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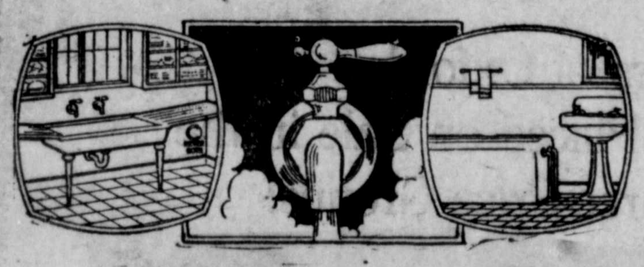
Inside that telephone on your table are a lot of small parts—over two hundred of them. Every time you bang or drop the instrument the adjustment of these parts is made a little less true. Result—a noisy telephone; a cuff on the ear doesn't improve your hearing.

Any telephone is only as good as its cords—the wires which join it with the bell box. If these cords are often twisted and jerked or allowed to get wet, you may expect poor service—or no service at all.

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JOHN BARTLEY,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

POULTRY NOTES

INTERESTING ITEMS CONCERNING THIS INDUSTRY THAT SHOULD BE READ BY OUR RAISERS OF POULTRY

There was once a ship captain who raised a flag of distress. He was out of water. There was great distress on board his vessel and lots of the sailors were suffering. Another ship saw the flag of distress and the captain hailed, asking what was wrong. The captain of the ship in distress said that he was out of water. The second captain hailed back, "dip down your buckets, you are in the mouth of the Amazon."

The above captain is like poultrymen in many climes. They imagine if they were in different sections of this great country other than where they were brought up, that they could also make a success with poultry. If these same people would "dip down their buckets" into the mouth of hard work, buy good stock, buy good feed and attended to business, they would not need any new section and have no time to think about a new country. If they would really work where they now live, there would be no distress but the poultry flock would make them a living.

The Western Washington poultryman gathers his eggs, he grades them well, he culls out the drones among his hens, he gives these fowls a balanced ration, he is producing as high as three hundred eggs from some of his hens, he is making the flock average above twelve dozen and as a result he is able to sell his eggs in the great New York market, within a stone's throw of where the ancestors of fowls originated.

The average flock usually means the farm flock. We need more breeders of seed stock, that the farmers and beginners may obtain, at once, the results of careful selection for egg production. Always. the supply is less than the demand for superior stock. It is more breeders we need— people who have a vision of this growing demand for better poultry. After your flock has been carefully culled, through an entier season, is the time to make your selection of breeders. Those who follow this practice are the breeders—qualified breeders—who are the rightful ones to furnish America with breeding stock.

At this time of the year it is easy enough to make lazy, loafing hens, especially if you feed liberally of corn. You will find dead beats in your flock, no matter how carefully or intelligently you feed them. In a majority of instances the fine, plump looking hens are the ones that are non-productive. It is true a hen must be reasonably fat before you can induce her to lay, but the hens that never lay are over-fat and will not lay while in that condition. You will find them spending their time on the roost poles or comfortably seated in some cozy corner. They as a rule have good appetites and eat as much as, or more than, the laying hens. Nine times out of ten such hens never get out and forage, consequently depend on your feedings for their living. Very often their reproductive organs are out of order. In such cases the hens are not so much to blame for not laying, as the seat of this trouble is in feeding too high.

The great trouble with some of our editors and some of our writers, along with lots of our readers, is they have no sense of humor. If we would see the laugh in everything that did not take real serious thinking, then the world would be a nappier place to live in. When I cannot "try and be funny" in writing, some time, when I must be serious all of the time, I am going to work in a dynamite factory, where I must aways be serious or get "blowed" up.

How they are crying for eggs these days. Six weeks ago, those who were laughing at us poor nuts being in the chicken business are now writing, wiring and making personal calls begging for eggs.

In the mating-up of the breeding stock sound judgment must be exercised if the best results are to be achieved in the way of strongly fertilized eggs, and youngsters are calculated to steer clear of the ailments likely to attack chickens during a season of climatic changes. In the first place no birds must be mated-up for breeding till they are thoroughly well through the moult. They should have passed through the moulting process naturally, and not subjected to any artificial means with the object of forcing them through the moult. The ideal hens for the production of early chickens are the birds that have been helped through the moult by good sound constitutions coupled with rational feeding on such foods as produce feathers and repair such losses as are caused to the bird's physical organs during the production of new plumage. The hen that lays through the moult cannot produce both eggs and feather to perfection, and when the plumage is not perfectly formed it is a sign that there is some physical defect in the bird, such defect being traceable to the production of eggs during the moult. The birds with the strongest constitutions will be those which get quickest through the moult, and such birds are the ones to select when mating-up the breeding pens. I have only referred to hens, not pullets, as

...ice has taught ..., livable chickens are to be got, ...ear old hens must be looked to for their production. Given year old hens that have passed quickly through by November, one can, if a proper mating is made, insure stronger progeny than if pullets were mated-up.

MAD DOGS IN RIDGELY.

OUTBREAK HAS CAUSED THE COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION

To use every precaution against the outbreak of rabbies, the Ridgely town commissioners have posted cardboard signs in all sections of the town requesting all dog owners to keep their dogs off the streets for a period of six weeks. This stringent and far-reaching ordinance was passed owing to a mad dog coming to town on the 11th of December, biting and fighting at leasting 50 dogs in all sections of the town, and many other canines in the rural district. To overcome the rabies many of our citizens had their dogs vaccinated, but owing to a ruling of the Commissioners this is not sufficient to combat the spread of hydrophobia, should those dogs that were not vaccinated happen to go mad.

The Commissioners have instructed the bailiff to shoot all dogs running at large, and from what we can learn the bailiff, with gun in hand, is hard pressing those dogs seen on the streets.

While it may seem a hardship to keep many valuable dogs that are not accustomed to being tied and penned up, yet it is the only solution to the safety of our children and others.

The little boy—Otis Wharton, Jr., —who was bitten by the mad dog, is undergoing pasteur treatment at the office of Dr. J. C. Mada...a. He is required to take the treatment for a period of 21 days, and at th... ti... he is doing nicely.

THE TURNER'S GREEK SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE ALTERED

The Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, Maryland, have at last been brought to realize the mistake they made in disregarding the specifications laid down in the law for NEW one room school buildings when they had the new building erected in the Turner's Creek district last October. At their meeting held on Tuesday, December 29th, 1925, to which they invited the Board of Education of Kent County, they were convinced that the building as it now stands could not be accepted unconditionally. Upon examinations of the specifications according to which the building was constructed it was found that the arrangement for the lighting of the class room was the most serious hindrance to the acceptance of the building by the board of education. The county commissioners, therefore, agreed to have the windows changed to meet the lighting requirements of the law. This work is to be done during the summer vacation of 1926 so that it will be possible for the board of education to use the building uninterruptedly in the meantime. The resolution covering this matter and adopted by the county commissioners at this meeting reads as follows:

"Resolved, that should the County Board of Education accept the Turner's Creek School house and use the same for school purposes from January 1st, 1926, the County Commissioners will appropriate sufficient funds to make the necessary changes in the lighting system of the building, said changes to be made during the summer of 1926."

LOUIS C. ROBINSON,
County Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF THE KENT COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Dr. Joseph P. Franklin, Deputy State Health Officer for Kent, has submitted a report of the activities of the County Health Association during the last year, showing the scope of the work in the care and preservation of the health of the public. Dr. Franklin's report has to do particularly with the clinics held in the county, the work of which was made possible through funds collected by the sale of Christmas tuberculosis seals, a campaign for which has just ended here.

The seal drive, according to information furnished by the county chairman, Mrs. Mary O. Morris, has resulted in securing more money for the work than for many years past.

During the last year eleven clinics were held in Kent county, in which 104 patients were examined and 34 manifest cases of tuberculosis were found.

Methods of treatment and instructions in proper care of their health were given to each of the patients examined and, through medical advice furnished free by Dr. Franklin and the county health nurse, a long stride has been made by the public in protection from the ravages of the dreaded disease. No small amount of the time of the deputy health officer and the county nurse has been directed in the improvement of health of the children, especially those of school age.

Periodical visits have been made to the schoolrooms in the county with a view to examining children for evidences of contagious and infectious diseases.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the county has been most active in assisting the health authorities in safeguarding the health of the children, and altogether a new era in the care and protection of the health of the public has been ushered in through an increased interest on the part of various officials.



SHADOWS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

RELIGION'S a comfort, wherever you go,
However you plod or you plan;
But, second to that, there's another I know,
A similar blessing to man.
It puts into Christmas a good deal of joy,
It puts in Thanksgiving the "thank,"
And, starting a New Year there's nothing, my boy,
Like a thousand or so in the bank.

Some day Mr. Trouble comes fooling around,
When things are apparently right;
For many a morning some fellow has found
His henroost was robbed in the night.
Whatever the trouble that happens to you,
You won't have to walk any plank,
Whatever the worry you'll worry it through,
With a thousand or so in the bank.

When sickness comes rapping on anyone's door,
The malady little or great,
There's something there's plenty of sympathy for,
Yes, sympathy early and late,
And yet there is nothing the neighbors can do
Right then, to be perfectly frank,
Will come in as handy in pulling you through
As a thousand or so in the bank.

No doubt there are many desirable things
We all of us covet today;
But what of tomorrow—who knows what it brings?
Let's lay a few dollars away!
For life has its changes, we rise and we fall,
And fortune plays many a prank,
And then you will need what you need most of all—
A thousand or so in the bank.

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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says the courts are somewhat to blame for conditions and we need more judges who will dispense with justice fearlessly and vigorously.

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That's a Help

Clerk—I'm afraid I can't tell you whether this gown would become your wife or not, as I do not know her complexion.

Mr. Brown—Oh, that's all right. I brought this box of powder and her lipstick along as a sample.

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WHO SAID

"Patience is the key of content."

THESE words are from the lips of one of the great religious teachers of the world, the man who founded Islamism or Mohammedism—Mohammed.

The career of Mohammed is the story of another genius of history who earned fame by running counter to the wishes of his family. It was their intention that he become a man of business. They died, however, when he was but a lad and Mohammed's upbringing fell to the lot of an uncle. With the latter he journeyed through Arabia and Syria and acquired much in an educational way that had been denied him as a child.

When Mohammed reached the age of twenty-five his uncle recommended him to a wealthy widow to act as her agent. In this instance he discharged his trust so well that the woman married him and thus he was placed in easy circumstances and permitted to live comfortably while planning the religious campaign he was later to lead.

Mohammed was forty years old before he announced his mission as the apostle of a new religion. It was shortly, after the year 600 A. D. when he told his family of the conviction which had come to him. His wife and his cousin were among his first converts and his sect grew. Then came the death of his first converts and things went against him.

In the year 622 the prophet was forced to flee for his life. He found an asylum at Medina where many of his followers assembled and from that point they set out on their wars of conquest which resulted in spreading Islamism throughout the East.

Mohammed died in 632.—Wayne D. McMurray.

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YOUR Last Name

IS IT CAMPBELL?

WHEREVER there are Scotchmen there are ... sure to be Campbells, and alth... are various branches of th... ampbell family with varying ... distinction attached to ea... nerally conceded by Scotch... it is something to be proud o... a Campbell of any sort.

It is interesting to note that this ancient Scotch surname is derived from a nickname. The meaning is simply "wry mouth," and it must be supposed that the original Campbell had a mouth of this sort. Cameron, another distinguished Scotch name, has the meaning of "crooked nose."

In Great Britain there have been many distinguished Campbells—the most distinguished of all undoubtedly being Thomas Campbell, a poet who wrote during the first part of the last century.

MUNDAY—It is hard to account for the origin of these surnames of the days of the week. However, the fact that Monday is so much more usual than Tuesday or any of the other week days leads some authorities to suppose that Monday has some other origin, and that probably in some way those who bear the name acquired it from a place name of similar sound.

CARRINGTON—This is an old English name undoubtedly derived from one of several places in England so called. However, there are members of the family who prefer to think that it is derived from the French town, Charonton.

PULLMAN—It is generally believed that this is derived from "pull," with the significance of "pool," and man. Thus the name would have first been borne by one who li... of water.

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