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DELAWARE HENS AT WORK.

Can't Some of Kent County's Poultry Raisers Beat These Records.

For some time past an animated controversy has been on in Delaware relative to the egg producing qualities of the hens of that State. While some of the performances of the chicks of the Blue Hen State are truly remarkable, there is lit tle doubt that Kent county poultry raisers, with a little care and an accurate account of the performances of their hens, could equal if not surpass the work of the Delaware egg-layers.

Here are some of the Delaware records:

L. Scott Townsend, in Brandywine hundred, has 65 Plymouth Rocks, which laid 789 eggs during January. This, he says, is about the average for the winter months, although he has not looked up the records. He had more success last winter than this winter, but believes the January record is a fair average.

"This is not the best record," he said in speaking of the matter, "but it exceeds any I have seen printed from this section for the number of hens." All of his hens, he said, have been laying with regularity during the winter and that has been the rule ever since he began raising chickens, three years ago.

He attributes his success to the care which he exercises with his chickens. He feeds them every morning with ground green bone, one ounce to the hen, with wheat, oats or corn in the scratching shed during the day, and hot mash just before sundown. They are given water with the chill taken off and plenty of grit and charcoal. They are kept penned up in small flocks. Mr. Townsend has a fine stock and makes a specialty of stock for hatching in the spring.

Here is the remarkable record of 53 hens owned by James T. Richardson, of Marshallton. The 53 hens laid 882 eggs during the 59 days comprising January and February, an average of 16 6-10 per hen or about 28 per cent.

E. P. Potter, of Wilmington has nine hens which are even more prolific. These nine hens laid 292 eggs in January and February an average of 32 4-10 per hen or about 55 per cent. The record surpassed any so far heard two to one. During the 103 days from December 1st to March 13th, the nine hens laid 418 eggs or about 44 per cent. for the winter.

E. M. Fowler, of Smyrna, has 12 Buff Plymouth Rock hens which during February laid 130 eggs, and for their nine months' record produced 968 eggs. During the time several of them wanted to set, five being allowed to do so. Mr. Richardsons' average per hen for February was exactly 9 eggs (477 eggs from 53 hens); Mr. Fowler's average for the same month was 10 10 12. It is also noted that Mr. Richardson fed his hens on whole corn and did not allow them to have ice water. Mr. Fowler's received very little whole corn, but did have some cracked corn, also wheat, meal and bran, and all the ice water they wanted.

The TRANSCRIPT would be glad to hear from some Kent county recods.

Franklin's Toast.

Long after Washington's victories over the French and English had made his name familiar to all Europe, Dr. Franklin chanced to dine with the English and French Ambassadors, when, as nearly as can be recollected, the following toasts were drunk: By the Brit-Ambassador, "England, the sun whose bright beams enlighten and fructify the remotest corners of the earth." The French Ambassador, glowing with national pride, but too polite to dispute the previous toast, drank, "France, the moon, whose mild, steady and cheering rays are the delight of all nations, consoling them in darkness and making their dreariness beautiful." Dr. Franklin then arose, and with his usual dignified simplicity, said, "George Washington, the Joshua who commanded the sun and moon to stand still, and they obeyed him."

A SPLENDID RECORD.

A Kent Countian's Fine Work—The Golden State.

Mr. James A. Barwick continues to glean new and ever-increasing honors in his field of labor in California, and best of all, the people of that land of sunshine, fruits and flowers, are in no way mean in their recognition of his merits as an up-to-date weather man. For twenty years the Kent countian has lavished favorable prognostications upon the orange groves and Alfalfa fields of Southern California, and during all that time fruitful harvests and happiness have settled like a halo of glory upon the brow of that beautiful country.

The Sacramento *Bee* says:

"James A. Barwick to-day celebrated the twentieth anniversary of his assuming charge of the local Government Weather Station. He says that it is his desire to remain here five years longer at least, so that he may boast of having remained in charge of one station for a quarter of a century.

"Barwick has made a splendid record as an observer, and repeatedly been complimented by his superiors in the bureau. He likes Sacramento and his popularity here is such that the wish is general that he shall be kept at the post where the best work of his life has been performed."

LATEST LITERARY NEWS.

A Spring Menu of Literary Good Things.

THE COSMOPOLITAN.

Among the papers of the late Grant Allen was found an article on "The British Aristocracy." It is probable that he did not care to place himself before the English reading public in the position of entire frankness which he had assumed while writing this article, and that consequently it was held until after his death for publication. It was secured through his son for THE COSMOPOLITAN and appears in the April number. Certainly no Englishman has ever so handled the subject without gloves as Grant Allen, and no one was better equipped to do the subject justice.

The position which the Pierpont Morgan organization holds with reference to the business and political world is discussed by Mr. John Brisben Walker in the April COSMOPOLITAN under the title, "The World's Greatest Revolution." Familiar with the business world and a student of affairs, Mr. Walker has, while approving of the general idea of concentration which makes for good organization and public economy, drawn a picture of the power now exercised which will be a surprise to the great majority who have not given this subject thoughtful attention.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

Neither in the timeliness of its topics, in the ability and representative character of its contributors, nor in any of the other qualities which have raised the NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW under its present management to the position of acknowledged primacy among the magazines, is the March number of the REVIEW second to any of the great issues which have preceded it. The Most Rev. John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul, in an article of great power and eloquence entitled "The Pope's Civil Princedom," expounds the reasons why Catholics regard the temporal power as essential to the Papacy for the proper discharge of its functions and their grounds for hoping that Rome may be restored to the Church. Ex-President Benjamin Harrison, in another instalment of "Musings Upon Current Topics," discusses the suggested Anglo-American Alliance and the Boer War. Henry James reviews the works of the Italian novelist, Matilde Serao. Charles R. Flint, treasurer of the United States Rubber Company, describes the "Business Situation and prospects in the United States." The Rev. Dr. Smith, Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, gives a retrospective view of the achievements of "Protestant Foreign Missions in the Nineteenth Century." Frank D. Pavey makes an earnest plea, well supported by argument and fact, for the redemption of the national promise made by the United States at the outbreak of the Spanish war by the immediate acknowledgement of "The Independence of Cuba."

SCRIBNER.

Scribner's magazine for April, in addition to articles of travel, adventure and art, by Walter A. Wyckoff, John Fox, Edwin Lord Wickes and others, contains six short stories, three of them by new writers, and three by writers whose work is familiar in this Magazine. On its art side this number is also rich and varied. It has a colored cover by Floringer. It conains 8 pages of illustrations by Edward Dorr Steele, reproduced in color in a novel way to illustrate the story of a "Blue Ribbon Horse." The frontispiece, which is a very delicate pen and ink drawing by Peixotto, is reproduced with a tint; Edwin Lord Wickes, the traveler and artist, contributes a very elaborate illustrated article on "Two Centres of Moorish Art" which reveals his wonderful skill as a painter of Oriental subjects. Among the other artists are Christy, Will H. Low and Henry McCarter. Altogether, both in beauty and richness of its illustrations and in the variety of its contents, this is a Spring number of extraordinary attractiveness.

Walter A. Wyckoff, the author of "The Workers," reappears after an interval of several years as a contributor of more articles founded on his unique experiences when as a college man he became a day laborer.

MCCLURE'S MAGAZINE

In variety and value of contents McCLURE'S MAGAZINE for April will be a notable number. Timeliness, literary worth, historical researches, annalysis of character, studies in natural history, and life next to the soil, in the metropolis, in the Orient; all these and more will destinguish the forthcoming issue, and it will be adorned throughout with illustrations contributed by the best artists and reproduced with the extreme of skill in art process.

A vivid light will be thrown on the actual moral status of the police in New York City by Josiah Flynt's article to appear in McCLURE'S for April, under the title "York, a Dishonest City." The present agitation of this subject attaches particular interest to the contribution, while the manner in which the famous author has gained his materials—by close association with criminals themselves—will make his conclusions of extraordinary value.

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