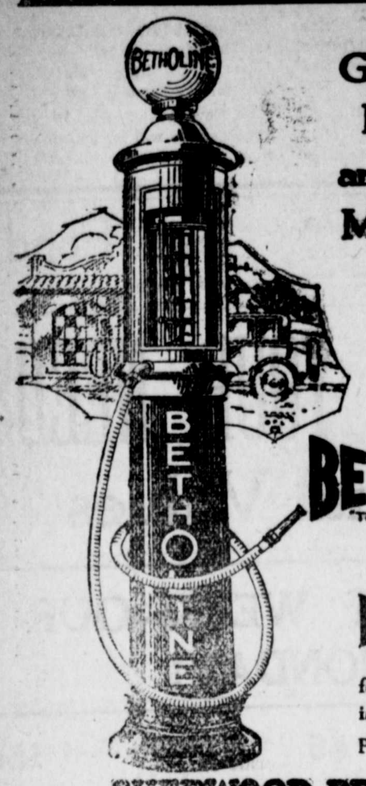


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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST OUR READERS FROM MANY SOURCES

For the past five years the annual convention of the International Baby Chick Association has been featured by a display of incubators, brooders, baby chick boxes, poultry feeds, remedies and equipment of all kinds. This has not only been of educational interest to hatcherymen themselves, but has proven of great help and benefit to all poultry raisers. This opportunity to see the very latest discoveries and inventions connected with the poultry industry is a boon to the poultry raisers. President G. R. Spitzer, of the International Baby Chick Association, has just announced through the managing director, Reese V. Hicks, Kansas City, Mo., that the dates for this big convention at West Baden, Ind., will be August 3 to 6 inclusion.

Keep the green food phase of your business conspicuously at the front all summer long. They can't eat too much of nice, fresh tender, green food. If you have plenty of pasture for them, keep them on it as much as possible. The warm rays of the sun will be a fountain of life to them, and the things they will find in the grass and from the ground are beyond your ken or mine. But they will grow and grow. I pitty a flock of growing chicks that are compelled to live day and night on dry, hard, clay ground, not a spear of grass to pick, not a grain of sand to pep up their grinding apparatus. Young things like to get to old Mother Earth! A boy or girl thrives best if there is plenty of opportunity to roll in the clean dirt much of the day. So with chickens We are all "of the earth, earthy." Let's keep all of our animals closely cuddled in the warm bosom of the earth.

The deadly microbe is abroad such weather as this. Keep things cleaned up. Germs of disease thrive best in filth. Keep water dishes clean therefore. Move them from place to place frequently. A drinking dish tends to the accumulation of dampness and mud and filth. Feed troughs must be kept clean. If you have small space in which to keep the birds better pay special attention to this matter of cleanlines this month. This, in fact, should be kept carefully in mind every day all summer long. It's the bright day that brings out the adder Everything thrives in June, from the deadly germ to the rattlesnake and so on to the highest type of created things. Kill the deadly things and give the birds a chance to do the best they can. Ptomaine poison may result from dirty and moldy grain or feed of any kind. Insist on the nicest brightest feed and grain you can find in the markets. You will have to pay more for it maybe, but you'll get your money back in haler and healthier fowls. The health of your family comes right in bere alongas a big consideration. There is always danger in dirt.

June is surely one of the great glory months of the year. This is true for poultry culture, matrimony and for a score of other big things in life.. Make the most of June. Clasp opportunity squarely by the forelock. There is health, there is happiness and there is "High Finance" for you this month. The man who can't live on a high plane in every respect in this glorious month of June simply hasn't "the root of the matter" in him. This is especially true with poultrymen.

Poultry products in the United States reach the enormous volume of one billion and two hundred and fifty million of dollars don't think there is anything small about your calling. It's worth a man's while to keep this phase of the question well up in his mind. When any one tells you that there is "no money in keeping chickens' y'ou just try to get him to grasp the significance of those big figures in the first part of this paragraph. What a lot of fools there must be in the U. S. A. if there's "no money in keeping poultry!"

June is a hot month—not quite so sultry as July and August are apt to be, but still it is hot, and unless the poultryman is enthusiastic in his work he is apt to become sluggish. This must not be, for so much work and attention are needed, that to neglect, now would prove disastrous.

With the advent of hot weather comes the visitation of lice and mites. True, they seem to be ever present, but it is in June that they come in the thousands from their sleeping quarters ready for battle. Then is when it means work, and hard work at that, especially if it has been neglected to fight the vermin throughout the year while they still were in a dormant state. The houses should not only be sprayed each week or two with a reliable insecticide, but every nest and roost should get an extra dose, and tobacco stems should be employed for nesting material.

There are millions of young chickens in America today. How many have you? If you are still short in numbers, keep right on hatching. Leghorns hatched this month should be at laying maturity by the first part of December. At the Bramble Poultry Farm we hatch until July 31st. June and July are good months in which to hatch late chicks. The man in town is not so necessarily confined to seasons as the man on the farm. He must buy most of his feed, and he must keep his birds shut up in rather close quarters the year through. Do not hesitate to fill out your quota of well bred fowls. They will be well clothed by the time cold weather comes in November.

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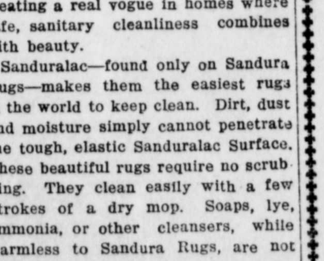
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