

Guessing the Sex of a Chick Becomes a \$12-an-Hour Trick

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NEW YORK — A new business in the United States, telling the sex of day-old chickens, pays from \$4 to \$12 an hour.

These chick-sexors, as they are called, number only about 1,000 and most of them work only three or four months in a year. In that \$6,000.

The story of this business is told in the American Scientist, by John H. Lunn of Brookston, Indiana. He points out that until 1933 anybody who had ever hatched a chick thought you couldn't tell the sex until the cockerel began to make a comb. But the Japanese found a way to determine the sex of a day-old chick.

In the depression it became necessary to economize in breeding chickens for eggs. It would save money if the males could be killed or separated, and raised to the eating stage.

The discovery applied only to Leghorns. But Leghorns are a large share of the egg business in the United States.

Five Japanese sexors came to America to reveal that the "secret" was just a matter of skill in observing slight differences in shape of small organs. But when Americans first tried the trick, they found that it took years to learn. The differences in organs were not uniform.

Some of the Japanese were able to sex 1,400 chicks an hour with an accuracy of 98 per cent. It was years before Americans equaled that record.

Sexors teaching schools were set up in Kent and Bellingham, Wash. Later Dr. Morely Jull, then U. S. Poultry Husbandman at Belts-

ville, Md. took over the training. Sexors went to Japan for training and returned to set up their own schools.

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South's Cotton Acreage Decreases During 1940's

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh—Acreage of cotton has decreased in all the Southern States during the 1940's, reports C. Brice Ratchford, in charge of extension farm management at State college.

The sharpest reduction, he said, has occurred in Oklahoma, where the crop has decreased from an average of 2,197,000 acres during 1935-39 to 1,074,000 acres in 1946. This is a 51.1 per cent reduction. Using the same base years (1935-39), there has been a 45.7 per cent decrease in Georgia and a 39.3 per cent decrease in North Carolina. The decrease in Texas has been 22.3 per cent, and in Mississippi it has been 19.0 per cent.

In North Carolina, Mr. Ratchford pointed out, all counties have shown a reduction in cotton acreage, with some counties noting very sharp decreases. Counties showing the greatest reduction are Martin, down 81 per cent; Pitt, down 64 per cent.

Through better use of land and better cultural practices, growers have been able to increase their yields per acre. Therefore, Mr. Ratchford asserted, total production of cotton has not decreased nearly so much as total acreage.

NEWPORT

Mr. Thomas Hill, of Charlotte, spent last week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hill.

Mrs. Annie Morton, of Rocky Mount, visited her aunt, Mrs. Lisette Edwards, Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Millis and children, and Mr. and Mrs. John Slaughter and children spent Thursday in

Clinton with Mrs. Carleton Cashwell, Mrs. Cashwell and little daughter, Millie Kay, returned home with them.

Mrs. S. D. Edwards and Mrs. Manly Mason shopped in New Bern Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kirby spent the weekend in Petersburg, Va. with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Garner. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hennings and daughter, Betsy, of Charlotte, spent last week end here with relatives Mr. and Mrs. Hennings returned home but Betsy remained for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McCain went to Raleigh Wednesday to meet their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Murdock, who live in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy S. Brown, of Norfolk, Va., spent last weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Herrington.

Mrs. S. D. Edwards and Dr. and Mrs. Manly Mason spent Friday in Atlantic.

Mr. A. L. Wilson has returned from Philadelphia where he attended the Republican Convention.

Mrs. Rufus Woodruff, Mrs. L. D. Garner and Jack Garner have returned from a trip to New Jersey. Lt. and Mrs. W. H. Livingston and young son returned home Saturday from South Carolina.

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WHY CLARIBEL! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THE WAY YOU BURY YOUR FACE IN THAT PAPER . . .

ANYONE WOULD THINK THAT WHAT YOU SEE IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO YOU, THAN I AM.

THAT'S ONE WAY

OH, DIANA!

WE CAN'T COOK IT WITH PIN FEATHERS STICKING OUT ALL OVER IT!!

I KNOW, WAIT A MINUTE!!

JEEPEERS, THAT'S MARVELOUS!!

WHO'S BEEN USING MY RAZOR?

NOT, REALLY

OH, DIANA!

RUN OVER TO THE BAKERY AND GET A LOAF OF BREAD

THE BAKERY CLOSED . . . AT THIS TIME A DAY? WHY THAT'S SILLY!!

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