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MAKING GOOD ROADS. ESSENTIALS TO BE CONSIDERED IN BUILDING HIGHWAYS.

Methods suited to the Various Soils—Macadam and Telford Foundation Systems. Also and Form of Stone—Thickness of the Metalizing and How It Should Be Laid.

At the beginning of the present century the highways of England were so bad and the rates for toll so heavy that public attention was attracted to the situation. The investigations which followed led to the formulation of rules for the construction of roads which have resulted in the splendid highways for which Great Britain has become famous.



UNDRAINED DIRT ROADWAY. (From Good Roads.)

two essential points to be aimed at in the construction of a road: First, a hard, smooth, waterproof surface. Second, a thoroughly dry foundation.

Where the soil foundation is clay or for any reason difficult to drain the telford method is used. In this case a course of flat stones about six inches deep, set on edge and closely wedged together, is placed upon the soil, and the crushed stone is placed over this four inches thick and rolled solid.

Good Roads Notes. Good roads are cheapest in the long run, also in the short run. Ask for good roads, insist on getting them.

Good Roads Notes. A road should be fixed a little while before it needs it rather than a long while after.

FARM AND GARDEN IN THE POTATO FIELD.

Level Culture Is Now Practiced by Leading Potato Growers. The faulty method of hilling potatoes still common with some growers is the occasion of an illustrated description of the two methods, hill and level culture, by Elias A. Long, in American Gardening.

It is this hilling up process to which I most decidedly object, because the disadvantages greatly outnumber the advantages thereof. First, there is the labor. The dotted line, A, is supposed to show the natural level, the hilling up involved raising the soil from below this line and heaping it around the plant above the ordinary level, no little job.

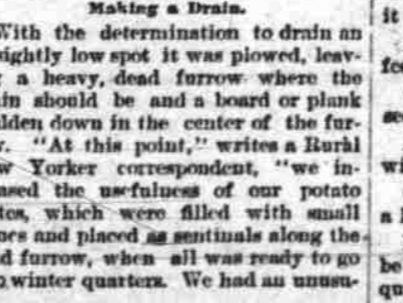


HILLS VERSUS LEVEL CULTURE.

falls over the roots into the bottom of the furrow to one side, where it would do less good. In the case of the potato patch here referred to in the hilling process, the soil between the hills, the surface in the bottom of the furrows as left by the hoe is hard and smooth. It differs widely from the space between hills of the level system, which I strongly recommend.

Timber Areas on the Watersheds. In a report to the governor of Pennsylvania the secretary of the department of agriculture advises, as soon as the condition of the state treasury of Pennsylvania will permit, an attempt to obtain control of at least a portion of the timber areas on the watersheds of one or both branches of the Susquehanna river, in Pennsylvania, by imitating the example of other states and to be placed in a position in the near future to influence the water supply by controlling the character and condition of the forests upon the watersheds.

Making a Drain. With the determination to drain an unsightly low spot it was plowed, leaving a heavy, dead furrow where the drain should be and a board or plank trodden down in the center of the furrow.



HOW TO BUILD A STONE DRAIN.

ally cold spell early in December. It froze very hard. I shouldered my pick and shovel, started for the wet spot, now frozen dry, but with no frost under the boards. The bottom of the ditch was left highest in the center, stoned up with flat stones for a throat and the small ones from the crates on top. (See col.)

A VALUABLE GAMECOCK.

He Was Recently Purchased in England For \$1,000.

The most valuable gamecock in the world was recently purchased at Birmingham for \$1,000. This precious warrior was exhibited at the Birmingham poultry show two weeks ago by his breeder, Mr. Hugo Anstouff.



A \$1,000 GAMECOCK.

ferce and strong a chicken had seldom if ever been seen. It was announced at the show that he had been sold for \$1,000, but so large is this price that the sale was not generally regarded as genuine until the name of the purchaser was announced.

The Birmingham bird belongs to the black and red class, which is considered to contain the most pugacious of fighting cocks. There is a belief generally entertained by fanciers that a considerable amount of any light color in a bird's feathers indicates a lack of courage.

His body is broad and short. The upper parts of his legs are very thick and muscular. His neck is lithe and as sinuous as a snake. He carries his head in a way that bids defiance to the whole world, and his clear, glittering eye knows neither fear nor mercy.

Among domesticated birds the Japanese silver pheasant easily takes the first rank. Although a small bird, not larger than a bantam rooster, the tail feathers, as well as the end feathers of the wings, grow to a length of from 18 to 20 feet on the male birds.

Penalty Points. Dampness causes leg weakness in ducks. For large, heavy fowls have the roosts low.

Dry earth is a good material to scatter under the roosts. Early hatched, well developed pullets make good winter layers.

When a thrifty bird is fully matured, it is easily fattened. Stale bread soaked in milk is a good feed for young poultry.

Cleanliness and good feeding are the secrets of success with poultry. Leghorns and Black Spanish lay eggs with the whitest shells of any breed.

On the average it will cost \$1 to keep a laying hen one year. Fowls that are rich in oil should not be fed to laying hens unless in small quantities and unless the weather is very cold.

Soft food is an excellent invigorator when fed warm on a cold winter morning. Oilmeal, sunflower seed, hemp seed and linseed meal can all be used to good advantage in feeding fowls intended for exhibition.

Scald and allow to stand overnight in a place where they will not freeze. This is one of the best ways of feeding cuts to poultry.

A cross of the Wyandottes and Langshans combines many good qualities that make a fowl valuable for market. Lined neck brightens the plumage, regulates the bowels and promotes digestion. A gill to a dozen hens is sufficient.

Lack of variety will sometimes cause the hens to lose appetite. When they do not appear to relish their food, give them a change of diet. The best way to dry pick fowls without tearing them is to pick them as soon as they are killed, while the body is yet warm.

Maude—"Charley stole a kiss from me last evening." Aunt Kate—"The villain? What did you do?" Maude—"I was awfully angry with him at first; but when he said he only stole it that he might give it to a poor girl, who never had any kisses, then I couldn't help seeing what a noble man he was. So I told him if he thought that poor girl was really destitute he might as well take another one for her."—Boston Transcript.

That Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and relieves a vast amount of suffering is not a theory but a well known fact.



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