

OUR POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

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STOP UP THE CRACKS.

Make the Poultry House Secure Against All Drafts and Avoid

Colds and Roup Experiment Showing the Effect on Eggs Production.

NOTE:—Bearing out our argument for tight houses, we submit the following article by Mr. A. F. Hunter, which appeared in a recent number of the Reliable Poultry Journal. Mr. Hunter's experience with poultry dates back a half century; in fact, Mr. Hunter is one of the "Nestors" of American poultry culture, and is considered high authority.

As the weather begins to get colder, especially at nights, it is increasingly important that the birds shall be snugly sheltered from winds and storms. We do not mean that they shall be shut up tight so that no fresh air whatever can reach them, but that "drafts" shall be shut off, for it is to drafts that most of the colds of autumn and winter are due. The farmer thinks: "Yes, it's getting colder—guess I'll shut the hen house door to-day," but he does not recall that there are several cracks in the walls and around the window and door frames that he meant to stop up sometime, but he hasn't found the convenient time yet. Those cracks have been growing larger. The house is only four or five years old, perhaps, and when it was built the joints were made tight and the pernicious drafts didn't exist.

The first summer's sun and rains seasoned the boards and opened up the seams a bit in two or three places, but not seriously; the next summer's sun and rains added to the seasoning and in one or two instances a bit of light could be seen through the crack—and so it has gone on until now there are several decided leaks in the walls, where the winter winds whistle through and make piercing drafts in the pen, even through windows and door be tightly closed.

Drafts and dampness are the cause of most of the colds, the dread precursor of roup, and if we will but close up those cracks so that "currents" of air are prevented we have gone half way in heading off that most troublesome and costly ailment. And "prevention" is so much easier and simpler than "cure." Anybody who has wearily battled through a seizure of roup will say "amen" to that. And it is so easy, too, to stop up the cracks. With a few cents' worth of "Neponset" or "Paroid" or "Ruberoid" roofing material and a hammer, (the nails and tin heads come with it) a man can close in the walls of the house and effectually shut out the winter blasts. Either of those roofing materials properly put on make poultry house (or barn or any outbuilding), both wind and water tight, and thereafter the ventilation of that building, by window and door, is wholly within control.

With the cracks stopped up and direct drafts prevented the fowls can go to roost at night in comfort and the owner will not be likely to be greeted with sneezes and other symptoms of the dreaded colds when he opens the door in the morning.

EFFECTS EGG PRODUCTION.

Shutting off the direct drafts pays in another way; namely, in egg production, and is to be recommended for that reason also. Warmth is a factor in the production of eggs and the shutting out of the chill blasts is the first step towards securing that desired warmth; absence of cold is warmth. It is not wise to resort to artificial heat, but it is wise to shut off the direct drafts which make a house so deathly "chill" and cold. We have all noticed how a spell of moderate weather in winter starts the biddies to laying; secure that moderate weather condition by shutting out the cold and we secure the same result.

The West Virginia Experiment Station has tested this matter to see how much difference in egg production there would be between two similar flocks of pullets kept one in a warm house the other in a cold house. Two houses that were exactly alike and situated side by side were taken for the experiment and twenty our pullets divided into two flocks of

twelve each were placed in them. One house had been sheathed on the inside and covered with building paper to make it tight and warm; both houses being boarded with matched siding and having shingled roofs. The two flocks were fed exactly alike. In the morning they had a mash, which was made of corn meal, ground middlings and ground oats, and at night whole grain was scattered in in the scratching litter; they had plenty of fresh water to drink, grit and granulated bone.

The experiment was started November 24th, and was continued five months and the eggs laid during each period of thirty days was as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Cold House	39	105	103	121	114	482
Warm House	87	130	138	120	154	629

A. F. HUNTER.

There is the argument that appeals to all of us, the convincing argument of 143 more eggs from the flock in the warm house than from the flock in the cold one. Leaving the question of expediency on one side and the matter of avoiding the bother of colds (and possibly roup resulting from the colds) there is the substantial benefit of some thirty per cent more eggs from the birds sheltered from the winter cold. It does not require anything more than these convincing figures to show the substantial benefits to be gained by simply shutting out the cold, and so we repeat: "If you would have your hens lay at seasons of the year when eggs are scarce, they must have summer conditions." "Stop up those cracks at once."

THE SMART SET FOR DECEMBER.

The Smart Set for December contains forty-four signed articles, stories and poems, yet it is not so much for quantity as quality that the number is notable.

The leading feature is a novelette by Edwards S. Nan Zile, entitled "How Captain Came to Remsen," which is fairly hilarious in its depiction of a prosaic lawyer who becomes suddenly seized with the spirit and genius of the immortal composer. It is at once a psychological study and a travesty on the theory of reincarnation. The second contribution of length is a story in play form, entitled "The Castle-Builder," which is printed anonymously, but from all the ear-marks must have been written by someone high in social position who is absolutely familiar with the characters and surrounding conditions of the recognizable personages so pitilessly dissected. There has not in years been printed another such sensational satire.

The Infanta Eulalie writes for the number a very interesting opinion of "The American Girl," whom she studied on the occasion of her memorable visit to the United States. As a companion article, Mrs. M. E. W. Sherwood discusses "L'Americaine" as she is found abroad, particularly in Paris. Both articles, one from the viewpoint of the foreigner, the other from that of a compatriot, are very interesting. One of the most brilliant of Edgar Saltus's series of essays in The Smart Set is the present contribution, "The Seventh Devil of Our Lady," which is wholly characteristic and fascinating. Stories that must command attention are "An Opal Ring," by Justus Miles Forman; "The Pathos of Being Good," by Kate Jordaa; "Lord Cammarleigh's Secret," by Roy Horniman; "Art for Love's Sake," by Laura Cleveland Gaylord; "The Problem Play," by Douglas Story; "Extension Souls," by Gay Somerville, and "The Heart of the World," by Marvin Dana. Conspicuous poems are "Scruple," by Julien Gordon; "Pierrot in Autumn," by Bliss Carman; "Hammarizere," by Clinton Spolird; "The Loser," by Theodosia Garrison; "Sonnets to a Lover," by Myrtle Reed, and "Superstition," by Madison Cawein.

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The question arose during a discussion of the details of the decorations to be bestowed, and the mode of entertainment of the heads of states attending the coronation. The King refused point blank to distinguish between the titles of President, King and Emperor, arguing that his object was to honor the state and not the man. No distinctions will be made, except possibly in the case of near relations of the royal family.

Eruptions

Dry, moist, scaly tetter, all forms of eczema or salt rheum, pimples and other cutaneous eruptions proceed from humors, either inherited, or acquired through defective digestion and assimilation.

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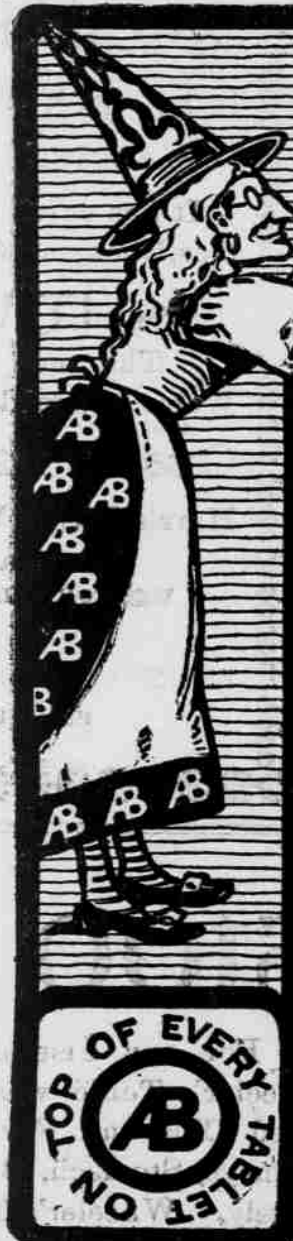
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W. T. DORTCH, Commissioner.

Nov. 15, 1901.

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