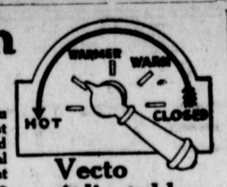
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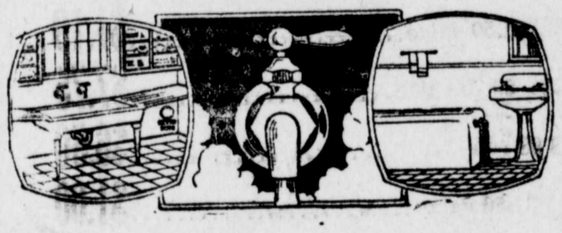
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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT WILL AID IN THE PROMOTION OF THE POULTRY INDUSTRY AND WILL INTEREST OUR READERS

October is the month to put the pullets wnich are well-developed and about ready to lay in their permanent winter quarters. Pullets should be housed just previously to laying their first eggs so they will have no setbacks after once starting to lay. Immature pullets, cockerels, hens and cock-birds should be kept out on range is long as the weather is open.

It is very important that grit, shell, and water be before the birds at all times so they can go to them at will and have their appetites and desires satisfied. the lack of any of tnese will handicap against the chances of the youngsters developing as they should. The cost is very slight and tne birds will repay it many fold.

The chickens should not be turned out on frosty mornngs until the sun has melted the frost away. This allowing the chickens to stand on and eat of tne frozen grass is many times a common cause of the first outbreaks of colds and roup and indigestion. It won't make chickens hardy and tough to be turned out of a warm coop on to the frozen grass only to become chilled and their health impaired. Don't do it! It may be alright to turn them out after the sun gets well up even though there is some frost on the grass, but don't do it before the sun is high enough to warm the air. Cnickens roosting in an open coop or in the trees can stand this sort of treatment better than those that are in a warm, crowded coop. Drofts, too, will start colds and all cracks and crevices should be mended without delay. In many flocks there are nens which are chronic carriers of colds and roup that pepper it throughout the whole flock. The best thing to do with these is to market them. Go into the coop some night while they are roosting and pick out those which are rattling and sneezing and send them to market, and your cold and roup troubles will be simplified greatly.

If you are planning on making any of the early winter shows this season now is the time to make preparations to get both the young and old stock in condition. The pointed chick feathers andt he old worn feathers of the adult stock which are slow about falling should be plucked so they will come in more evenly, and won't be falling just at the time you will want to show them. That is, I mean to pluck the main feathers of the tail and wings which are stow about falling of their own accord.

Get rid of the hen that is never caught on the nest. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is just as true in the poultry yard as in the vineyard.

Just beginning Well, go carefully. We never know anything thoroughly except by doing it. Better do something along the lines of poultry culture in a small and quiet and thoughtful way before you plunge too heavily.

Everywhere there is evidence that the 'fancy' is coming back strong, but it will never be that old-time fancy. Those days are gone! The demand today is for a hen that is a prolific layer of large and nice quality eggs as well as nice to look at. This demand is going to increase each year and the best thing every breeder can do, is to prepare for it now. The craze for "strictly utility fowls" is slipping fast and most of these breeders are introducing new blood that will improve the looks of their stock.

There always will be a demand for both fancy-bred and utility-bred chickens, but the ultra-fancy and the ultra-utility days are gone! Good bye to them! The more popular varieties will have to be bred to serve a useful purpose—to lay a goodly number of eggs above their feed cost—but the Bantams and the ornamental breeds will always have their admirers who will strive to breed them more beautiful, and this is fitting and proper and as it should be. There is no sensible reason why the breeders of any of the Plymouth Rock varieties should be reluctant about breeding for increased egg production, providing, however, that this breeding is kept within the bounds of common sense and the laws of nature.

There has always been a question in my mind as to whether the disqualifications for the less important and hidden defects should be as severe as they are. When defects do not lessen the practical breeding values or mar the apparent beauty of a bird when viewed in its natural form, it seems unjust to the bird to have to dig underneath to find a fault that will disqualify a bird that is good otherwise, unless it is known that if these faults are tolerated great harm will result in years to come. I believe in and would not recommend to abolish disqualifications entirely, but I am wondering if a few of them couldn't be omitted from the list and considered as defects.

Just now many of you are considering how best to feed the flock for winter eggs. You are thinking in terms of more eggs to market while prices are the highest. You are possibly wondering whether or not the pullets you raised from eggs you bought will turn out to be high producers, and you want to feed them everything they can eat to make them do their best. And perhaps you are not giving the males very much thought at all.

Every poultry breeder should understand the principles of feeding. He should apply them as intelligently as circumtances will permit. He should observe the actual results they give. But every poultry breeder has a greater consideration than all of these. and it includes the heads of the flocks, as well.

If you should ask any poultryman upon what one thing his ultimate success most depends, he would naturally tell you that no poultryman can get along witout the new flock of chicks he raises every year. From the time a chick is hatched it should be fed and managed with the intention always of making every condition right for it to develop into a good breeder. It is quite right for us to want plenty of eggs this winter, but we want to feed the flock to keep them in the best condition to put reproductive strength into the eggs.

The age-old miracle of life may still seem almost too infinite for us to understand. Yet scientists tell us that we have the reproduction of a given form of life in the animal kingdom when two cells unite and conditions are such that they are able to develop. One of those cells is formed in the body of the female, one in the body of the male. Into them, natural forces can put no more of vitality than the usable nutriment the fowl has had will allow. Yet upon the ability of our breeding stock to transmit rugged health to their offspring, depends our ability to build up a poultry business.

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Mrs. Margaret Duyer has returned home after spending two weeks with her grand daughter, Mrs. Harold Crew, of North East.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cooper and daughter, Elizabeth, of Wilmington, visited relatives here Sunday.

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