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Get Houses Ready For Pullets—The season is now at hand when poultry raisers should get the winter laying houses ready for the pullets, before they start laying. Everything should be cleaned out of the house that will be used for winter quarters, including all the litter, old nests, droppings, etc. When this has been done, disinfect the same thoroughly with some strong disinfectant. Then whitewash the place thoroughly. Cover the floor of the house with some good clean straw, and on bad days throw the grain in the same. On good days, feed outside, as the fresh air is just as fundamental to the health of the hen as it is in the human family. We have also found, in arranging our house for the winter layers that a good plan is to have curtains or windows arranged so that, in cold, windy weather, they can be closed enough to keep out drafts and the bitter weather. We don't mean by this to close up the houses and keep out the air, but rather to allow enough window space to allow sufficient of fresh air without allowing the wintry winds to blow directly in, causing drafts. We have read a great deal regarding open front houses in late years. We also had the misfortune to be foolish enough to try out the experiment. We found that birds, in entirely open front houses, dropped to nearly nothing, while the ones in houses, with windows open far enough to allow air to enter, but, at the same time, not far enough to allow the birds to become chilled, kept right on laying throughout the winter. The ones in the entirely open-front houses also contracted colds, which were cured when we closed some of the windows. Chickens, not unlike the human family, must have fresh air, but they must also be kept as warm and as comfortable as possible during the cold days of winter.

Effect Of The Cold Storage Bill—Much discussion has been carried on regarding the Cold Storage Bill, which was introduced during the last session of Congress and which will come up for final passage when Congress again convenes late in the fall. The bill requires that containers be marked to show the time the product went into storage, that the period of storage be limited to twelve months and that reports of the quantities of the product in storage be made regularly to the government. The Department of Agriculture went on record as opposing the 12 months limitation as applied to dried and frozen eggs, poultry, fish and meat, on the gorund that a time limitation was an unnecessary and non-economical factor in carrying these articles of food. Senator McNary of Oregon, introduced amendments regulating the importation of Chinese eggs and egg products. There is a big prospect of the bill going through soon after Congress convenes. Public opinion is in favor of cold storage regulation, a general impression prevailing that cold storage operates more or less to keep up the cost of living. It is believed, therefore, that the 12 months limitation may be adopted as applying to all cold storage products.

Beautiful Plumage—The beautiful gloss on some fowls is a great point in the show pen. It cannot be attained without perfect health, and is seldom seen unless a grass run be at command, though rigid cleanliness and constant green food will do much. The highest gloss is seen combined with keen-marked feathers; the looser the plumage the more difficult to get the gloss. A certain amount of oily food helps to promote luster, but only healthy and active fowls can stand this, the others losing health if so treated. One of the best methods is to stew some linseed so as to make a thin jelly, and mix the whole in the morning meal, allowing from one to two large teaspoonfuls of the dry feed to each fowl. With this, if the breed is colored, may be mixed a little saccharated carbonate of iron. A moderate use of sunflower seed has the same effect. But careful attention on a clean, fresh grass run is worth all these things put together.

Prices of Food Products—Food is the fundamental problem of human existence. Until it is solved, at least so far as immediate necessities are concerned, all else must wait. It is the mainspring of human action, the ultimate goal of human effort. The history of the world is the history of the search and struggle for food. The record of the future can be but a repetition of that history. The first petition which baby lips are taught to lisp to Deity is for bread, "Give us this day our daily bread." And yet so complete is human complacency, so saturated are we with the belief that things that are must continue to be, so confident are we that things which by their very nature must be temporary are by some alchemy to become permanent, that we give small consideration to the future working out of the one problem upon which all else rests. What we are now facing is a higher plane of food values, or, to put it more correctly, in the years to come and indefinitely as far as we can now see, the products of agricultural labor will be exchanged for an increasing volume of the products of industrial labor. This readjustment is being the cause of much stress and conflict. In the case of poultry raisers, the highest prices have been paid in city markets that history has any record of. The price of the grain and feed to produce eggs and poultry have been correspondingly high. Then comes the question, "Is the poultryman any better off?" This is a question which would require a volume to answer correctly. Personally, we believe the profits of the average poultryman are little, if any, larger than they were under the old system of prices.

Question A Woman Must Answer To Be Registered—When women visit the registration booths to have their names enrolled they will be asked the following questions under oath: Residence? Name in full? Party affiliation? Age? Country of nativity? Color? Precinct or election district in which the applicant resides? County or city legislative district in which the applicant lives? State? Whether naturalized? If so in what court? Whether a qualified voter? Date of application for registration? After replies to these questions shall have been duly entered in the enrollment book the applicant for registration will be required to sign her name. If so inclined the applicant may decline to give her party affiliation. In this event the word "declined" is entered after her name.

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