NOTES

Plenty of bone and muscle-forming rather than fattening feed is needed for growing poultry. Leave the fattening business alone until near selling time.

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Turkey hens are probably the best breeders between the ages of two and five or six years.

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Pullets that are undersized, lacking vigor, deformed or hatched too late for winter production, should be culled.

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Each year a nice little profit could be made by the average farmer by giving his hens a little study, and culling out the poor layers, thus allowing more room for the good layers, saving on feed, labor, time and closer attention.

FARM STOCK

Hog-Growing Contests Make Better Breeders

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hog-growing contests in which the object is to make a litter weigh a ton when six months old have demonstrated the soundness of the recommendations on breeding, feeding and management which have long been made by the various state department stations and the United States Department of Agriculture. In one of these contests conducted last year by the Indiana Live Stock Breeders' association 555 farmers enrolled and 33 of them raised 36 litters which weighed 2,000 pounds or more at the end of 180 days.

The important facts for pig producers to remember, says E. Z. Russell, in charge of swine investigations for the United States Department of Agriculture, is that all of the winning litters were farrowed and suckled in clean quarters; all were sired by purebred boars; 28 of the dams were purebred, 6 were high-grades and 2 crossbreds; none of the 36 litters contained fewer than 10 pigs; and all of them were farrowed by old sows. On the average, therefore, the pigs in these record litters weighed 200 pounds when they had reached the tender age of six months.

Many states are holding similar contests this year, says the department, and it is expected that the results will make a large number of converts to the principles and practices of better breeding, feeding and care, not only for hogs, but for all kinds of farm animals.

Horses Are Annoyed by Botfly Pest in August

During August, horses are annoyed to a considerable extent by the presence of botflies. These flies are about the size of honeybees, and are most annoying to horses' legs.

Botflies deposit small yellow eggs, and cement them to hairs at the time they are laid. During the late fall and early winter the eggs enter the horse's mouth. Later the eggs hatch in the stomach, and develop into the larval form known as bots. They attach themselves to the lining of the stomach, where they remain and consume some of the nutriment that should nourish the horse. During late spring and early summer the bots pass out in the manure. They at once burrow into the ground, where they undergo changes in their life cycle, and soon emerge as fully developed botflies.

Bots produce no definite symptoms, neither is there any satisfactory treatment that can be applied. Prevention is easy, and practicable to a considerable extent. Every few days during the fall months all hairs should be clipped off that contain eggs of botflies. By thus reducing the number of eggs the number of bots will be reduced.

Pigs on Rape Pasture Require Some Tankage

Tests in hog feeding conducted by W. L. Robison of the Ohio experiment station show an advantage of feeding some tankage as a supplement to corn to pigs on rape pasture. Some farmers have believed that rape pasture alone is a satisfactory supplement for corn.

Pigs weighing 36 pounds and fed a ration of corn 19, tankage 1, parts by weight, for 18 weeks on rape pasture weighed 171 pounds at the end of the experiment.

A similar lot of pigs full fed on corn alone but on rape pasture for 18 weeks made a final weight of 146 pounds.

The average daily gain for the tankage-fed group is 1.1 pounds and nine-tenths of a pound for the lot full fed on corn alone.

The tests show that rape is a valuable pasture for swine, but it will not fully supplement a full-fed ration of corn.

Self-Feeders for Swine Fattening Reduce Cost

Wherever labor can be saved on the farm and results accomplished just as satisfactorily, by all means save the labor. Results of experiments at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture with self-feeders for fattening hogs show that those eating from a self-feeder gain more rapidly than those depending on the hand-feeding methods. The amount of feed necessary to produce a pound of pork remains practically the same, but the amount of labor is usually reduced. It is this decrease in labor which enters as a factor in cheapening the cost of producing pork.

Profitable to Provide Plenty Shade and Water

It is a profitable practice to provide plenty of shade and water for the hogs. While trees furnish the best shade a simple sun protection in the form of a straw or brush roof supported by posts will be satisfactory for this purpose if left open at the sides. The hog is not equipped with sufficient sweat glands for cooling purposes and needs this help during the heat of summer.

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Proclamation

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 281, ACTS OF 1922

WHEREAS, At the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1922, an Act was passed proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding a new Section to Article 4 thereof, to follow Section 31 of said Article 4 and to be known as Section 31A, and which said Act is known as Chapter 281 of the Acts of 1922, and is in the words and figures following:

CHAPTER 281

AN ACT to amend the Constitution of Maryland by adding a new Section to Article 4.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, three-fifths of all the members of both Houses concurring, that the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as hereinafter provided, the same shall stand as an additional section to Article 4 of said Constitution, to follow Section 31, and to be known as Section 31A.

31A. In addition to the authority granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the preceding Section to pay to each of the Judges of the Supreme Bench the annual sum of five hundred dollars, authority is hereby given to said Mayor and City Council to pay to each of said Judges such further annual sum as an addition to their respective salaries as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time deem right and proper, provided, that any such sum being once granted shall not be diminished during the continuance of said Judge in office.

Section 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said foregoing Section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said general election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," so that the voter may elect; and immediately after said election due return shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said 14th Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 13th, 1922.

Now, Therefore, I, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this Proclamation, containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapter 281 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1922, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday, November 6th, 1923, at which said election the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State shall be submitted, in the form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

(The Great Seal of Maryland.)

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis this 2nd day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

By the Governor:
ALBERT C. RITCHIE.

PHILIP B. PERLMAN,
Secretary of State.

7-27-13t.

NOTICE

OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF

REGISTRATION

AND REVISION THEREOF, IN CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll county, pursuant to and in accordance with the directions contained in Section 14, of Article 33, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, as amended by Chapter 719, Acts 1914, that the Board of Registry for the several election districts and precincts of Carroll county, Md., will sit for the purpose of registering qualified voters and erasing the names of those disqualified, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m., and 9 o'clock, p. m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd and TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9th, 1923

and for the purpose of revision only, (on which day no names can be registered) on

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1923

from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m., at the following places in the several precincts and districts, to-wit:

District No. 1, Precinct No. 1—In Firemen's Building, on Baltimore street, in Taneytown.

District No. 1, Precinct No. 2—In Shriner's Theatre, Emmitsburg side in Taneytown.

District No. 2, Precinct No. 1—In the I. O. M. Building, in Uniontown.

District No. 2, Precinct No. 2—In the residence formerly occupied by Luther O. Eckard, in Tyrone.

District No. 3—At the Mystic Chain Hall, in Silver Run.

District No. 4, Precinct No. 1—In the property occupied by Denton Leister, near Sandyville, known as Babylon's Hotel, same as last year.

District No. 4, Precinct No. 2—In the residence of Vernon Green, Bird Hill, the usual voting place.

District No. 5, Precinct No. 1.—In office of Thomas M. Anderson, Sykesville.

District No. 5, Precinct No. 2—In the building of Selby & Frizzell's Store, Eldersburg.

District No. 6, Precinct No. 1—In a room in Hoffacker's Store, Corner Main and York streets, in Manchester.

District No. 6, Precinct No. 2—In a room of Sarah Trump's, in Manchester.

District No. 7, Precinct No. 1—In the old Banking Room of Farmers & Mechanics National Bank, on East Main street, in Westminster.

District No. 7, Precinct No 2—In the show room of Herr & Babylon, West Main street, Westminster.

District No. 7, Precinct No. 3—In the Westminster Fire Company's Building, on East Main street, in Westminster.

District No. 7, Precinct No. 4—In the building occupied by Lumber Coal and Supply Company, corner Liberty and Green streets, Westminster.

District No. 7, Precinct No. 5—In the building of J. W. Daley & Son, Plumbers, Pennsylvania avenue, Westminster.

District No. 8, Precinct No. 1—In the Firemen's Building, Hampstead.

District No. 8, Precinct No. 2—In a room in the Spring Garden Hotel, in Hampstead.

District No. 9—At the residence of Mrs. Malinda Smith, Taylorsville.

District No. 10—In the residence of D. S. Repp, Middleburg.

District No. 11, Precinct No. 1—A room of Grant Devilbiss, New Windsor.

District No. 11, Precinct No. 2—In the Firemen's Building, New Windsor.

District No. 12—At the Firemen's Building, Union Bridge.

District No. 13—In the store room of W. R. Rudy, opposite the First National Bank, in Mt. Airy.

District No. 14—In the residence of William Fleming, in Berrett.

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33x4	23.75	3.75	33x5	35.40	4.90
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