

THE PRODUCTIVE HEN.

Astonishing Facts About the Value of the Poultry Business.

By Earle William Gage in Grit.

Poultry raising for profit is no longer a "pin money" affair. Today it exists as one of the important American industries, and is found in various locations either as the regular business, an important branch of farm work, or as a money-making side line for the villager, the suburbanite or city dweller.

Poultry raising is as old as the hills, but it is only within the past few years that its great possibilities are being realized. The future, poultry raising, properly managed, is recognized as one of the most profitable industries of the day and one that it is rapidly advancing. Capital is finding its way to investment in poultry raising; poultry culture has the confidence of the general public; while many will always fall from lack of application and proper regard for necessary conditions, these failures will be in no greater proportion than may be found in any industry. But to the man who is willing to give it earnest attention, it offers the inducement of a healthy and pleasant occupation and an excellent opportunity to make money.

Our American poultry industry today stands in the value of its products second. During the past 25 years the growth has been astounding, due to the increasing population and the falling off of the meat supply from the Southwest ranges. We are placing more than 250,000,000 cases of eggs in cold storage plants each year, while Chicago alone stores more than 75,000,000 dozen annually, and at any time in the spring months there is less than a week's supply of eggs remaining in the plants of the city.

Few people appreciate the wonderful productiveness of our little American hen. Her total product for two months is more than the annual wealth in mined iron. The 60-day egg receipts would pay off the soldier's pensions for a year. In 90 days she produces eggs to an equal valuation of the gold mined from our hills. In nine months the egg income would pay off the total interest bearing debt of the nation. This stupendous productiveness is continued from year to year, without a break, and ever on the increase.

The direct and indirect influence of the poultry business is very great. Not alone the more than \$1,000,000,000 added to the American producer's

the manner in which E. Cecil Sheppard, of Bureau, O., has succeeded in making his variety of Anconas famous and himself independent. Mr. Sheppard was a traveling man a decade ago, and, desiring to enter a business for himself and having poor health, decided to enter poultry raising as an income-maker. He is today rated as the "Ancona king," and has one of the most profitable poultry farms in the country.

The poultry industry has advanced wonderfully during the past 25 years. The discovery of the "day-old chick" trade has been one of the most significant of the many remarkable advances. The poultry man who desires to achieve unusual things in his line will do well to study what this new phase in poultry culture may mean to him. Some of the biggest business organizers in America are today engaged in this new highly specialized venture of supplying the increasing demands of the people who desire to start with poultry, and who purchase day-old, fresh hatched chicks.

Tens of thousands of day-old chicks from 24 to 36 hours of age are being shipped to all parts of the country, by express, every year. Baby chicks can be safely expressed for a few thousand miles. The little fuzzy things appear to travel with as much security after they are hatched as when they are in the germs of newly laid eggs, and often may be shipped more safely than hatching eggs. Not alone is the man who produces these chicks benefited, but, as well, the thousands of individuals who may purchase the "finished product," and who are certain to be gainers.

Fresh eggs have advanced in price in New York city 66 per cent in the past five years. New York consumers had to pay last winter the highest price in the United States for fresh eggs. In Boston, which is further than the metropolis from the laying hens, the highest price is usually 65 cents per dozen as against New York's price of 80 cents. Poultrymen from points as far west as Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin are shipping their eggs to New York, for they find that after paying the express company about three cents a dozen for transporting the eggs, they make a profit of ten cents more than is ordinarily possible in Chicago. These facts have caused a vast multitude of people residing east of the Mississippi river to enter the poultry business, and the region from Boston to Richmond, Va., is dotted with poultry farms.

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Commissioner's Sale of Land.

NORTH CAROLINA, LENOIR COUNTY.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the undersigned Commissioners by a judgment rendered by the Superior Court of Lenoir County at the November Term, 1915, and by a judgment signed at the same term, in the case of the Plaintiff herein John F. McNair vs. the Defendant herein Willie C. Cooper and others, the said Commissioners are ordered to sell, on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon, at the courthouse door in Lenoir County, N. C., to the highest bidder, for cash, in the manner directed by the said judgment, as hereafter stated, the following described real estate, to-wit:

That lot of land situate in the Town of Lenoir, on Main Street, on the West side, at the corner of Main and Fairley Streets, and adjoining Oak Alley on the West, beginning where the Western line of Main Street intersects with the Southern line of Fairley Street and runs thence with the Western line of said Main Street Southwardly to the Northern line of the lands of the estate of A. D. McCall; thence Westwardly with the Northern line of the lot belonging to the estate of A. D. McCall, 143 feet to Oak Alley; thence with Oak Alley to Fairley Street; thence with Fairley Street to the beginning, being the same lands conveyed to Willie C. Cooper, by G. H. Russell and wife, Katie C. Russell.

Being lot No. 4 in the division of the Rogers lands, beginning in the center of the run of Little Creek at the point where the Seaboard Air Line Railroad crosses said creek and running thence as and with the center line of said Railroad North 65 West 65 chains and 25 links to a corner of lot No. 1; thence with a line of lot No. 3 North 14 East 42 chains to another corner of lot No. 8 in the center of the Lumbering Road; thence North 88 East 8 chains and 85 links to a stake in said Road; thence South 88 West 18 chains and 50 links to a stake in said Road; thence South 74 East 5 chains to a stake in said Road; thence South 86 West 7 chains to the center of the Old Run of Little Creek; thence as and with the various courses of the run of said Little Creek to the beginning.

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FREAK NEWS ITEMS

Odd and Curious Happening Throughout the Country

The jail in Oneida, Kan., erected 30 years ago, has been inhabited by only one person. He was a tramp and was lodged over night. The jail is being used for housing the fire fighting apparatus.

Three times in the last ten years proved inadequate to the domestic happiness of Mrs. Fannie W. Sanborn, of Throop, Pa., who was recently granted an absolute divorce from her husband. She declared that her husband had not contributed so much as a postage stamp to her support and that in ten years he had kissed her just three times.

Toney Mawoo, a Sing Sing prison convict, who escaped from the institution a few days ago, returned of his own volition, when he learned that Warden Osborne had not been permanently removed and he wished to show his regard for the warden. Mawoo had served eight years of a sentence of ten years and six months for grand larceny.

Mrs. Pauline Pellegrini, who swore she never tasted water, but always drank wine when she thrived, died at San Michele, Italy, aged 117 years. Her 12 children, who, according to Mrs. Pellegrini, "were addicted to the pernicious habit of drinking water," have been dead many years.

Somebody has stolen Pete Petroniky's house, formerly located on the main street of Indian Harbor, Ill. It was a cottage he had built out of dollars earned while employed by the Inland Steel mills. He had planted trees and shrubbery on the premises and rented the place to his best friend, Andy Bendka. When Pete returned a month later the house had been carried away piece by piece and even the trees and shrubbery were gone.

An unusual anniversary party was held at Easton, Pa., the other day when twins born in different years celebrated their seventy-fifth birthday. The twins are Mrs. Louise Barron and Henry Brinker. Mr. Brinker's birth occurred a few minutes before midnight, Dec. 31, 1840. A few minutes after midnight on Sunday morning, Jan. 1, 1841—Mrs. Barron was born.

W. A. Jamieson, of Denver, who "died" Aug. 3, 1864, has once his duties as court clerk in the District court in Denver, despite the records of the War department that he died while a prisoner in Louisville. Jamieson, it appears, confused with another prisoner, has a photograph of his tomb which is numbered 4,580.

With the slogan, "Soup birds or and a catless world in 1916," Sayre, a wealthy farm owner of Il's Lake, N. D., has instituted an live campaign against tabby, vowing so far as to offer prizes to persons killing the most cats. In a let issued by this group of the household pet is pictured as the vicious, disease-carrying, germ animal in the world.

A factory in Ellersau, Germany which before the war manufactured art furniture, is making shoes with leather. The upper side of green black waterproof linen sail-cloth, the soles are built up of layers of rubber glued together with white glue. The shoes have been given several months trial and are now placed on the market.

Mrs. Anna Levy, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., after having brought about a match between Jacob Rosenthal and a young woman of an adjoining town, sued Rosenthal for \$100 she alleged she had been promised in the event she should have a suitable husband. Alderman J. F. Biddy, who heard the case, ruled that it was well worth \$100 to find a wife for an old bachelor and gave judgment against Rosenthal for the amount.

An advertisement appearing in newspapers at Columbus, O., offering ten cents a hundred for bedbugs, delivered to Perry J. Wilberger, of the State university, attracted wide attention. The professor explained that he wished to carry out a series of experiments as to the work of such blood-sucking insects in the spread of typhus fever. Unable to collect the bedbugs in sufficient numbers himself he decided to advertise.

When Mrs. Irma Roche O'Dea, of Chicago, was persuaded recently to possess an artist's model she made a resolution to pose for head and face only. She persistently refused to pose for the figure, stating that she did not want her friends to think her

immodest. All went well until the other day, when Mrs. O'Dea and her husband were doing some shopping. In a show window they spied a calendar advertising the product of a knitting mill that manufactures various styles of underwear. The picture showed a beautiful young woman garbed only in one of the knitting mill's union suits. The head and face of the young woman was that of Mrs. O'Dea. The body, she says, was that of another woman. Now Mrs. O'Dea is suing the photographers for grafting her head on somebody else's body and asks \$10,000 damages. In the meantime Mr. O'Dea has persuaded his wife to quit posing.

Mitigating Circumstances. "You admit you are guilty, then," thundered the Judge. "Ah do, Judge. Ah's guilty. Ah stole them pants. But y' know, dere ain't no sin when de motive is good. Ah stole dem pants to get hospital in."—Ez.

And will General Villa go onto the lecture platform, into vanderbilt, or stop for the movies?

Stuck to His Post. With but three minutes to catch his train, the traveling salesman inquired of the street-car conductor, "Can't you go faster than this?" "Yes," the conductor replied, "but I have to stay with my car."—Ez.

The Name Explained. A negro preacher in Alabama announced his text from Jeremiah, and proceeded to say: "This good man's name for a good many years was Jerry, but after his enemies threw him down, that day well they called him Jerrythra."—Ez.

Exclusive Information. We are able this morning to offer the exclusive information that Wendell Wilson will not run again. He will win in a walk.—Columbian States.

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