POULTRY

COOP FOR YOUNG CHICKENS

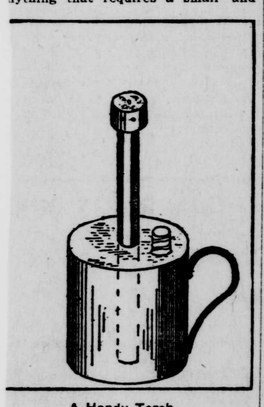
Illinois Man Arranges Device of Galvanized Iron, Which Is Rain, Rat and Vermin Proof.

A coop that provides a safe and sanitary home for young chickens has been invented by an Illinois man. It is made of galvanized iron, with a circular body and a peaked roof, with over-hanging eaves. It is rain, rat

SURE DEATH TO ALL INSECTS

Home-Made Torch Shown in Illustration Should Find Place on Every Farm—Used for Many Things.

The home-made torch herewith illustrated, or one similar in construction, should find a place on every farm, says the Homestead. Such torches are for sale in hardware stores, but the prices asked for them seem rather high, and then they are mostly used by painters and the average farmer seldom if ever gets sight of one of them. To make the torch shown in the cut, secure any stout can that will hold a pint or more, preferably an old oil can with a handle, drill a hole in the center and place a short piece of one-fourth-inch iron pipe in the hole as shown. It should extend to within half an inch of the bottom of the can and project above the top about three or four inches. Place a cap on the top and drill several very small holes in same. There should be about five holes, with one in the top of the can. Make the holes one-thirty-second or one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter. Fill the pipe with candle wicking and fasten tightly in place. It should be soldered. Fill can about four-fifths full of gasoline and light same by heating the top of can and pipe with a small blaze. If the weather is not too cold this can be done with matches. The heat forms a gas in the can which forces itself up through the wicking, and when lighted makes a strong light and a very hot blaze. This can be used for many things on the farm. For instance, no better device has been invented for cleaning old paint from any surface, such as buggies, wagons, or the walls of the house. It is sure death to all insect life in the poultry house. Go over all cracks with the blaze and eggs and nits will be killed as well as the insects. It makes a good light and will withstand a strong breeze. A nut or nut that cannot be otherwise removed will at once come off on being heated with the torch. In short, anything that requires a small and



A Handy Torch.

safe heat can be heated or burned with this torch. Any tinner will make the torch for 25 cents if you cannot make one yourself. It is perfectly safe and cannot explode.

RATION WILL PRODUCE FLESH

Feed Suggested by Prof. Graham of Ontario, Is Objectionable Account Color Resulting.

Prof. W. R. Graham of the Ontario Agricultural college, says he finds that the following ration will produce flesh economically, but is objectionable because it makes the flesh yellow. This ration is cornmeal, five parts; shorts, four parts; pearlout dust, one part; animal meal, one part; cost $1.10 per cwt.

He finds that a ration made up of two parts cornmeal, ground buckwheat, two parts, and pearl-oat dust, one part; at a cost of $1.23 cwt., is one that makes nice, white flesh at a very moderate cost.

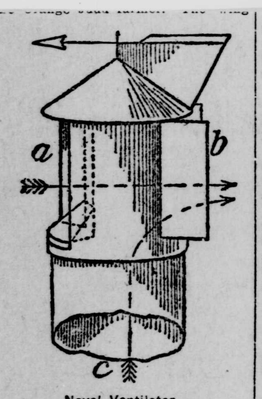
Birds should be fed lightly at the beginning—a very important point—and the amount gradually increased until the birds refuse to eat all that is given them. No food should be left in front of the birds longer than ten minutes after it is placed in the trough.

Sweet skim-milk does not have a feeding value for grown chickens equal to sour milk, but whey is a better food than is generally considered, as it aids digestion.

Pork-scrap and beef-scrap at not more than two cents per pound, give good value, but will make the flesh yellow.

Chickens can be fattened more economically when fed in crates than when allowed to run at large, even in a good-sized yard.

All fowls should be fasted from 24 to 36 hours before killing. When the is not done the food decomposes in the crops and intestines, the result being that the flesh becomes tainted and does not keep well.



Novel Ventilator

with the arrow on top turns the top so the opening, a, always faces the wind. Some of the wind passes through this opening and out of the top at b. It thus creates a draft up the flue, c, and thus ventilates the poultry house below. The principle is the same as that used in the atomizer.

Good Egg Food.

Dry bran is good egg food and should be kept before the hens practically all the time. Keep it in a dry place and give it to the hens in a narrow trough slatted over the top so they can pick it out, but not tramp in and spoilt it.

Feed for Hens.

Clover leaves and heads break off in handling clover hay. These should be saved and fed to the hens. They may be fed dry or placed in a pail and steamed by pouring on boiling water and covering tightly.

POULTRY NOTES

Mongrel fowls should not be kept for egg production because the eggs will be uniform neither in color nor size.

Where there is no other chance for early green picking a patch of oats sown now will answer the purpose well.

It is better to go slow and heat up the eggs in an incubator in 24 hours than to get in a hurry and do it in two hours.

February hatched chickens are apt to molt in the fall, and will not be worth anything for egg production in winter.

Any sharp stones will answer for grit, if they are smaller than a grain of corn, and larger than a grain of wheat.

A good, well-balanced, laying ration: Two parts bran, one part corn meal one part alfalfa meal, and one part beef scrap.

Ducks that are hatched in an incubator can be cared for the same as those hatched by hens or ducks in the natural way.

Hints and Advice on Social Forms

By MME. MERRI

For Music Pupils.

I want to give a little party to about ten little girls—music pupils. Kindly give me some idea as to how to entertain them; some musical game and contest. Also what shall I serve?

I enjoy your corner so much.—L. G.

I think the description of a musical party given below will assist you, and as the guests will be little people I am sure that nothing could please them more than to have ice cream and cake.

A MUSICAL PARTY.

This party was given for a class of young students about the age of 12. First they played musical "stage coach," after the same fashion as we all used to play it years ago, only each child was given a musical term and rose when his or her word was mentioned and turned around. The forfeits were redeemed by playing a piece upon the piano.

Then they had a novel spelling match upon the piano. The hostess said the tones would spell words, any one who could tell the tones in letters was to do so, writing down the words upon slips of paper. This was, of course, invaluable as an ear test. The tone combinations were played very slowly and repeated several times. The following were the words spelled: Bag, abe, abed, bad, abbe, ace, add, dad, bed, bead, age, be, aged, beef, beg, ebb, added, fag, fed, fad, deaf, fade, egg, cage, faded dab.

The prizes were candy boxes in the shape of musical instruments. There were ice cream and cookies for refreshments and to make fun the cookies were cut in letters, only the first seven being used, and the children had to tell the signature in sharps or flats of the key represented by the letter each took.

"What Would You Do?"

I have been having a great trouble with my girl friends. They are nearly all "angry" at me just because they say every young man they get to go with as soon as they meet me they loose them. Now, I don't intend to do this at all. I attend high school and have my own boy friend. But still this girl friend of mine refuses now to even speak to me. I miss her friendship and have told her I would give up this young man to her, because I care more for a girl's friendship than a boy's, but to this she made no reply.

The young man says he never will go with her again and won't even speak to her because she treats me in this manner. What would you do?—H. E. H.

Being too popular seems to bring its own troubles, which I am afraid you will have to settle for yourself. The best plan you can work is to get the boys to defend you by saying you do not use any especial art to attract them but make them have such a good time that they can't help liking you, and perhaps you can win the girls back.

Question From "Uninformed."

I find your columns very helpful, and will ask you to answer the following:

When a lady is visiting should she send cards to her gentlemen friends at her home town, and should she on returning home send cards to the gentlemen with whom she has made acquaintance while gone?

Should a lady assist a gentleman on with his overcoat?

When a boy asks a girl to dance what should she say and what answer should she give him on being asked to attend the theaters?

UNINFORMED.

I presume you mean, should postcards be sent? The post card habit seems to be a fixture, and I see no harm in it, aside from the inconvenience it causes the postmen, only I would not send more than one if away for a very short time. A man is quite capable of putting on his overcoat, unless he is quite elderly or an invalid. After a dance all you have to say is, "That was very pleasant," and if you accept the theater invitation, simply say: "Thank you, I would be very glad to go."

From "An Orphan."

I have been reading your columns for some time and as it has been so helpful to others I would like to have your advice. If a girl has been going with a certain boy for a year or two, would it be considered silly if she should show her affection for him in his company.

How is my writing? I am nearly fourteen.—An Orphan.

My dear, you are entirely too young to be thinking of the boys, and it would be decidedly improper for you to show affection for any boy at the age of fourteen. I would advise you to play with your dolls for awhile yet.

Form for Visiting Card.

I am a bride and wish to have cards engraved. Is it just as proper to have

MRS. CHARLES A. JONES

as

MRS. CHARLES ALLEN JONES?

I prefer the former.

Would appreciate your advice.—Mrs. C. A. J.

Either form you suggest for the cards is proper; the latter is more used but the former perfectly good form if you prefer it.

Send Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope.

Will you kindly tell me where I can get book or list of contests.—Pauline.

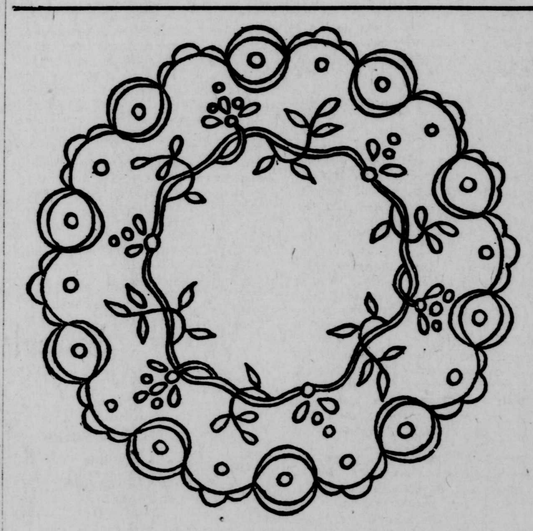
Names and addresses are not permissible in the department, so please send me a self-addressed envelope and I will gladly send you the desired information.

MADAME MERRI.

Corded Cottons.

The cottons are lovely. Those in corded effects, especially corduroy and bedford cord, promise to be decidedly popular.

Pretty Design May Be Put to Either of Two Purposes



This is a pretty design for a tumbler doily. It may also be used as a cover for a small pincushion. The scallops are padded, then closely buttonholed. The dots are worked as eyelets, the leaves and vine in solid embroidery and the stems in the outline stitch. Mercerized cotton No. 25 should be used.

Fashion's Fancies

The short coat of lace has returned at the bidding of fashion.

The grelot or ball fringe is used to edge the tunics of voile and muslin dresses.

The evening gowns of demitrain length have straight, clinging, not incurving lines, and a pigeon tail back.

A few collarless utility coats are being shown, the net being finished off with folds of silk, ratine or plain cloth.

Many of the new skirts are trimmed. Some show the tunic with under petticoat; others have side trimmings, and some have loops and buttons.

The newest note is the use of vivid colors in embroidery. Lace continues to be used on everything in style and weight and every known design.

Suit coats are about 26 to 28 inches in length. The inclination is toward elt effects—a sort of modified Russian blouse, without the fullness about the waist or hips.

While the low side fastening is still a noticeable feature of many of the spring models ,the revers are so made that they do not disclose as much of the dress or waist as was formerly the case.

Newest Pendant.

Every one possesses a talisman of "god luck," whether it is a charm of ancient Egyptian workmanship or the "crooked sixpence."

At present it is the fashion to conceal these mascots of fortune, or rather enshrine them in a fitting case.

These pendants may be as elaborate as desired. Very often they are of wonderful Indian workmanship, richly incrusted with jewels.

The point is to have a secret clasp, known only to the wearer, which protects the charm from curious eyes.

Each heart must pass through the furnace for itself. To hear of the refining of others has no lasting effect on the heart's own alloy.—Florence Barclay.

The Kitchen Cabinet

THE law of nature is, Do the thing and you shall have power; but they who do not the thing, have not the power.

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We must carry the beautiful with us, or we find it not. —Emerson.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SERVING THE SICK.

Make the tray as attractive as possible, using dishes which look well with the food, when it is possible. If dishes and food fight in color it may seem of no importance, but often a sick person is peculiarly sensitive to clashing colors. A well arranged tray will appeal to the eye and a fickle appetite is often coaxed into eating simply because the food looks good.

Fashions in foods change, but the fashion of serving food that is hot, in hot covered dishes, iced foods in cold dishes, is not likely to change.

If possible, serve the tea or coffee in a pot, as an invalid, if able, likes to pour out the beverage and sweeten it to taste.

Never serve large amounts to an invalid, or fill a glass more than two-thirds full; there are several reasons for this. A glass is not easily handled if full, by an unsteady hand, and too large an amount may discourage the patient from even trying the dish, if he thinks he is expected to eat it all. Even when a patient is so recovered that it is necessary to feed him lavishly, one must use judgment in overserving.

All food and dishes should be at once removed from the sick room. Both food and water absorb impurities.

A bit of green or a flower or two on the tray or in a small vase adds much to its appearance.

Never under any circumstances, without a physician's advice, give liquor in any form. Many consider egg nog ineffective without liquor, but it may be much more so with fruit juices or a dash of nutmeg or vanilla.

Mulled Buttermilk.—Thicken one cup of cream with two tablespoonfuls of flour; cook until smooth. Add a tablespoonful of sugar to the buttermilk and heat to the boiling point, beating all the while with the dover egg beater, then stir in the cream and cook a few minutes. Pour over a well-beaten egg and serve.

DON'T worry when you stumble—remember, a worm is about the only thing that can't fall down.

Things ill got have ever bad success. —Shakespeare.

VEGETARIAN DISHES.

For those of our readers who find it pleasurable and profitable to subsist on fruits, grains and vegetables, the following suggestions may be helpful:

For breakfast food there is none more wholesome or tasty than wheat cooked until it cracks open, served with cream and sugar. Hominy and rice are also good, as is farina and cornmeal mush.

The numbers of soups that may be prepared without meat are many, the nourishing cream soups and those of nuts and vegetables are fully as satisfying as soups prepared from meat.

Navy Bean Soup.—Cook together a cup of beans and a slice of onion; add five cups of water and simmer until the bean may be put through a sieve. Season and serve with the addition of butter.

Tomato Bisque.—Take a cup of strained tomato, add five cups of water, a half cup of peanut butter, three-fourths of a teaspoonful of salt. Cook all together until well blended. Salt, if needed, and serve.

Creole Soup.—Cook together a small carrot, a small turnip, a large onion, two tablespoonfuls of rice and a pint of water. When all the ingredients are tender rub through a sieve. Add a cup of tomato, season and serve.

Fruit Salad a la Creme.—To a cup of sliced pineapple add a cup of seeded grapes and a large banana. Over this fruit pour the following dressing: Cook together two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, half a cup of lemon juice, three beaten yolks, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, a cup of cream and a fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Cool and add whipped cream.

Make a circle of cold baked beans, in the center put a stuffing of bread crumbs, seasoned with sage, onion juice, butter, salt and celery. Mix with an egg and cover the stuffing with the beans; bake and serve hot.

Nellie Maxwell.

Noiseless.

"By the way, are Italy and Turkey still at war?"

"To be sure. Don't you keep up with the march of events?"

"Not with events that wear felt slippers down the corridors of time."

Would See Things Differently.

Socrates was of opinion that, if we laid all our adversities and misfortunes in one common heap, with this condition, that each one should carry out of it an equal portion, most men would be glad to take up their own again.—Plutarch.

Professions Taught Free of Charge.

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Individuality Will Out.

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PROOF.

Tom—Do you think your father dislikes me?

Tess—Well, he gave the dog's chain and muzzle away yesterday.

RASH ALL OVER BABY'S BODY ITCHED SO HE COULD NOT SLEEP

"On July 27, 1909, we left Boston for a trip to England and Ireland, taking baby with us. After being in Ireland a few days a nasty rash came out all over his body. We took him to a doctor who gave us medicine for him.

"The trouble started in the form of a rash and was all over baby's body, head and face, at different times. It irritated, and he would scratch it with all his might. The consequence was it developed into sores, and we were afraid it would leave nasty scars on his face.

"When we reached England we took baby to another doctor, who said his condition was due to change of food and climate, and gave more medicine. The rash got no better, and it used to itch and burn at night so bad that the child could not sleep. He was completely covered with it at different times. It was at this time that my mother advised us to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After using Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment for about nine months the places disappeared. There are not any scars, or other kind of disfigurement, and baby is completely cured by the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. We have had no further trouble with baby's skin. Nothing stopped the itching, and allowed baby to sleep but Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment." (Signed) Mrs. Margaret Gunn, 29 Burrell St., Roxbury, Boston, Mass., March 12, 1911.

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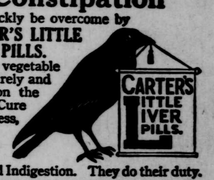

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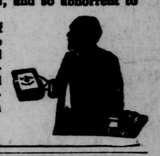

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