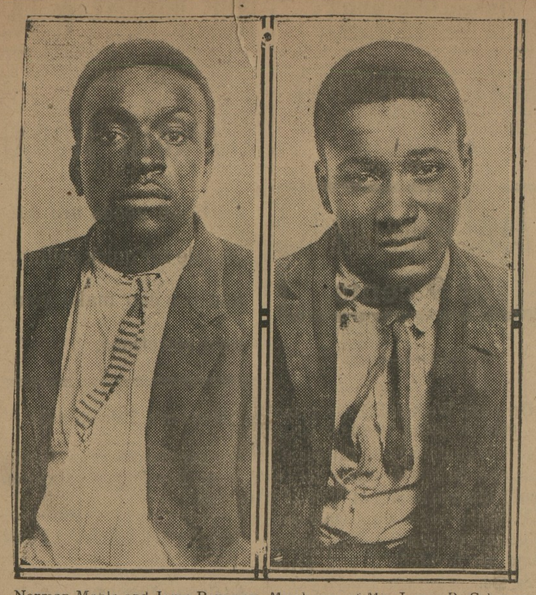


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THOROUGHBSEDS VS. MONGRELS.

[Written for the TRANSCRIPT by Mrs. Harry Williams]

This week in Baltimore there has been a show that should be of interest to every Maryland farmer. This is a poultry show and what crop on the farm pays a better dividend on time and money expended than poultry? But just listen, in all that army of birds exhibited you will not find one mongrel. Then just stop and think how many we can find here in Kent county. Why do people stick to mongrels when the purebreds cost no more to raise? There was a time in the not far distant past when thoroughbreds were bred for show purposes and what culls were found were panned out to the farmer as utility stock. But the time now is when not only how a hen looks but what she can do in producing hen fruit counts.

Not necessarily "fancy" or "show birds" but good utility stock. A pen of birds, in numbers to suit the pocketbook, and then pen again the next spring these old hens and the pullets from them which will give you enough to clear off your old mongrels and leave you supplied in your own particular breed.

In the mongrel flock the male birds are mostly selected for beauty of plumage. A great idea eh, when you expect to produce eggs and meat. Just about like using Dan Patch to a strawboard mill wagon to haul straw.

No farmer in Kent, worthy of the name, who doesn't understand the principles of breeding in live stock but how few apply it to their poultry. The notion, that thoroughbred poultry is puny, delicate and non producers, has long since exploded. Seeing is believing, so go to the fellow that has ideas that are paying him and whose experience is showing in actual dollars and cents. Its a case of where money talks and its money we are after. We surely are not keeping chickens for fun. The male is half the flock, remember that in buying. Don't be content with scrubs, it's poor investment. The latest "secret" in poultrydom and there are many ranging in price from $10 to $1 apiece, according to how long you hold off being a sucker is this; The male bird holds the power of producing offsprings with high or low egg-producing ability. I had a person to laugh in my face for making that remark about two years ago.

Those who can't afford to start with a pen of birds can keep male birds from the same breed every year. These of course purebreds, and can in time bring his flock up to a good standard. The idea is to get ourselves away from the mongrel scrub and get up-to-date purebred poultry. It will cost no more to produce and will increase our profits wonderfully. Besides we naturally would take more interest and give more care to the better birds.

You wouldn't appreciate being called a "scrub" farmer. Breed good utility stock of one particular breed letting that be the one you like best if you should have any preference. Breed for shape, color and egg-producing qualities. Get your males from good laying mothers and you will find you are getting on safe ground. Let's try to bring Kent to the front ranks of poultrydom. Its time the farmer is awakening to the fact that the chicken is worth "fooling with", that it is not child's play but regular work, the same as plowing or threshing or any other part of farm work.

Now the man or woman who can produce a breed that will breed true to the following requirements will have his fortune made: Yellow skins and legs, white plumage, lay large white eggs of 30 to 32 oz. to doz., cocks weigh 8 or 9 lbs., hens 6 and 7 lbs.; be a non setter, be tame, active, a good forager, stand confinement, be very hardy and able to beat the 250 egg mark, be a good table fowl. Such should be the ideal American breed.

State Game Men Meet.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association a committee was appointed to confer with former State Senator Gorman in reference to the State-wide Game law to be presented to the next Legislature. The bill provides for a uniform charge of $1 for a gunner's license each year, and for the increase of the State Game Warden's salary from $1200 to $2500, the deputies to receive $600 and $200 for expenses. It is thought that about half of the $40,000 expected from the tax can be devoted to buying and protection of game. A public meeting will be held next month at the Lyric, when Joseph Kalfus, State Game Warden of Pennsylvania, will give an address on game. G. Ranson Hartman was elected executive secretary of the association, and H. N. Abercrombie, treasurer. Seventy-six new members were enrolled.

More Pay for School Teachers.

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland High School Teachers Association, has drawn a bill to be presented to the Maryland General Assembly at the coming session which provides for better pay for High School teachers throughout the State. The proposed law will provide:

The principal of a first-group high school to receive an annual salary of not less than $1,200 for the first three years; $1,300 for the next two years; $1,400 for the succeeding three years and not less than $1,500 thereafter; the annual salary of each assistant teacher to be not less than $500 for the first three years, $600 for the succeeding two years, $700 for the next three years and not less than $800 thereafter; experience prior to the passage of the act to be considered in determining salary of principal and assistants.

Second group high school principals to receive a salary of not less than $1,000 for the first three years, $1,100 for the succeeding two years, $1,200 for the next three years and not less than $1,300 thereafter; assistants to receive not less than $500 for the first three years, $600 for the next two years, $700 for the succeeding three years and not less than $800 thereafter.

Value of Poultry Manure.

Poultry manure is one of the most valuable by-products of the farm, yet many farmers give it little or no attention. The dropping boards in the poultry houses should be cleaned at least twice a week, and the manure thoroughly mixed with either land plaster of sifted coal ashes; then store it in barrels in a perfectly dry place. By so doing, the moisture is retained and the ammonia cannot leak out. Manure kept in this way will analyze nitrogen, 13-4 per cent.; equivalent to ammonia, 16.3 per cent.; equivalent to calcium phosphate, 6.7 per cent. It is thus evident that hen manure contains a high proportion of nitrogenous matter, but a smaller quantity of phosphates than guano, which analyzes 20 per cent. phosphate and 6 to 8 per cent. ammonia. I have known it to be used in making a complete fertilizer for corn, that grew almost fabulous crops.—D. T. Hendrickson.

At the close of the year 1913 there were one million automobiles in the United States. This is only one car for every 90 people.

OUR MARINE CORPS.

Noted For Brave Deeds Since the Days of the Revolution.

Our marine corps was organized by act of the Continental congress in 1775, and its history continues unbroken down to the present time. It is the oldest branch of the military service and was originally created to prevent mutiny by the sailors, many of whom were "impressed."

Then, too, in the days of sailing ships, and especially in battle at sea, the sailors were largely occupied in maneuvering the vessel. Fighting was at close quarters, and a large body of men who had nothing to do but fight was of great service. The advent of steam and of long range guns made the old style of fighting impossible.

The story of the marine corps is a stirring one. The marines distinguished themselves first in 1779 in the battle between the Bonhomme Richard and the Serapis. They had previously, in 1776, taken part in the bloodless capture of 100 cannon at New Providence, in the Bahamas. They fought in Tripoli in 1803, and in 1805 they made a remarkable march across the Libyan desert and took the fortress of Derna.

At New Orleans in 1815 the marines again distinguished themselves, and they covered themselves with glory at the battle between the Chesapeake and Shannon. At Shimonoseki, Japan, in 1864; Formosa in 1867, in Korea in 1871, Panama in 1885, at Manila and Guantanamo in the war with Spain and in China during the Boxer outbreak they proved their worth.—Harper's Weekly.

BOILED COFFEE OF BRAZIL.

The Real Thing as the Natives Make and Drink It.

The Brazilian amid the marble splendors of his New York hotel sipped the tiny cup of black coffee that was to cost him 25 cents.

"This isn't bad," he said, "but it isn't like the coffee we drink on my father's coffee plantation in Brazil.

"There, when a coffee craving seizes you, you take a few handfuls of green coffee berries, and after rejecting all the imperfect ones among them you place these picked berries in an iron ladle and roast them over an open fire.

"You roast them till they begin to smoke. Then before they are charred you take them off, drop them into a mortar and pound them with a pestle carefully.

"Meanwhile a cup of cold pure water has been set on the fire. When it comes to a boil the ground coffee is thrown into it—a tablespoonful to a cup—and the boiling is allowed to go on for about three minutes.

"Now you drink the coffee. You drink it without straining it. The grounds lie at the bottom of the cup, and if you don't shake it the fluid is as clear as crystal—crystal clear, black, fragrant.

"The French can boast as they please of their filtered coffee. I tell you there's nothing like the boiled coffee of Brazil all picked, roasted and prepared within a few minutes under the open sky."—New York Tribune.

Life at Low Temperatures.

Most recent experiments show that the idea that bacteria in general are not harmed by freezing is untenable. On the other hand, the effect of very low temperatures has been greatly overestimated. It has been observed that as destructive effects are produced upon bacterial life from the temperature of salt and pounded ice as from that of liquid air. The critical point appears to be somewhat about the freezing point of water. An organism that can pass this point in safety may be proof against even absolute zero. A few individual bacteria in every culture tried were able to endure unharmed the temperature of liquid air. This is believed to have been due to the absence of water in cells.—St Louis Republic.

Accommodating.

The most accommodating people in the world are tailors. You'll have to hand it to them. They're always willing to help you out all they can. We are reminded of this undoubted truth by the experience of a friend of ours last Wednesday. He got measured for a new suit. When the ceremony was over he smiled and said in his winning way: "I'll be frank with you. I can't pay for this suit until the latter part of next month. Will that make any difference?"

"Not the slightest difference. You're an old customer, and you shouldn't mention such things."

"That's mighty nice of you. When will the suit be ready?"

"The latter part of next month."—Chicago News.

"Numny Dumny."

In his "Highways and Byways In Devon and Cornwall" Arthur H. Norway tells of a fragment of antiquity that still "lingers in the neighborhood of Redruth, where the country people when they think they see a ghost say, 'Numny dumny!'" and he adds, "I leave the riddle to be solved by any one who is curious enough to undertake a useful piece of practice in unraveling the corruption of language."

The phrase is probably a corruption of "In nomine Domini," the Latin for "In the name of the Lord," a phrase so familiar in the devotion of the middle ages.—Exchange.

Precaution.

That was a wise washerwoman who, on being asked why she had married such an ugly man, said:

"I prefer a homely husband that stops at home and wrings my clothes rather than a handsome one who stays away and wrings my heart."—New York Tribune.

Her Willingness.

"You must have been dreaming of some one proposing to you last night, Laura."

"How is that?"

"Why, I heard you for a whole quarter of an hour crying out, 'Yes!'"—Fliegende Blatter.

Iron Jawed.

He—Ever notice what a heavy face Mrs. Strongmind has? She—Yes. What [illegible] be if her countenance

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