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POULTRY NOTES

WORLD'S POULTRY CONGRESS IN CANADA—OTHER NOTES THAT WILL INTEREST OUR READERS

Poultrymen and farm experts from the leading nations of the world will asemble at the World's Poultry Congress to be held in Ottawa, Canada, in the summer of 1927. It is already intimated that at least two thousand five hundred delegates will attend from the United States. The World's Poultry Congress was organized, for the exchange of the most practical ideas in poultry raising. It also, like all world's congresses, affords a means of promoting understanding and good will among the nations. The Congress in Canada next summer will be the first held on this side of the Atlantic, or in any English-speaking country. The first Congress was held at The Hague, Holland, in 19", and the second at Barcelona, Spain, in 1924. The showing made by Canadian exhibits at the Barcelona Congress was such that Canada was selected as the country of meeting of the third Congress. This selection was strongly supported by delegates from both the United States and Great Britain. Ottawa, the capital of Canada, has been chosen as the city in which the Congress will be held, and preparations are being made for a gathering on a scale exceeding either of the preceding congresses.

The poultry keeping public may be regularly divided into two great classes, respectively called fanciers and practical poultry keepers. In the extreme types of these two classes, the object of the one is the development of beauty in form and color, irrespective sometimes of other conditions, and the object of the other is purely the making of money. But between these extreme types there is a great body of poultrymen who combine in various proportions the purposes and characteristics of the two types. Those, whose main purpose is the production of beauty and to whom the making of money is a secondary consideration, are properly classed among the fanciers, and those whose main object is to make money and the development of beauty is a subsidiary consideration, are classed a practical poutry keepers. But in some instances tese purposes are so nearly balanced that the ine or demarcation is extremely uncertain, and it is very difficult to assign the individuals to their proper class.

Check up on the birds that are bent everlastingly on broodiness. The hen that goes through this month without wanting to sit, and lays eggs persistently, is eminently worth your notice. If she goes through August in as fine form put her among your breeders of heavy laying fowls for next year. Broodiness gives little trouble in winter. The scmmer months prove the broody cranks of your flock. The birds that are winners in the race of the non-sitters should be leg-banded, or marked in some form, on account of this excellence. Of course this refers to the larger breeds, though there are Leghorns that give some bother along this line. But our larger breeds of fowls must be culled with regard to persistent broodiness. It is one of the most serious problems of the people who keep them "breaking up sitting keep them—"breaking up the sitting hens." The best way to do this is to breed from non-sitters. There is now and hen one that is too busy laying eggs all summer ong to want to take time off for raising a family. Find such and give them honored places among your breeders if they are right in other respects.

You can't buy skill in breeding. It comes natural to some people. If you have no very large bump of breeding ability, cultivate one. You can improve on what you have till you rank among the masters. It isn't wellto brood over your natural weaknesses nor grow discouraged. Wisdom is shown in going resolutely about discovering your weaknesses and then strengthening yourself along those lines. If genius consists in one percent. inspiration and ninety-nine per cent. perspiration, as one great genius has said, then it is up to us to furnish the persipiration in good form and high quality, and we'll be geniuses. Don't be discouraged therefore, if you do not yet get the high quality of fowls that you so much desire. Go at it and keep at it as other men do who succeed, and you'll succeed. You can't buy it: you must learn it and earn it.

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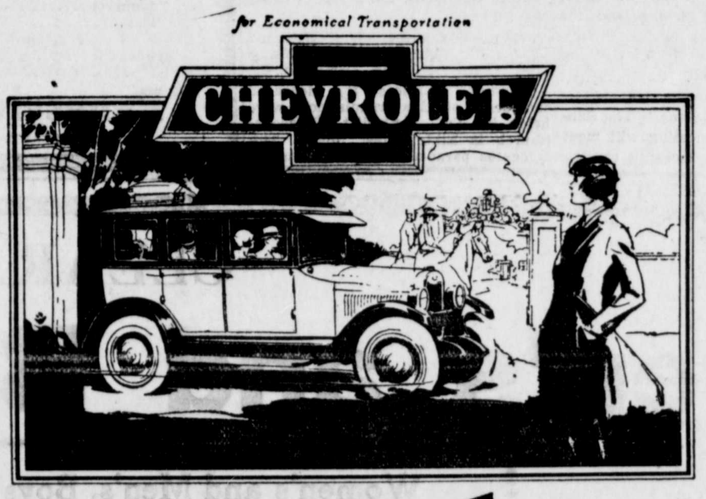
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