
Written for The Observer. We have a communication this week from Mrs. O. R. Hinton, of Pelham, asking what is the trouble with her towis. She writes: "They are taken very suddenly with something like rheumatism and get so they can hardly walk. I don't notice any change in their looks, or any other way; their combs are as red as blood all the time, even after they died. I lost a hen affected that way last week and another fine one was taken sick yesterday and died last night. I am afraid I will lose all unless I find out the trouble and what to do. So please let me know in the next issue Semi-Weekly Observer and I will be so much obliged. My hens are very fat." It would be very hard to determine what is the trouble with the fowls of Mrs. Hinton, as the information she gives is so meagre. She does not say what she feeds or how often; whether her fewls are confined in yards, or have free range, but the last sentence of her letter gives a clue to the trouble. She eays: "My hens are very fat." We have no way to judge how or what she fed, but going on the supposition that she has been feeding very liberally, will diagnose the trouble as apoplexy. When a bird in apparent good health falls from its roost and seems unable to move, or in walking falls over, it is very probably suffering from apoplexy, cially if it has had liberal feeding. especially if it has nad interal leading.

If the comb were of a purple tinge, then it would indicate indigestion or liver trouble, but our correspondent states, "The comb is very red." fat hens are first-class subjects for this disease, and it is caused by either weak condition of the blood vessels of the brain or a great pressure on

careful not to allow too much blood to escape, also let a small quantity of water be poured over the head clowly. The very best thing to do as a preventative is (if the fowls are yarded) to reduce the grain feed to once a day, and not too much then, and make them scratch for every grain of it by throwing it in hay, straw, or litter of any kind. Feed liberally of green food, such as grass, clover, cabbage or anything of the vegetable kind. Provide plenty of cool, clean drinking water and keep it in the shade. It would be well to weigh a few of your fattest hens when you start this treatement, and then again in about ten days to note how much you are reducing them in flesh. There is very little to fear from getting a hen too thin in summer, the trouble is generally in the opposite direction. If your fowls have free range, cut off their feed entirely for a while and let them hustle for all they get. If they find you don't feed them they won't hang around the

caused by fright or running. Strain-

If seen when it first begins to stagger

We would suggest, if any other readers of these articles are having troubie with their poultry, if they write to us perhaps we can assist them, but do not forget to give full particulars. State if the fowls are yarded or not. The number of fowls, how much and how often you feed and what variety; in fact, go into details. we cannot see the fowls and must judge of the trouble by what you write us. The tendency of all fowls in summer is to get over-fat, as it does not require so much food to keep up animal heat, so reduce your feed accordingly you will not only save it, but lots of trouble besides.

for something to appease the crawing

Keep the poultry supplied with plenof clean, cool water these hot days and in the shade. It doesn't cost any thing, only a little trouble, and the birds will be the better for it. Don't so much grain, but more green and give a variety. Any one any more than for the human family If you have not already done so, don't forget to plant plenty of sun-flower seed, as they are very beneficial to the fowls during the moulting season on account of the oil they contain.

In raising poultry, as in other work. it does not pay to go at it "by fits and starts"-to expend a great amount of labor on your stock one week and entirely neglect them the next. Some of the details of the work in connection with it requires attention three hundred and sixty-five days in the year and the successful poultry-raiser is the who does the things that need doing when they need doing, and not putting off doing until some more convenient time, which very often never comes. As the Dutchman says, "No time so so goot ash now."

CHICAGO STRIKE TO SPREAD.

fream Owners Will Ignore Boycotts, and Unions Will Call Strikes Wherever Teamsters Are Discharged

Chicago, May 13 .- The strike of the teamsters is expected to spread rapidly during the next week. At a meeting held to-night between the teamsters' coint council, which is the governing body of the local unions, of the teamaters, and representatives of the Team Owners' Association, the latter informed the representatives of the teamsters that the condition of their business made it necessary for them to make deliveries to homes which had been boycotted by the unions, and that they would do so next week, heedless of fact whether or not a strike existted at such place. The council was urged to agree to this procedure, and avert a general strike. After an ex-tended debate among its members, the teamsters' council decided that it would not agree to the delivery of goods to any of the boycotted houses by union teamsters, and that strikes would be called whenever a man was discharged for refusing to deliver goods,

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Maryland Memorial in Confederate

Richmond, Va., May 13 .-- In the presence of a number of Baltimore people, a memorial window in the Maryland m of the Confederate Museum here was unveiled to-day. At the same time there were presented to the museum partraits of the following members of the Confederate cabinet: Secretary Mallory, of Florida; Judge Reagan, of Texas, and Secretary Memminger, of South Carolina.

Negro Fireman Drops Dead. dence of The Observer.

spondence of The Querver, sbury, May 13.—Yesterday after-just after he had finished his din-fim Gray, a colored yard fireman, sed dead, heart failure being the Lie was about 40 years old and done faithful service many years.

Chicago Chronicle. Dr. Von Koveslighethy, of Buda-Pesth, has calculated the exact amount of energy in whose power that old mother earth required to perform her various earthquakes during the last eight years. He charges that this planhas been wasting energy in this form of pleasantry at the rulnous rate of 70,000,000,000 horse power every sec-ond of the day and night. If she had spent the energy in the form of a pres-

ist should find any basis to begin his figuring from. There was just one thing he could use, called the "inia-tive" of the earth.

make their bones rattle all might be living in luxury and having their lone for them. As nobody has experimented with ar-tificial earthquakes for obvious reasons, it may seem wonderful that the scient-

The planet's pole should point steadfly to a fixed point in the sky, but it doesn't. Instead, it wabbles and jerks

that is readily observed and recorded Dr. Koveslighethy, working on the

theory that nothing but earthquakes could have caused the wabbling, went over the astronomer's records for the last eight years and added it all up. Then, knowing the weight of the earth, it was comparatively simple mathematics to find out how much power it

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Morganton Herald. A correspondent at Valdese informs

A correspondent at Valdese informs us that the recent visit to Valdese of Mr. M. V. Richards, industrial agent of the Southern Railway, during which visit he was accompanied by the Italian ambassador, was mainly the result of correspondence with him looking to the establishment of another and larger knitting mill at that point.

find work at home. To relieve this, an effort is being made to start new enterprises and we wish these people success. Mr. Richards assured the Waldensians that in a short time a new knitting mill will be added to Valdese.

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