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Indian Runner Most Profitable Breed of Ducks.

Champion Layers of Large, White Eggs and Require but Little Attention Outside of Plentiful Supply of Water.

As the hatching time approaches special attention should be given the hen and eggs. Duck eggs require more moisture than hen eggs. We sprinkle the eggs with tepid-warm water three or four times during the hatch. They should be sprinkled at least twice during last ten days of incubation. The shell of a duck egg is porous, and a lack of moisture will cause the shell to become brittle, and when this occurs the inner membrane will become tough and thus hinder the duckling from getting out. The water sprinkled on the eggs will be converted into steam by the heat of the hen's body, and thus soften the inner membrane, so when the eggs are due to hatch the ducklings can easily liberate themselves. Ducklings pip the eggs from 24 to 48 hours before they are ready to leave the shell. The day they are due to hatch the nest should be watched closely in order to remove the broken eggshells from the nest every few hours. There is danger of the empty shells slipping over the ones not yet hatched and smothering the ducklings.

If the young are properly hatched they are very easy to raise, and if the breeders are kept in good condition,



Indian Runner Duck.

not too fat, have plenty of water and their laying houses well ventilated, the eggs will be largely fertile.

We have at times tried nearly all varieties of ducks, but for profit we find the Indian Runner takes the lead, says a writer in the Baltimore American. They have earned the name, the "Leghorn of the duck family," for they are certainly the champion layers of large, white eggs, and many people are now keeping them for eggs instead of hens. Their eggs being large and pure white, they are in great demand. Many persons get an advance of four to six cents per dozen over the prices of hens' eggs.

The Indian Runner duck is sure to make an ideal fowl for the south, as they are never bothered by insects, and the mild weather the year around will enable one to get eggs from them almost continually, and where there is a stream or pond of water a flock of these ducks will pick up the greater part of their living. In cold weather they require a moderately warm house, not so closely built as for hens, but require a good, dry bed of straw or chaff on the floor to roost on, and during hot weather they require plenty of shade.

Spring Spraying.

Let us spray next spring, and let us make a good job of it.

SHEEP ARE VERY PROFITABLE

New York Woman Gives Up Stenography and Finds Big Returns in Flock of Shropshires.

Girls who have pluck and brains have many opportunities of making money outside of the city. The daughter of a bookkeeper in Cooperstown, N. Y., naturally thought she would go in for stenography as most of her companions had done when they finished high school, but a visit to the country one day changed her plans and her whole scheme of life.

A wise old farmer advised her to go in for poultry and sheep and she is now the owner of a flock of pure-bred Shropshires and is making more money than she ever dreamed possible. She did not like poultry and would have none of it.

She rented ten acres of rough, hilly land near Cooperstown, ten years ago, and started her enterprise with a pure-bred ram and six ewes. The ram cost $90 and she had to borrow the money, but he proved a fine investment. All of the grain for winter feeding was bought, as the land she rented was too rough for cultivation. The second year she rented five acres adjoining and had it sown to alfalfa. It caught fairly well and the second year she cut two good crops. This, with an acre of roots and some barley and bran, kept her flock in prime condition.

The third year she showed three lambs at the State Fair and won second on all. The next year she won first for her yearling ram and first for three ewes. Now she is selling the output of her flock for high prices and feels independent. She takes care of her sheep in lambing time, and with the help of a boy does everything connected with the work, winter and summer.

The flock is carefully penned in a wire fenced yard at night, in a wire fenced yard in summer and in a dog-proof house in winter. A collie and a bull dog are constantly with the flock for protection.

NEW METHOD TO SAVE TREES

Improved Idea Is to Remove All Rotting Mass From Interior and Insert Steel Brace.

The former method of working in failing trees with cement was never successful, for several reasons. One was that the cement seldom if ever adhered to the wood, so the swaying by the wind of the tree very generally made larger the treated crack between it and the wood.

Water penetrated beyond the filling so the decay increased rather more rapidly than before attempting a remedy.

The improved idea is in removing from the interior all of the rotting mass—there remains only a living shell of sapwood and bark, and into this cavity a steel brace is nicely inserted and bolted in place.

The next important step is to cut water-sheds—preventing any moisture entering. These are deep grooves cut about one inch inside the tdge and opening out to the ground below. Cement is packed tightly into the grooves, forming a channel down which the water flows.

The cavity is afterward wired throughout thoroughly.

The cement is worked moist, and built out in the tree's shape. Any bark that is cut away for an inch or two in order to prevent bruising as the filling is in progress, will soon cover the filled spot, so that a passer-by can scarcely detect the wound at all.

In very large cavities the opening is covered by utilizing large strips of zinc.

Nature helps in this kind of new work in trees, for the place soon heals over.

Range for Chicks.

An old orchard well set in clover is an ideal range for chicks. Keep a cup or tin can fastened to brood coop, which should be kept well filled with cracked corn and wheat. Don't confine the chicks at any time, they will find all the water they need.

BREEDING STOCK FOR DAIRY

In Selection of Animals Real Test Must Be With Scales and Reliable Babcock Tester.

Prof. W. J. Kennedy of the Iowa station recommends the following in reference to the selection of breeding stock for the dairy:

In selecting dairy cattle the real test must be the scales and the Babcock tester. The cow is a machine to convert food into milk; thus she must have a large middle and a strong constitution to insure the best results. She must also have a large udder,



Profitable Type.

large milk wells, large crooked milk veins and good-sized teats.

Her head should be clean and angular in appearance, with the eyes standing out prominently. The neck should be rather long and lean in appearance. The shoulders pointed and the backbone rather prominent. The skin should be loose and soft to the touch. In selecting herd bulls either mature animals which have already demonstrated their worth as sires or younger animals from high-testing dams and sires only should be used.

The best and surest results will always follow the use of a mature sire which has sired heifers with good records. A good dairy bull should be kept until he is twelve or fifteen years old; in fact, as long as he is a sure sire. Real good sires are so rare that when we do find one he should die only of old age. All breeders of dairy cattle should secure yearly tests on each and every cow in the herd. Shorter tests do not really mean very much. It is the cow that stays by her job that is really valuable.

"PETER THE HERMIT" IS DEAD

Scientific Recluse Drank Himself to Death When He Received a Government Annuity.

The death of a scientist who lived the life of a hermit and drank himself to death after receiving the first instalment of a government annuity was the subject of a recent inquest at New Mills, Derbyshire. He was Peter Cameron, aged sixty-five, an entomologist and ornithologist. Little is known of his life except that he had frequently lectured at Manchester university, had written papers for many learned societies, and had received diplomas from dozens of scientific bodies. Locally he was known as "Peter the Hermit." For fifteen years he had lived and worked in a cottage by himself. Then he left hiseselusion and lived with a laborer named Price. Hundreds of volumes of scientific books, chiefly on bird life, crowded his room, and all day long the unkempt and reticent old man would continue his microscopic investigations. He had few acquaintances, although bundles of letters from scientists all over the world were found among his belongings, and only one relative, a sister, living in Dresden, Germany. From her he received sums of money from time to time, and only recently he had been granted a government annuity in recognition of his services as a naturalist.

"SUFFS." LOSE EXHIBITS.

Hearing that the suffragettes at Washington wanted a baby, a beautiful woman, a convict and a male imbecile to appear in their inauguration parade to show the only persons who had no vote, two former convicts started from Sparkhill, hoping to reach the capital and qualify for two of the jobs. They were William J. Hartness, white, and Robert Gould, colored. They got only four miles out of Sparkhill when they started trouble and were arrested. Hartnett was committed to the county jail pending his return to Auburn prison, from which he was recently released on probation. Gould was committed for six months.

FREEDOM AND PORTUGAL.

Portuguese women have not remained untouched by the spirit of freedom which found an outlet in the Portuguese revolution of 1910. Portugal has now two feminist societies. An electoral reform bill, which is under consideration, was some months since amended by the senate so as to confer the franchise on women having an educational qualification. The decision of the lower house on this point is now awaited. It would appear as if the chances for women may be greater under the new Socialistic prime minister, Dr. Alfonso Costa.

NEW CABBAGE PLANT WORTHY OF TRIAL

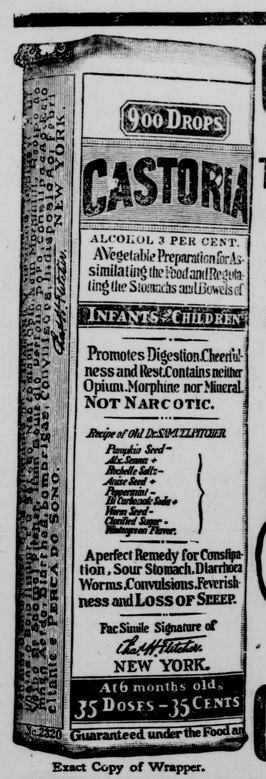


Pak-Choi, Chinese Vegetable.

Among the new vegetables sent to the United States from foreign countries, within recent years, is one called pak-choi, a cabbage-like plant which has been grown with success by the various state experimental stations.

Pak-choi resembles the cabbage, particularly as to the smooth, waxy blade of the leaf, the midrib of which is very large, and nearly white. The general appearance of the plant while growing in the field is like our cabbage. It is the pure white leaf stalks and the smaller leaves with them making up an interior similar to a head of lettuce that are used for the table and may be prepared in the same manner as cabbage or cauliflower, and make a very acceptable substitute for either. It may be used in the raw condition, similar to celery, in the making of salads.

This new cabbage is particularly well adapted for an autumn crop in temperate climates. The foliage of pak-choi plants are wide spreading, and it is well to tie the leaves together with wide strings, for the purpose of more thoroughly blanching, as the plants approach the time for gathering. This plant deserves a place in the home garden as well as the field of the truck gardener.



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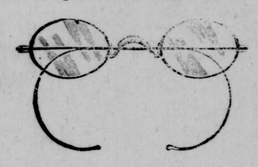
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