

Strange Children.
George Bancroft, the historian, used to relate with gusto a joke that he caught while trotting to school along a Massachusetts country road. It was about old Levi Lincoln, says Percy H. Epler in "Master Minds at the Commonwealth's Hearst."

The old gentleman was nearly blind. A flock of geese was being driven gobbling up Lincoln street. Leaning far out of the carriage, the fine old aristocrat, thinking they were children, threw out a handful of pennies, graciously exclaiming:
"God bless you, my children!"

THREE CURED OF ECZEMA

"When a child, I suffered eight years with eczema. I could not sleep at night, and had sores all over my chest. We had doctors and none could do any good, until my mother saw the advertisement of the Cuticura Remedies in the paper. We used the Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, and they cured me of eczema. I also used them on my five children. Two of them had eczema very badly. When my children had eczema, I was not worried at all, as I knew the Cuticura Remedies would do their work. They had sores all over their heads, their hair would fall out, and they would scratch all night and day. They had it on their heads, face, and in back of the ears so that I thought their ears would drop off. I washed their heads and bodies with Cuticura Soap and they are as clean as the driven snow. Cuticura Soap and Ointment also cured my children of ringworm. I would not be without the Cuticura Remedies. They are wonderful." (Signed) Mrs. Violet Cole, 26 S. Redford St., Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 29, 1910.

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SHE GOT WHAT SHE WANTED

This Woman Had to Insist Strongly, but it Paid

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CULTIVATING CACAO IN SANTO DOMINGO



Picking Cacao Pods

ALTHOUGH the cultivation of cacao was introduced into the island of Santo Domingo from Venezuela by Spanish settlers more than two hundred years ago, and the crop now produced and exported is of such magnitude as to give the Dominican Republic one of the leading positions in the cacao world, yet the cultivation continues to be largely a matter of chance, no systematic attention being paid to the several details so necessary to insure the best returns. Soil and climate are not met halfway, and the result is only nature's unaided contribution to the world's supply of an important article of diet. The contrast in this respect with other cacao countries must be noticeable. As a rule cacao is grown by the small planter. There are a few large plantations, but even on them the requisite care is not taken. Trees are allowed to grow with but little attention to the proper distance that should be between them, so that there is often the aspect of undergrowth instead of an orderly orchard; selection of the best soil is not made to give the greatest yield, nor are the trees pruned in order to avoid that waste in substance that should be retained for the development of the fruit itself. An appreciation of the foregoing statements will convey an idea of what the future may be for cacao in the Dominican Republic when the essential efforts are put forth in its cultivation. Unquestionably, cacao is destined to be the mainstay of the country, and the income from the sale of this natural product creates wealth more widely distributed among the people than is true of the other principal product, sugar.

A great advantage enjoyed by Dominican cacao is that Santo Domingo occupies a geographical position nearest to New York of any of the leading producing countries, and New York is the metropolis of the country of greatest cacao consumption. This geographical feature should exert an influence on freight rates, and especially so when with the completion of the Panama canal all of the West Indies will reap commercial benefits proportionally greater than other sections. Cacao cultivation is confined principally to the Cibao section, in the northern part of the island. Here there is an abundant rainfall, so necessary for the growth and maturing of the cacao bean. The best quality cacao comes from the Province of Seibo, in the vicinity of Higüey, and from around Sabana de la Mar on the south coast of Samana bay. The plantations in the two sections particularly named are controlled by foreigners, Swiss and French, who are doing and have already accomplished something definite toward improving the quality of Dominican cacao, with the very natural commercial consequence that the cacao marketed by them commands a much better price than obtained in the other district, from whence comes the bulk of the product. These efforts of the individuals mentioned, with the tangible reward accrued, will do much toward encouraging the native growers to adopt similar methods if they would increase their income.

On either side of the Yuna river, which flows into Samana bay close to the port of Sanchez, there is available land open to settlement by purchase. The soil is said to be splendidly adapted to cacao and the annual rainfall meets the requirement in that respect. There are cacao trees still bearing in Santo Domingo claimed to be all of 100 years old, and an average tree will continue to yield until it is 60 years old.

The average Dominican cacao bears favorable comparison with that produced on the island of Sao Thome, Africa; and the best quality—that which is given special care at time of fermentation—is to be classed with

the best Bahia product. Dominican labor is inexpensive, and perhaps can be employed to better advantage on a cacao plantation than where heavier work is the rule.

To start a cacao plantation the initial and principal investment would be confined to the land itself. Then would be the item for fencing. No expensive machinery is required nor is any elaborate plant necessary. Of course there will come off years, as in all pursuits, but if they do the loss will not be heavy, as would be the case if it were necessary to maintain a costly establishment during a disastrous year.

The world's consumption of cacao is increasing at a greater rate than the recorded gain in production. It is unlikely that the latter will overtake the former. The demand for chocolate, cocoa, and the many confections in which cacao is used expands year by year. Sections of the world's area where cacao can successfully be grown are necessarily limited, owing to climatic requirements. The comparative facility with which this crop can be produced, harvested and transported gives it advantages not enjoyed by other tropical products.

The principal markets for Dominican cacao are the United States, Germany and France, in the order named. During the current year the prevailing price obtained in the Republic has been around eight dollars per quintal of 50 kilos.

W. E. PULLIAM.

ENTERED IN LONG CONTEST

Farmer's Explanation of Matters Proved That He Had a Strong Sense of Humor.

A farmer was chasing an escaped pig along the highroad. The animal was putting him far to the rear. A neighbor, passing in a buggy, came to a stop, turned to watch the pursuit, roaring with laughter. "Don't you want to borrow my horse and buggy?" he cried.

The farmer seemed incensed by this pleasantry and drew himself up as if to make an angry reply. "But he thought better of it. Over his face crept a look of stolid good nature. He perched on the fence and kicked the dust from his boots.

"It's a powerful tiring race," he began in a tone that invited friendly conversation.

"Well, I guess it is. You'd better wait and take a train and head him off at some way station during the night."

"He's still falling farther behind me," drawled the farmer. "But I'm afraid he's begun to get his second wind. Still I don't think he can catch me, do you?"

"Behind you! Catch you? Well, hardly, going that way."

"That's what I think. You see, this is one of them round-the-world races that automobiles talk about. He's a whole lap behind me, except for the few rods that he seems to be ahead of me. All that surprises me is the way he can keep up the trail, being so far behind."

"Oh, there, I see he's losing it now—going through that gap into a potato patch. I want to be fair, so if you'll excuse me, I'll run down and lap him, and steer him right."—Youth's Companion.

Midges Blocked Weathervane.

On examining the weathervane on Lurgan parish church (County Armagh, Ireland), which refused to work lately, a steeplejack found it blocked with myriads of dead midges.

Taking No Chances.

Visitor—And you always did your daring robberies single handed? Why didn't you have a pal? Prisoner—Well, sir, I wuz afraid he might turn out to be dishonest.

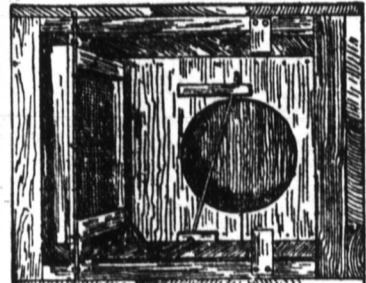
POULTRY

TRAP NEST IS EASILY MADE

One Shown in Illustration Has Been Used at Several Stations with Much Success.

The trap nest shown in the illustration herewith has been used with satisfaction at a number of poultry stations. It is very simple, inexpensive, easy to attend and certain in its action.

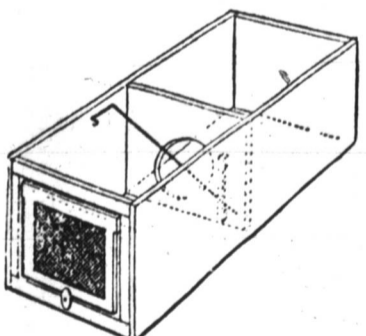
It is a box-like structure, 28 inches long, 13 inches wide, and 16 inches deep, inside measurements. A division board with a circular opening 7½ inches in diameter is placed across the box, 12 inches from the rear and



Nest Set Ready for Use.

15 inches from the front. The rear section is the nest proper. Instead of a light door at the entrance, a light frame of 1x1½-inch stuff is covered with wire netting of a one-inch mesh. The door is ten inches square and does not fill the entire entrance, a space of two inches being left at the bottom and one inch at the top, with a good margin at each side to avoid friction. It is hinged at the top and swings into the box. The hinges are placed on the front of the top of the door rather than at the center or rear, the better to secure complete closing action. The trap consists of one piece of stiff wire about three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter and 22 inches long. This piece of wire is shaped so that a section of it 11 inches long rests directly across the circular opening in the division board and is held in place by two clamps, one on either side of the circular opening. The clamps fit loosely and the slots are long enough to allow the wire to work up and down about six inches, without much friction. The next section of wire is eight inches long, and is bent so that it is at right angles with the 11-inch section, and passes along the side of the box 11 inches above the floor toward the entrance door, and is fastened strongly to the wall by staples, but yet loosely enough that the wire can roll easily. The remaining section of the wire, which is three inches long, is bent toward the center of the box, with an upward inclination, so that it supports the door when the latter is open. The end of the wire is turned over smoothly, forming a notch into which the door may be slipped when opened. As the hen passes under the open door and then through the circular opening to the nest, she raises herself so that her keel may pass over the lower part of the division board. In doing so, her back presses against the horizontal wire and lifts it enough that the end supporting the door slides from under it. The door swings down and passes a wire spring (near the bottom of the box at the entrance), which locks it and prevents the hen from escaping and the others from entering. A strong button can be attached to the center of the box at the bottom of the outside to hold the door

in position when closed. By turning the button, the door can then be swung outward to release the bird.



Frame Work of Nest.

Selecting Eggs for Setting. A selected lot of one dozen hens will lay as many eggs as the average farmer will care to have hatched and if the hens are re-mated to a pure-bred cock he will be the sire of all the chickens hatched on the farm, thus securing uniformity in color and general characteristics, instead of having chicks of all shapes, sizes and colors and not of a characteristic merit. The hens not in company will lay just as many eggs as if with them, and the eggs will possess better keeping qualities than those that are fertile.

Care of Chicks.

As soon as the young chicks are hatched it is a good plan to remove them to the garden or out under the trees, if the weather is favorable, where they can get plenty of insects to eat and catch all they like.

Appalling Excuse.

"This is the fifth time you have been brought before me this term," said the judge, frowning severely upon the prisoner at the bar.

"Yes, your honor," said the prisoner. "You know a man is judged by the company he keeps, and I like to be seen talkin' to your honor for the sake of me credit."

"All right," said the judge. "Officer, take this man over to the island and tell them to give him a credit of 30 days."—Harper's Weekly.

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