

Poultry Letter

Mr. Editor:—

A large part of the profit in poultry keeping often depends on the marketing of the product, and the poultry man should study the market demands as to how, when and where to dispose of his product to the best advantage. An attractive appearance is of great advantage and the producers should study the details of killing, dressing, crating or cooping, if shipped alive, in order to arrange the products in the best possible manner. The requirements for dressing, packing, and cooping vary in different markets. It is always best to learn any special requirements of the market to which he intends shipping or selling. We can never get the top market prices for products carelessly dressed or packed. If the market to which we intend shipping requires dressing, the bird should be kept without feed from eighteen to twenty hours before killing, unless they are to be drawn, then they should have no feed for at least ten hours before killing. They should be deprived of water for eight hours. When ready to kill, suspend the fowl by the legs, using a knife, cut the vein at the back of the throat through the month. Then run the knife through the roof of the mouth into the brain. If dry picked fowls are wanted, remove the feathers while the bird is still warm, being careful not to tear the skin. Then hang in a cool place until the fowl is cold. In warm weather and the packing must be done in ice, they should be put in ice water till the animal heat is out. When scalding, immerse the fowl in water a little below the boiling point. Plump it by dipping in hot water and then in cold for fifteen or twenty minutes. Never over-scald, as the outer skin is apt to rub off.

If the fowls are to be shipped without ice, they should be thoroughly dry before packing. Some markets require the birds to be drawn, and when this is the case, it should be done before the birds are cool.

A slit should be made near the end of the keel bone toward the vent, large enough to admit the fingers; then cut carefully around the vent and pull out the intestines, leaving everything else unless the market requirements are otherwise.

The packages for dressed poultry, should be neat and clean, and small enough to be handled easily; the inside of the packages should be lined with clean, unprinted paper. Each bird must be wrapped separately in unprinted paper. Pack solidly so the birds can not shift in the packages. For delivery to retail customers, paste board boxes can be used, putting in alternate layers of ice and birds. Live poultry can be sold at a better profit than poorly dressed fowls. Slated coops are the safest to use, so plenty of air can be had. Never crowd the fowls; it is best to use several partitions. We should never mix colors or varieties in the same coop.

In placing the stock on the market, we may deal with the consumer, retailer or commission merchant. Probably the best profit can be had in sales to the consumer. The retailer will usually give fancy prices so as to supply his trade. The simplest method is to sell to the commission merchant, though returns are not so great. It is largely a matter of market conditions, your circumstances and the class of business you do whether small or great. To sum up; we must have the best stock, prepare it nicely for the market, and we may be sure that the returns will be profitable.

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Silver coin including all minor coin currency	6,295.11
Total	\$ 81,864.63

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund	6,100.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,628.84
Time certificates of deposit	6,562.53
Deposits subject to check	53,439.20
Cashier's checks outstanding	134.06
Total	\$ 81,864.63

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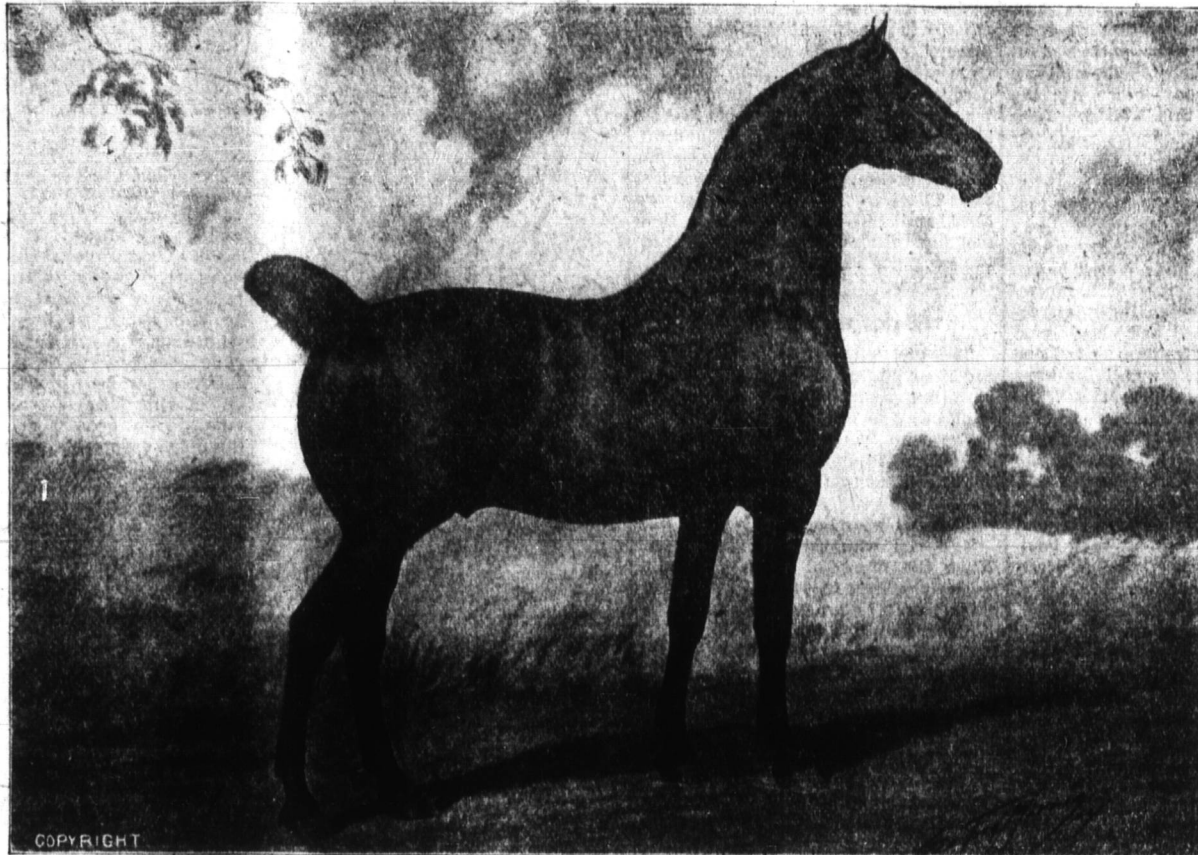
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