POULTRY AND BEES

YANKEE CONTRIVANCE.

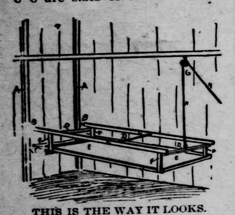
Roosts and Dropping Boards Arranged in a Way That Saves Lots of Hard Work.

I have several little Yankee contrivances that I have never seen used by others, and I will describe one, namely, my roosts and dropping boards, of which I send you a drawing:

A A are the two by four studs at back of house.

B B are hinges of the old-fashioned hook and eye pattern and long enough so that the dropping boards do not come within six inches of the walls of the house.

C C are sides or frame of roosts



THIS IS THE WAY IT LOOKS.

and are hinged at B B to the studding.

D D D are the roosts.

E E are the dropping boards, six inches below roosts.

F F F F are strips of wood four inches wide and a half-inch thick that hold the roosts and dropping boards together.

G is a pulley fastened to a rafter overhead.

H H is a rope (one-half inch) fastened to the roosts and passing through pulley (G).

I is a trough at back of boards, six inches deep and V-shaped. There is also a lath nailed all around the edge of boards to keep the droppings from falling to the floor.

Now to operate. In the morning when I feed and after the birds are all off the roost I pull rope (H) and lift the roosts and platform altogether. The droppings roll back and down into trough (I), from which they can be removed in less than half the time by the method of scraping.

The roosts are fastened up all day, which induces the fowls to work and not roost all day. Neither is there anything in the way fastened to the floor, and I use the entire house for scratching shed in cold weather. By untying the rope and unhooking at the back all may be carried out of the house to be painted or burned for vermin.—L. G. Householder, in Poultry Keeper.

WELL-FATTENED FOWLS.

Their Flesh Should Be Permeated by Fat Rather Than Surrounded by Layers of Fat.

To properly fatten a fowl is a science. A fowl is not properly fattened which has a large amount of fat in layers under the skin and around the intestines. Around the intestines it may be, but the flesh should be rather permeated by fat than surrounded by fat. The flesh should be evenly infiltrated by fat. Fat should not show through the skin, nor should there be any fat under the skin to show, no matter how thin the skin may be. In France a well-fattened bird is one that has a good supply of flesh over the back. When that is attained the buyers feel certain that the breast meat is in good condition, as fat more readily accumulates on the back than on the breast. To fatten birds properly requires food rich in nitrogen as well as carbo-hydrates. It also requires some attention to breeding, as the quality to fatten properly must be inbred to a very considerable extent. As yet we have done little along the line of determining what breeds fatten most perfectly. Probably in each breed will be found strains of fowls that have the desired qualities. Before long, experimentation will without doubt be made along this line. The result should greatly improve the quality of the fattened fowls we see in our markets.—Farmers Review.

AUTUMN POULTRY HINTS.

The best breeds will not be profitable if they are mismanaged.

Clean out the coops often; filth is unhealthy at any season of the year.

Remember "prevention is better than cure," and "feathered pets make the worst of patients."

Are you keeping an accurate record of your poultry account, including cost of feed and labor and the income from your sales?

Damp, wet and foul quarters are just as great disease breeders in the fall as in spring. See that your poultry does not have to contend with these conditions this fall.

Do not simply throw the water out of the drinking vessels and put in fresh water, but wash the vessel thoroughly every time you change the water.

The way to interest the children in farm life is to give them an interest in the poultry. Do not let their interest end with caring for the fowls or gathering the eggs. Let them have some of the money returns as well.—Farmers' Voice.

THE HEN'S IMPORTANCE.

She Is, According to Census Reports, the Commercial Queen of Industrial America.

The National Provisioner pays the following tribute to the industrious hen

"If you hear a hen cackling respect her; she keeps down food prices. Besides, she never cackles unless she is about to do something or has done something. The hen is the commercial queen of industrial America and the "feathered tribe" has more to do with our prosperity and domestic economy than at first seems possible. Poultry and eggs control meat prices at certain seasons and influence them at all times. The hen and her product, along with other fowls, are meat's persistent competitors all over the world. This competition is especially felt in this country during the late spring and early fall.

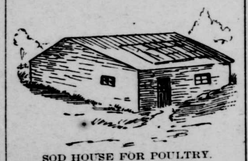
"We now eat last year's fresh eggs and last year's fresh poultry just like we do last year's fresh meats. Cold storage is the wizard in the case. It keeps them on tap. The census enumerators found all the hens, ducks, and geese setting the day he was around. The figures sent in showed that the barnyard fowls of America laid 167,000,000 dozen or 2,000,000,000 eggs a year for consumption. At an average of 15 cents per dozen they were worth $25,050,000. To the above must be added the hatching eggs, or, better, the hatched birds that are sold as spring or other poultry. Last year this amounted to $220,000,000 worth!

"In comparison: Our much vaunted wheat crop the same year realized $303,000,000; our cotton crop, $325,000,000. It beats our production of gold for the year three times over. The sum realized by the poultry industry would have paid all our public school bills for that year and have had a surplus of $142,000,000 to spare. There are a lot of other crops which the hen could beat in sets of three each. This showing enhances the importance of the chicken and makes the poultry yard a strong competitor of the stock yards."

SOD POULTRY HOUSE.

Kansas Farmer Considers It Healthful and Convenient for Quite a Large Flock.

The house shown in the illustration was built by E. D. Smith, of Kansas, who has found it healthful, convenient and large enough to accommodate 75 to 100 hens. He writes: In a bank sloping southwest I made an excavation 12 feet east and west by 22 feet north and south. At the southwest corner the excavation was on a level with the surface of the ground; at the north side it was two and one-half feet deep. Around the edges I built a sod wall, making its upper edge five feet above the floor. I roofed the north half with boards and covered with tar paper. A border of sod was placed all around the edge, then the whole overlaid with six inches of gypsum taken from a pit near by. In the south half of the roof I put two hotbed sashes three by nine feet and covered the remainder of the space



SOD HOUSE FOR POULTRY.

the same as the north side. In the walls were placed two glass windows and a door with glass in the upper part. In the north wall there is a window, level with the roosts 18 inches high and five feet long. It is used for ventilation in the summer. In the winter it is covered with boards and banked with earth. The windows are hinged and covered with heavy wire netting. I have an extra lattice door for summer.

The walls were given two coats of gypsum, or poor man's plaster (very abundant in the southwest), and when dry a heavy whitewash was applied to fill all cracks. Roosts occupy the north half. The south half under glass is reserved for nests and a feeding ground during stormy weather. The floor under the roosts is made of gypsum, cement and sand. From this the droppings can be readily taken. I feed boiled wheat in the morning, dry wheat at noon and a feed of meat at least once a day in winter. I have kept 75 to 100 single comb Brown Leghorns in this house for three winters without having a frozen comb. The hens lay well also. The bank feature is not essential; walls made entirely of sod will answer.—Farm and Home.

Keep the Hens Comfortable.

Fowls are subject to cold in the head, cold on the bowels, lung diseases, throat difficulties and all the ailments arising usually from colds, dampness or sudden changes of weather, says P. H. Jacobs. Even when they are provided with a warm coop a change in the direction of the wind may cause the fowls to be subject to draughts of air, to be followed by the same troubles that would likely have befallen human beings under similar circumstances. When the hens have colds they will not lay, and for that reason every precaution should be taken to protect them from dampness, chilling winds and sudden changes. Give plenty of fresh air, but not as a draught, and allow the house to be freely ventilated during the day, but when the birds are on the roosts they must be snug and warm.—Commercial Poultry.

Preliminary Skirmish.

Tramp—Hev youse a ax handy, ma'am?

Lady—No; we have no use for one.

"Then mebby youse hev a woodsaw?"

"No."

"Tanks, ma'am. Would youse kindly gimme sumpthin' ter eat?"—Chicago Daily News.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT THE ORIGINAL LIVER MEDICINE

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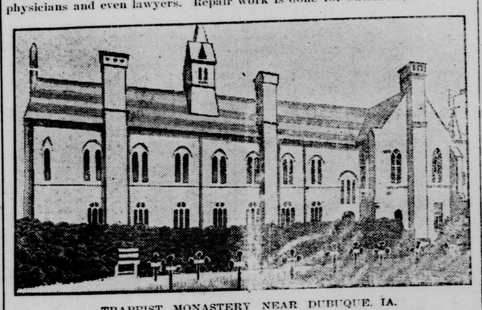
THE TRAPPIST MONKS OF IOWA

One of the Most Prosperous Communities in the United States.

THE prosperous region known as the "middle west" is not associated in the public mind with exemplary monastic institutions, yet the states of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa shelter quite an army of hooded monks, among whom the Trappists are perhaps the most prosperous body. At New Mellery, just outside of the thriving Iowa city of Dubuque, is located their principal monastery. The order occupies 3,000 acres of land and the buildings thereon are valued at not less than $250,000.

The monastery was founded over half a century ago by the brethern who came to the United States from Waterford, Ireland. They bought 3,000 acres of land at 25 cents an acre, and today this land is worth $50 per acre. They began agricultural operations at once, and in the course of time transferred the tract into an attractive grain, fruit and vegetable garden. They manufacture their own tools, furniture and clothing, of raw materials obtained from the monastery grounds.

The rules of the order provide that each brother have some special employment. Thus it comes that at New Mellery may be found expert blacksmiths, tailors, masons, carpenters, machinists, shoemakers, tinsmiths, physicians and even lawyers. Repair work is done for outsiders, for which



TRAPPIST MONASTERY NEAR DUBUQUE, IA.

no fixed charge is made, it being optional with the customers whether they pay anything or nothing at all.

A layman who recently visited the monastery says that the most remarkable rule in force is one requiring perpetual silence. Without permission from his superior, which is granted only in case of emergency, a Trappist never speaks, except in prayer. All sleep in a common dormitory. The beds are placed against the opposite walls in two rows, and in the center of the room stands an image of the Virgin. A plank and straw mattress constitute the furnishings of each bed. The brethren retire to rest at seven in the evening and arise at two in the morning, when they at once go to the chapel for mass. There they spend several hours praying, meditating and chanting psalms. Flesh meat is never allowed, except to the sick, and those in health take but one meal and a collation in winter and two meals in summer. Eggs, cheese, fish and butter are among the forbidden articles of diet, the only food allowed being bread, milk and vegetables. The luxuries of the community are confined to snuff, which is doled out in meager allowances on Sunday.

The march of the monks from the dormitory to the chapel, cowled and with tunics belted about their bodies, is described by the same observer as being exceedingly solemn. They go in twos, hardly making a sound with their feet as they pass under the hyssop of the abbot, and in the dimness of the artificial light they appear as so many skeletons marching to the grave.

The only salutation that ever passes between the brethren is "memento mori" (remember death.) Indeed the thought of death seems to appear uppermost in their minds. Each monk daily digs out part of the grave that is to receive his remains. When the grave is completely dug he throws the dirt back into it and begins the digging anew.

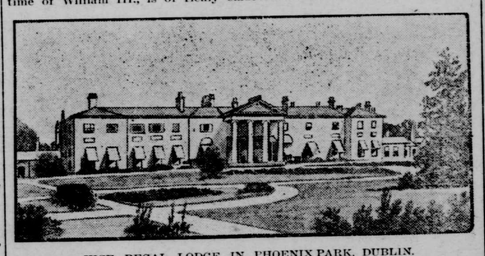
Some of the monks are priests, and others only lay brothers. But all, including Abbot David, work in the fields, with the exception of those whose labor is required in the shops or the house.

The Vice Regal Lodge at Dublin

Official Home of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

ALTHOUGH Ireland is, in the strict sense of the word, a province, ruled by a lord lieutenant appointed by the British king, yet its court is one of the gayest in Europe. It is maintained with the utmost splendor, and none but a very rich man can afford to preside over it. The salary attached to the office of lieutenant governor is $200,000 per year, but Earl Cadogan, who has just vacated the post, spent nearly three times that amount every twelvemonth. The new lord lieutenant, the earl of Dudley, is one of the richest peers of the realm and will, no doubt keep up the reputation as a royal entertainer established by his predecessor.

The vice regal lodge at Phoenix park is the house in which the viceroy and vicerine, as his lady is called, spend most of their time, but entertaining is done at Dublin castle, their other official home. That portion of Phoenix park in which occurred the historic murders of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke is, it might be remarked incidentally, within sight of the windows of the lodge. The lord lieutenant "goes into residence," as it is called, early in February, and after that comes a season of brilliant drawing-rooms, ending with St. Patrick's ball, which is an unusually gorgeous function. The drawing-rooms take place at 9:30 in the evening, in the throne room of Dublin castle, the walls of which are ornamented by famous medallions. The throne chair, which is of the time of William III., is of richly embroidered velvet, and is ornamented



VICE REGAL LODGE IN PHOENIX PARK, DUBLIN.

with a gilt crown, lion and unicorn. It stands under a canopy of white and gold, on which the royal arms also appear, and which is trimmed with crimson Irish poplin. Debutantes are required to dress in white, with white ostrich feathers in their hair; the men wear court dress, or uniforms, with knee breeches and silk stockings. For years it has been the custom for the viceroy to salute each lady on the cheek, but Earl Cadogan decided to let the custom die out, and his example will be followed by Earl Dudley. Dignity has been a characteristic feature of Irish drawing-rooms for years, but it used to be put somewhat in the background in the good old days, when the lady lieutenant frequently gambled at piquet with her guests, while the records relate that on ball nights "the ladies scrambled for sweetmeats on the floor."

The retinue of the viceroy includes a state steward, chamberlain, comptroller of the household, master of the horse, gentleman usher, three gentlemen in waiting, nine aides-de-camp and several secretaries and other high-salaried officials. To all intents and purposes the lord lieutenant of Ireland is indeed a king. He sits on a throne, he has a magnificent military escort, and a court circular, narrating his actions, is issued every day. Should the prince of Wales, for instance, visit Ireland and be entertained by the viceroy, the heir apparent would have to go into dinner behind the nobleman representing his father. But with the real government of the country the viceroy has very little to do—that is looked after by the Irish secretary, the responsible officer of the British government. The lord lieutenant's one function is to represent the king in a fitting manner by maintaining a great deal of state and entertaining lavishly.

Valuables.

"Don't you think we had better get a safety deposit box for our valuables?" asked the prudent Mrs. Bliggins.

"What's the use? They don't make any safety deposit boxes big enough to hold a ton of coal."—Washington Star.

A Liar.

City Editor—What did you discharge that reporter for?

Managing Editor—For lying. I sent him up to interview my mother-in-law, and he came back and said she wouldn't talk.—N. Y. Journal.

Slight Relief.

Rivers—What do you do when you wake up in the night with the jumping toothache?

Brooks—I try to be thankful it isn't the galloping consumption.—Chicago Tribune.

Probably Not.

Crawford—He seems to be a confirmed cynic. I didn't hear him say a good word about anybody.

Crabshaw—Perhaps you didn't draw him out about himself.—Tit Bits.

Force of Habit.

He (reading)—She wore an air of mystery.

She (absently) — How was it trimmed?—Chicago Daily News.

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2.00	3.15	.....	6.15		Lv. Baltimore Ar.	11.50	.....	9.00	7.40
3.55	5.10	.....	8.10	25.00	Ar. Kent Island Lv.	9.40	.....	7.00	5.40
4.00	5.15	10.45	8.30		Lv. Stevensville Ar.	9.32	10.23	5.38	5.35
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f 4.13	f 5.28	f11.18	f 8.55		Winchester	9.13	9.58	5.33	4.43
4.18	5.33	11.30	8.40	34.70	Wallace	f 9.10	f 9.54	f 5.24	f 4.39
f 4.23	f 5.35	f11.33	f 8.43	35.32	Queenstown	9.04	9.48	5.18	4.33
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f 4.42	f 5.26	.....	f 9.22	50.44	D. & C. Junction	f 8.20	.....	.....	.....
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6.30	7.32	.....	11.30	87.57	Whitesboro	f 7.14	.....	f 2.11	f 1.21
f 6.28	f 7.50	.....	f11.40	91.37	Overbrook	f 7.11	.....	f 2.06	f 1.18
f 6.31	f 7.53	.....	f11.43	92.82	Lewes Lv.	7.03	.....	2.00	1.10
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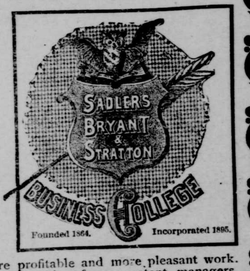

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