

POULTRY

PUT UNFAIR PRICE ON "PULLET EGGS"?

Writer Makes Complaint of Classification.

One of the by-products of produce houses buying eggs on grade is the addition of the term "pullet eggs" (as used commercially) to the knowledge and vocabulary of farm folks.

Many have felt that the produce houses were using the classification of "pullet eggs" to take an unfair advantage of producers. Whether the city market justifies the sharp discount we are unable to say, but it does seem unfair to pay 20 cents for eggs weighing 24 ounces and more per dozen and only 10 or 14 cents for those weighing up to 22 ounces, which is what many houses have done this fall. It seems that those produce houses that classify all eggs under 22 ounces per dozen as pullets have pushed the limit higher than general practice in egg buying in the United States calls for.

Either eggs weighing 20 to 22 ounces per dozen should go in the second class of hen eggs or pullet eggs averaging 20 ounces with a minimum of 18-ounce eggs should not be cut so severely in price.—J. W., in Wisconsin Farmer.

Sprinkle Dry Earth on the Dropping Boards

Hens spend perhaps half of their time on the perches. Perhaps nearly 75 per cent of the droppings produced are collected on the dropping boards. By cleaning the boards regularly once each week it is possible to gather almost pure droppings that are fresh and full of fertilizing value. To get full value from them they should be spread at once on the ground to be fertilized and if possible worked into the soil.

To preserve and increase the value of the droppings as well as to make the cleaning an easy job it is well to sprinkle the dropping boards with sifted dry earth, sand or band plaster after each cleaning. Any of these will serve as an absorbent to aid in drying the droppings and prevent them sticking to the dropping boards. In no case should lime be used on the dropping boards, because it releases the nitrogen as ammonia and destroys the fertilizing value of the droppings.

Hens for Hatching

If hens are used for hatching, select, where possible, those which have proved good mothers. As a rule, this maternal ability will prove the same from year to year, and those which have deserted or broken eggs carelessly will in all probability prove unfaithful to the end. If a hen has already been broody for a week or two, she may grow tired before the eggs hatch. Choose preferably one that has just commenced to sit.

Fill the corners of her box with road dust or ashes. Lay in a heavy sheet of paper saturated with kerosene. Add more dust or ashes, and, lastly, straw, sprinkled with insect powder. Give her the eggs at night. It is sometimes advisable to throw an old piece of carpet over the nest for a day or so until she is fully settled.

Poultry Hints

No matter what her pedigree, an inferior individual pullet is not worth keeping.

Eggs should be put in crates with the large end up in order to prevent breaking the air cell when the eggs are being hauled to market.

In producing quality eggs it helps to provide one nest for every 4 or 5 laying birds. Locate the nests as far as possible from water fountains and hen exit doors.

In 92 New York state poultry flocks the average mortality was 23 per cent. Flock depreciation is the third greatest expense in producing eggs, and dead hens are responsible.

The classified columns of newspapers may be used profitably in advertising farm products such as seed, eggs, feeds, fruits and vegetables.

More than 40 poultry men attended the eleventh annual poultry short course at the Pennsylvania State college, November 9 to 12.

Fewer chickens are being raised on United States farms, due to drought and resultant low prices, according to the Department of Agriculture.

ANYWAY he has some queer ways. That is what Peter Rabbit thinks, and Peter ought to know. But as to that it is quite probable that Buster thinks some of Peter's ways queer. It is the way of the world to think other folks queer, and Buster thinks some of Peter's ways queer, and I am quite sure that both think your ways and mine very queer indeed.

To Peter's way of thinking one of Buster Bear's queerest habits is that of sleeping away most of the winter. Since his talk with Prickly Porky the Porcupine, Peter had begun to understand why Johnny Chuck and some of the others went to sleep as soon as cold weather came, to stay asleep until Mistress Spring should arrive. They

Peggy Saved Four



This is Peggy, of Los Angeles, who saved four persons from probable death by carbon monoxide poisoning. Although violently sick from the deadly fumes, the faithful dog, sensing something was wrong, barked a warning to arouse the household after she had failed to awaken a boy made unconscious by the gas.



"The difference between a regular widow and a golf widow is simple," says knowing Nora. "The husband of the one lies under the sod and that of the other lies over it." (WNU Service.)

TASTY TORTES

FOR the cake par excellence, the torte is one of the delectablest. Our German cooks excel in this kind of a cake combination. Tortes are rich with nuts, chopped or rolled fine, plenty of eggs and crumbs, with spices. The baking is another important point, as slow, careful baking is necessary for a light and tender torte.

Date Torte.

Rub sixteen dates to a smooth paste with two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Beat two whole eggs, add seven yolks, add one and three-fourths cupfuls of

KITTY McKAY

By Nina Wilcox Putnam



The girl-friend says she almost bought a carry-all for taking things to the beach, the other day, and only just remembered in time that her husband would be cheaper.

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OUR BEDTIME STORY

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

had to sleep or starve, for there was none of the food they need, and wouldn't be so long as winter lasted. But somehow Peter couldn't seem to make the reason fit the case to Buster Bear. Buster didn't seem to want to go to sleep for the winter. He had prowled around until after the snow had come to stay, and then, and not until then, he had stretched out on his bed of leaves under the shelving rock deep in the Green Forest, where he had slept away the last winter, and Peter knew that they would see no more of him until spring.

Now, why should he go to sleep for weeks at a time that way? Peter

puzzled and puzzled over it as he turned it over in his mind. Johnny Chuck lives on tender green things, and in winter there are no tender green things. Old Mr. Toad lives on worms and bugs. At least there are none where Old Mr. Toad can get them. But with Buster Bear it was different. Why shouldn't he keep awake all winter just as Reddy Fox and Old Man Coyote do? It seemed to Peter very absurd that such a great big fellow as Buster Bear, of whom everybody else was afraid and who had such a great warm fur coat, should hide away and sleep just because it was winter. Finally he went back to

Prickly Porky to try to satisfy his curiosity.

"Buster Bear is smart," said Peter. "He is one of the smartest of all the people in the Green Forest. Everybody says that. And if he is so smart why can't he catch enough to eat in the winter just as Reddy Fox and Old Man Coyote do? They don't waste their time sleeping, and they don't starve to death. They may go hungry some of the time. Most of us do that in bad weather. But they catch enough to live on. Why doesn't Buster Bear?"

"Huh!" grunted Prickly Porky. "You don't know much about Buster Bear. What do you think he lives on, anyway?"

"Why, on any of us little people he can catch," replied Peter promptly. "Everybody knows that!"

"Then everybody knows something that everybody doesn't know at all. That is the trouble with a lot of people—they think they know when they don't know. Now take the queer case of Buster Bear. Every one seems to think that because he eats a mouse or a rabbit or some other of the little forest people silly enough not to keep out of his reach, that he lives on them altogether, just as Old Man Coyote does. That shows how little some folks know about their neighbors. If Old Man Coyote should catch you, Peter, which I hope he won't, you would make him a good meal. But you wouldn't be more than a mouthful for Buster Bear. Two or three fat mice would do Reddy Fox for a whole day, but they wouldn't more than tickle Buster Bear's stomach. Buster eats meat when it happens to fall in his way, but what he lives on mostly are roots and berries and nuts and bugs and fish and frogs, and he has to have a lot of them. Where, pray tell, would he find them at this time of the year? He is just like Johnny Chuck and Bobby Coon and the other sleepers—he'd starve if he didn't sleep."

"Thank you, Prickly Porky," said Peter politely. "I've learned a lot. Yet even now I cannot help feeling that it is very queer that such a big, strong fellow like Buster Bear should sleep all winter. Anyway, I hope he has pleasant dreams."

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THE SHEPHERD'S STAR

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

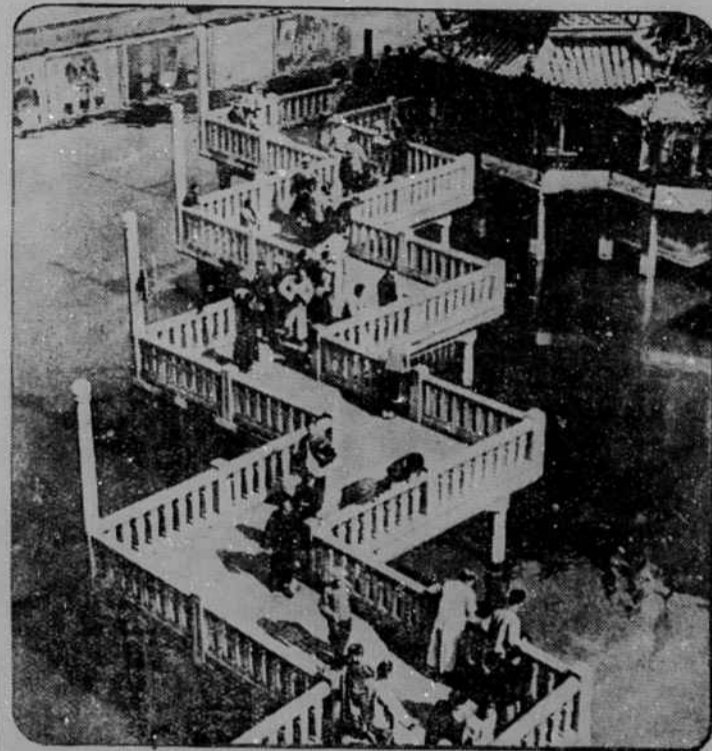
IT IS not strange that shepherds were

The first to note the new-lit skies. Self-love is no philosopher, But tenders of the sheep are wise. It is the generous, the kind, Who are the first the Christ to find, And those who gain the gift of heaven Are always those who first have given.

Now in our arms we take the earth, Even as shepherds take the sheep, Give strangers cheer, and children mirth, And comfort to the ones who weep. It is not strange that those who love First feel the radiance from above, As shepherds, some poor lamb enfolding, Were first the Shepherd's star beholding.

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China Likes Odd Shaped Bridges



HERE is an oddly shaped bridge recently constructed over a small lake at Shanghai, China. It provides a way to one of the well known tea houses where tourists find entertainment and refreshments.

sugar, beat well, add the dates, three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, allspice, and a cupful of cracker crumbs. Stir well and fold in the stiffly beaten whites of seven eggs. Bake in a large spring form forty minutes.

Schaum Torte.

Beat three egg whites until stiff but not dry, add one cupful of sugar very lightly and gradually, not to lose the lightness, a pinch of salt, one-half tablespoonful of vinegar and one-half teaspoonful of vanilla. Bake in two deep layer tins for one hour. Put together with whipped cream, or add nuts and chopped pineapple with the cream.

Walnut Torte.

Beat the yolks of six eggs with one

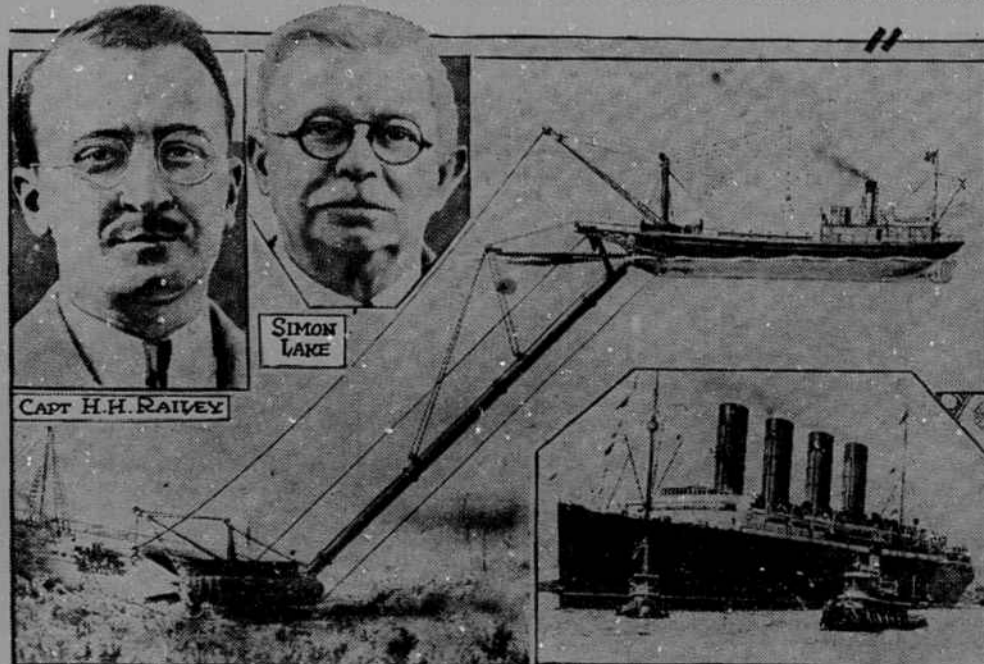
cupful of sugar, add one-fourth pound of walnuts and six lady fingers grated, two tablespoonfuls of flour and one teaspoonful of baking powder. Add juice and rind of a lemon and when all the ingredients are well mixed, add the stiffly beaten egg whites to which a pinch of salt has been added. Bake in layers in a moderate oven and use the following:

Filling.

To one beaten egg yolk add two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and three-fourths of a cupful of milk. Cook, stirring constantly until the mixture coats the spoon, add one and one-half cupfuls of grated walnut meats with a flavoring of almond and vanilla. Use between the layers and ice the top of the torte.

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How Railey and Lake Will Explore the Lusitania



SIMON LAKE'S STEEL DIVING STAIRWAY

S. S. LUSITANIA

THE British board of trade has given to the Lake-Railey expedition official permission to explore the wreck of the Lusitania, which was sunk by a German submarine off the southwest coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915, and the work it is believed will now go ahead with the devices invented by Simon Lake, the American developer of underwater craft. Captain Railey, leader of the expedition, says there will be no attempt to raise the Lusitania or to salvage much of the cargo, though some of the latter, it is hoped, will be brought to the surface by the Lake submarine salvaging tube. Undersea photography at depths never before achieved will be an important objective of the expedition. The illustration shows how this is to be carried on.