

**Bill, Ancona Rooster,  
Trained To Do Stunts****Union County Man Has  
About 1800 of His  
Spring Hatch**

(By R. F. Beasley.)

Monroe—"Come here, Bill and  
law to the ladies."And Bill, obedient to his master's  
voice, walked up in front of the vis-  
itors, straightened up, brought his  
feet together, flipped a wing to-  
ward his big red comb, and gave a  
bow that would do credit to a danc-  
ing master.And 'twas going some, for Bill is  
a chicken rooster! Did-jeva hear  
of a trained chicken, before? There  
is everything in the show from  
trained fleas to trained elephants,  
but never before around these parts  
has been seen a trained rooster.And that was going some, for ei-  
ther Bill is the star performer in  
Ancona Carraway's flock of Anconas.  
Bill is not the boss, he is the  
stave and accomplished gentleman  
who does the honors when visitors  
arrive. Bill runs about the front  
of the place along with several hun-  
dred pullets. Further in the back-  
ground where the matronly old hens  
run and do the laying at present, is  
the fighting rooster of the place. He  
is "Huck the Belligerent" and he  
will fight any one at any time, at  
the drop of a hat, that is he will  
fight a man. But Anconas are not  
a fighting breed and if Buck were  
to see an old game chicken in the  
pasture he would probably go over  
the back fence without saying good-  
bye.But there are no games about, for  
Mr. Carraway has not made the  
mistake of trying two breeds. He  
has Anconas only, and is working to  
produce a strain of his own so that  
the "Carraway Strain" will be  
known wherever Anconas are spoken  
of."Why did you select Anconas?"  
he was asked."For two reasons. One is their  
merits as layers. They are as good  
as leghorns, and I like them in every  
way, and you know every one has  
his fancy. The other reason is that  
they are comparatively new bird in  
the south and are destined to have  
a great popular run. The leghorn  
is, of course, a great layer, but  
everybody has had leghorns, and  
people who like chicken are disposed  
to try birds that they have not  
had before. Anconas have thequality and they are new in this sec-  
tion, so I figured there was a better  
future for them, and I am going to  
build up my distinctive strain, and  
make my flock famous."It will thus be seen that Mr. Car-  
raway has two of the great qualities  
necessary in building up any busi-  
ness. He has practicability and he  
has love for his work. He aims to  
devote his life to chickens, and he  
has unbounded energy and enthu-  
siasm in the work. And his love for  
chickens is not like the butcher's  
love for animals. This butcher was  
asked by a customer, "Why did you  
select the market business?" He  
studied a little bit and said, "Well,  
I don't just know, Madam, I reckon  
I always had a fondness for ani-  
mals."Mr. Carraway began 2 years ago  
on a town lot. This summer he  
moved out to the old Foster farm  
a mile south of town, where he has  
twenty acres of Tom Broom's les-  
pelza pasture, which is as good for  
chickens as for cows. He now has  
about eighteen hundred of his  
spring hatch, from which the males  
have not yet been taken. The pul-  
lets are about to lay and when they  
begin he will have, with his old  
hens, about eight or nine hundred  
layers. He stays with his flock all  
day and sleeps on the place at night.  
It is an arduous business, one re-  
quiring close application and study.  
But these he is giving. He has ad-  
ded to his practical experience a  
correspondence course in poultry  
keeping, and is studying the busi-  
ness from every angle. And he is  
building up from the bottom. He  
says that when a man goes into the  
poultry business and has too much  
money to start on he is likely to fail.  
He spends too fast. He wants too  
many things and buys them, and  
directly he wakes up to find that his  
business has become top-heavy.On the other hand, the man who  
makes the best success starts at the  
bottom and practices crawling a  
long time before he begins walking,  
but when he does strike walking he  
goes easy.And it is no joke about Bill. Bill  
is a last spring chicken, and he has  
been trained to do stunts. He will  
follow Mr. Carraway all over the  
place and comes when his name is  
called. He will sit up on the rear  
of the Ford and ride about like Dr.  
Smith's dog.A farmer in Perquimans county  
reports a profit of \$100 from his  
hogs this year as a result of a feed-  
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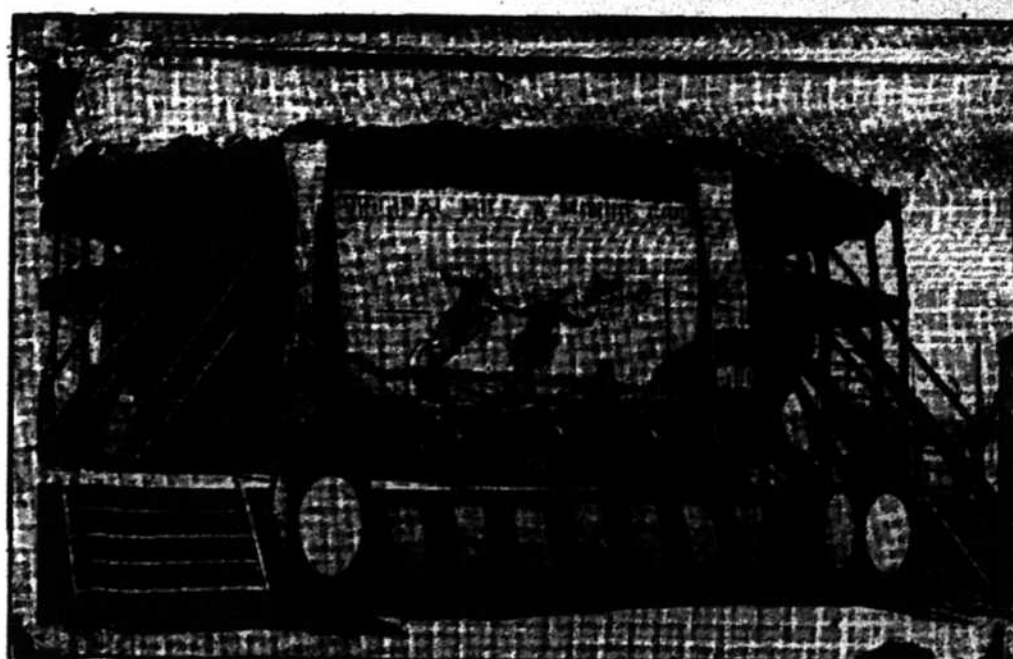
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