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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT WILL HELP OUR READERS SOLVE THEIR MANY POULTRY PROBLEMS

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The extremely cold weather of the past week will, no doubt, have the usual effect of slowing up the few Kent county hens that are laying. However, the only thing to do is keep right on feeding mash and grain, about equal weight each, and they will begin laying again shortly.

The advertisement of the Bramble Poultry Farm appears in this issue. This firm will continue hatching until fall. Their first hatch came off on Christmas day. One order went to Texas, in the seventh parcel post zone.

A good many farmers who are so modern that they would rather walk than drive to town in a horse and buggy, still insist on hatching their annual supply of baby chicks under the old setting hen. A setting hen is as old fashoned as the horse and buggy and has been replaced by modern incubators.

Hatching eggs in an incubator changes the process from the old gambling method to a sure bet. There is no danger of the incubator deciding to quit setting, and the farmer poultryman can quit worrying on that score. With no more attention than is demanded by two hens setting on thirty eggs, an incubator will keep 150 eggs warm and will hatch nice fluffy chicks.

Experience is proving that the sentiment in favor of hen hatched chicks is unfounded and that incubated chicks are just as healthy and vigorous as any chick ever hatched under an old hen. Figures also prove that it is decidedly cheaper to hatch chicks in incubators.

Considering the price of eggs and the time lost by the hen in incubating them, it costs 21 cents to produce a chick by the old method, whereas with the modern machine method, a chick can be produced for about half that price.

At the Kentucky Experiment Station, fifteen hens were bred to a cockerel whose dam produced 262 eggs in one year. These hens laid an average of 128 eggs during their previous laying year. Sixty pullets saved from this mating produced an average of 152 eggs per year. These pullets were mated with a cockerel from a 263 egg hen. As a result of this mating a group of pullets were produced that averaged 183 eggs each. This is an increase of 55 eggs per hen above the original flock in two years.

Sixty hens of the original type laid 7,680 eggs, worth $192.00. Sixty pullets from these hens and by the first pedigreed cockerel laid 9,130 eggs worth $227.52. The next cross produced 60 pullets that laid 10,980 eggs, worth $283.24. In other words, the two cockerels brought a total increase of $95.16 in net profits.

This splendid example of the value of pedigreed cockerels should encourage every poultry breeder to purchase male birds that are not only true to type and color but that come from high producing hens. The prospective purchaser of cockerels should not expect to buy such cockerels for a "song."

In view of the fact that good cockerles can be purchased at a reasonable price there is very little excuse for any flock owner not trying to improve the production of his flock. It is certainly more desirable to have fewer hens with high production than a larger flock with low egg records.

Certain Missouri farmers know how much their farm flock makes for them. They keep chickens because their chickens make money for them.

In the fall of 1917, twenty-four such farmers began to cooperate with the Missouri Agricultural Extension Service in the keeping of monthly records on their poultry flocks. The number has increased gradually so that they now have over three hundred flock owners keeping records annually for every month in the year.

Poultry record keeping has become a permanent practice on many Missouri farms. The value of this habit to the individual may manifest itself at the end of the year in either a contraction or an expansion of the poultry operations—depending largely upon whether or not a reasonable profit was made from the business.

Every poultry keeper is primarily concerned with his feeding practice; first of all, it is important, because it represents over 50% of the cost of keeping his flock. Unless this money is intelligently spent, a profit can quickly be reduced to a loss. Every poultry keeper should study feeding problems. He should know the why and wherefores of feeding. He should know the purposes for which feed is supplied, for the best source of same. He should become thoroughly conversant with manufactured feeds, quality and price of same, and he should study and develop several feeding practices on his farm. If these things are done, profits from poultry will be assured.

Many of the semi-monitor types of poultry houses are in use on farms at the present time. The Ohio Experiment Station has found that the objectionable features of this type of house can be corrected by putting in a straw loft. Without the straw loft, the men find that this type of house is difficult to ventilate, it is cold in winter and hot in summer, besides being an expensive house to build.

The addition of a straw loft not only corrects objectionable features of the semi-monitor, but also provides a storage loft for straw bedding or an excellent place to store some leafy third or fourth cutting alfalfa hay.

Green feed or its equivalent is always a necessary part of the ration for chickens. Providing green feed during the winter months when it is most needed to insure a healthy flock and winter egg production is a real problem on the poultry farm.

The storage loft in the poultry house will help solve this problem. The choicest alfalfa can be set aside and placed there for winter use. Alfalfa hay feed in special racks accessible at all times to the chickens is a most excellent green feed for winter use. When remodeling the old poultry house, think of this.

We wish all setting eggs were fertile and that each would produce a fine chick.

Most novices think that such is the case and sometimes camplain bitterly that they have not hatched thirteen wonderful chicks from the setting of eggs they purchased.

Those of us who have had anything to do with the hatching of hens eggs know that there are always eggs that could not possibly hatch because no germ of life has ever been in them, the percentage of infertiles varying with the breed and the particular season when they are set.

The disposal of the infertiles for those who set a few hens or even a few hundreds of eggs is a simple matter; they are either carefully deposited in a hole in the ground or are sold to the local baker.

But where eggs are set at a hatchery by thousands or by ten of thousands the problem of getting rid of those eggs which could not and will not hatch is a real problem.

Kennedyville

Mr. and Mrs. John Hessner spent a few days of this week in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell are visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. August Money celebrated their 25th wedding anniversity Friday evening.

Miss Bertha Grantlin spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Grantlin.

Mr. William Fogwell and son, Otho, spent a part of the week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keys and Mr. and Mrs. Will Redmile, of Wilmington, Del., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Redmile the past week.

Miss Edith Walls and brother, Harry, left Baltimore Tuesday evening on the steamer Fairfax for Jacksonville, then on to Deland, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Vernon Fowler is visiting in Baltimore.

Mr. Donald Myers, of Philadelphia, visited at the home of Mr. Homer King's last week.

Mrs. James Archinbald spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Green at Church Hill.

Mr. Wm. Crow is attending the Farm Bureau meeting in Baltimore this week.

Mr. Roger Kennedy and Mr. W. A. Pote are on the sick list.

Mrs. Annie Boggs, of Massey, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boggs.

Our young folks from a distance who spent the holidays with their parents returned to their schools and positions the first of the week.

Mrs. George Johnston entertained her Sunday school class on Wednesday evening.

Owing to the illness of Rev. Mr. Hager there were no preaching service on Sunday at the M. P. Church.

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In Italy, land of Marconi, inventor of radio's predecessor, the wireless telegraph, an American built receiver, has twice carried off the honors in competition with every leading European and American brand. The Grand Prize at both the Gonzaga and Padova Fairs was awarded to a well-known radio, built in the United States, in a contest judged on the basis of performance and beauty.

An indication of the extreme values in radio, available to American buyers, is the fact that this receiver, manufactured by the Stewart-Warner Speedometer Corporation, of Chicago, sells in the United States for a nominal price, while many of the competitive European makes entered in the contests sell for extremely high prices.

Unquestionably the American radio fan is fortunate. In America, the land of free speech and free radio programs, a tax on radio sets is unknown. But in many countries across the Atlantic, radio listeners must pay an annual fee to their governments for the support of broadcasting.

In addition, the United States has not only outdistanced European nations with an overwhelming number of excellent broadcasting stations—but in the production of finer receiving equipment, selling at prices that, to our Continental cousins, would seem ridiculously low.

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