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THE PRACTICAL MAN AND THE IMPRACTICAL MAN—PRODUCING FERTILE AND INFERTILE EGGS—OTHER NOTES

From time almost immemorial the custom has been prevalent to make a "but" of the so-called "dreamer" and set upon a pedestal the practical man. But however much of use the practical man is to the world at large, the "dreamer" is the one who has had the vision. Had not Columbus had the vision that somewhere to the west of Europe there lay a land of promise, and had he not had the nerve to embark on that greatest of all voyages, our forefathers would have been unable to work out the great scheme and great nation they did, with all of their endurance, practical enterprise and grit. Columbus had a dream and he sailed uncharted seas until he found it. And today, we may perhaps be riding behind horses and oxen had not the dreamer, Newton, discovered steam. And so we say, all honor to the practical man, for the man of sterling of ability who does things, but also we must say, hats off to the dreamer who caught a vision of better things. And this applies equally as well to the poultry world as it does to the realms of other things. When we see a beautiful bird at a big poultry show, we must realize that not only did it take a practical man to produce this bird, but the dreamer had to catch a vision of it first. It is this combination of imagination, breadth of vision and ability to work out practical details which characterizes the real chicken raiser, the master breeder. This fact is emphasized quite strongly when we consider that back nine or ten years the Rhode Island fancy this beautiful red bird as it now. No one at that time but a real fancier, who loved and studied this particular breed could have conceived of them as they are today. At that time in most back yard and farm flocks buff and mottled chocolate birds prevailed. The nearest approach to red one could find in such flocks was a few scattered birds of a light bay color, while even in the best flocks there were many buff and chocolate colored culls. And so it took a dreamer to fancy this beautiful red birds as he now stands without a peer for color or practical use. And so they go hand in hand—the dreamer first, then the more practical man—down the rough stream of time.

The peep of the chick is heard in the land, notwithstanding the ice and snow which visited Kent county this week. The old hen coup may have been snowed under, the eggs under the hen may have been chilled, but the incubators at the Queen Anne Poultry Farm and the Bramble Poultry Farm turned out their chicks just the same. Perhaps if we had had bright, sunshiny weather during the period of hatching the results would have been better, with more chicks. But, anyhow, the chicks have arrived and will be contenders for the honors in the 1921 race for profit.

It is an easy matter to produce fertile eggs sometimes and sometimes it is not, like it is an easy matter to get big hatches sometimes and sometimes not. Whether we get a good hatch depends on the number of fertile eggs that show up in the incubator or under the hen. If around 90 per cent of the eggs are found fertile then we are reasonably sure of a good hatch, unless something unforeseen steps in, like it frequently does, and cuts down the percentage. On the other hand, poor fertility always means a poor hatch, no matter how well the incubator runs or how well the hen sets. Poor hatches and poor fertility are keen disappointments. They mean waste of eggs, time and money. Some method of determining whether or not the eggs are fertile before they are set would be a great boon to the industry, but this will perhaps never be. The need for such knowledge has led to much speculation on the subject and has given rise to a variety of theories and to the invention of many useless and time-wasting devices. In spite of all the thought given to the subject by man, nature has failed to reveal any plan by which fertility can be deetrmined except after the egg has been incubated for a few days. Therefore, the chief thought of the poultryman must be given to the factors which cause good and poor fertility. On the farms, where hens are given free range and not forced for heavy production the fertility runs high always. Experience has taught us that hens given only a small run will usually yield a small number of fertile eggs, unless you have a large number of vigorous male birds. Consequently, we always put about one cockerel to about fifteen hens when we want high fertility. On the range one male bird will be sufficient to about twenty or thirty hens. But in the winter weather, when the hens must necessarily be kept close, if the breeders will give their hens a deep litter to scratch in, some green feed occasionally and a male to every dozen or so hens, the fertility will be found to run up pretty well.

—A boss bandit is said to be directing systematized robberies of postoffices and mail trains throughout the United States, Chief Postal Inspector George M. Sutton has let it be known.

TATTOOING AS A FINE ART

It Reached Its Highest Development in the Marquesas Islands of the South Seas.

Tattooing is an art so old that its origin is lost to historical records, having been practiced when the cavemen went out to club their fellows. In the Marquesas islands, the most distant and most mysterious of South sea archipelagos, tattooing reached its highest development and there it was the most beautiful form of art known.

For a man in the Marquesas to lack the tattoed stars of terror upon his face and to have a bare countenance upon his face was to be a poltroon and despised by the whole tribe. Frederick O'Brien says in the Century that to achieve a fairly complete picture on one's body meant many months of intense suffering and the expenditure of much wealth.

When white men were cast by shipwreck in the islands of the far Pacific or fled from duty on whalers or warships and sought to stay among the Marquesans they acceded to the honored customs of their hosts and adopted their facial adornment. Once the curious ink of the tattooer has gotten into the skin it is there forever and can never be erased, like the pits of smallpox. The white men, therefore, of Europe and America never again returned to their old homes after settling among these Marquesans and having their faces tattooed.

EGYPTIAN BEADS MOVE BED

Remarkable Manifestations Said to Have Been Made by Ancient Necklace in Edinburgh.

Some remarkable manifestations, states the Scotsman, have occurred in Edinburgh in association with an ancient Egyptian necklace. The present owner of the necklace, who lives in the west end of Edinburgh, received it from Cairo at the end of 1913.

Recently she decided to get rid of it and threw it into a waste paper basket. That night when near the basket she was startled by the distinct feeling of a hand clutching at her wrist. She afterward heard sounds from the basket as a mouse moving. Examination revealed only waste paper and the glass beads.

She gave the beads to her brother, who on going to bed placed them on the pillow near his head. The necklace seemed to be moved on the pillow during the night by some unseen agency. A night or two later he again put the beads on his bed. He was roused from his sleep by the bed being moved from side to side. He afterward heard the necklace producing a rustling movement. The following night he slept soundly with the necklace in the room. At four o'clock next morning he was wakened by the bed again shaking. Other persons say they had similar experiences with the beads.

George Eliot the Lay Preacher.

A novelist who bases his art on clean-cut ethical formulas is bound to wane in popularity. For special reasons, he may make a strong appeal to his own generation and yet be neglected by the generation succeeding. George Eliot was the eloquent lay preacher of her age. Literary sermons like hers are now out of date. Readers do not care to be told what will happen if they do not do this or if they do that. Similarly Thomas Hardy is certain to suffer in fame. The kind of philosophic determination embodied in his novels is disappearing. If Hardy and George Eliot long survive, it will be in spite of their moral formulas; it will be because readers will be willing to overlook moral formulas on account of the permanently interesting phases of life presented by a master hand in their novels. Herein lies the final test of literary immortality. There is no question about novels like "Tom Jones" and "Vanity Fair," which are not framed on any precise technical theory. They are life itself and its diffused morality.—Wilbur Cross, in the Yale Review.

Spell of the Witch Doctor.

In the twentieth century, according to the report of forward movement survey, there are approximately 120 million people in Africa held in abject fear through the hundreds of thousands of witch doctors who alone are believed to have the power of "spelling out" the evil spirits. The theory of the African native regarding disease is that an enemy casts a spell which enters the body and it must either be spelled out or cast out and this is accomplished by the use of charms which often kill before they have the opportunity of proving their curative powers. The natives of South Africa, the survey finds, depend entirely on witch doctors and herb doctors. For 8½ million native people there are only twenty-three missionary doctors and nineteen nurses. Scattered among the millions, this little band of workers accomplishes wonders. But the sway of the witch doctors is practically unaffected.

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