

THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Motto: "If you don't see what you want, ask for it!"

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Yesterday, at the Pomona Grange of Wyoming Co., Penn., a discussion was held with animated interest, concerning the reasons that poultry is generally so unprofitable on the farm...

Bro. S. said: "There are none so blind as those who will not see; and that's the reason farmers do not make poultry keeping a success."

A sister asked Bro. L. - "Why did not your son succeed in poultry rearing? What did he feed?"

Bro. L. - "Everything in the catalogue!"

Bro. S. - "I have found White Leghorns the most profitable for eggs. Feed corn, but fowls must have change of food for health and profit."

Query - "Shall we use an incubator and brooder?"

A sister replied - "Some consider that an incubator makes more work than a baby. As for a brooder, some farmers prefer hens for hatching, and giving the chicks of two or three hens to one hen for rearing."

Mrs. S. - "In one year's experience, our hen's averaged the cost of \$1.00 apiece for food, and we gained \$1.00 apiece in eggs and poultry sold above expense."

Bro. B. - "My 18 hens netted \$24.00 one year, above cost."

Sister S. - "Red caps are the best layers."

Bro. H. - "I have a flock of Brown Leghorns, and they are not for sale or exchange. From 44 Leghorn hens, we have netted \$83.00 in one year."

Bro. L. explained how that the importation of eggs had been greatly lessened since the passing of the McKinley Bill. In reference to the banishing of roosters from the poultry yard when keeping hens for eggs, he said - "An old gentleman declared that he kept 10 hens and 11 roosters, and never had so many eggs in his life!" and closed by saying that "Every one must learn from the school of experience, and work out the problem of profitable poultry keeping for himself."

Bro. Stark - "The egg industry is increasing; but one cannot always succeed in the same business as another. I would rather keep a pig than two Plymouth Rocks. Some will not succeed in poultry keeping."

In the suggestions that followed, fresh meat, bones, scraps, wheat, warm quarters and plenty of exercise were suggested in rapid succession, as aids to winter prosperity in eggs. Such discussions in any farmers' organization must be productive of great good to those who are anxious to make poultry profitable.

Have plenty of lettuce grown for summer feeding to confined poultry. - Farm Journal.

Give your fowls plenty of cold water every day through the hot weather. Sour milk and buttermilk, if you have it. A handful of wheat bran to every pint of sour milk will be excellent for the egg supply.

To break up the setting hens or "clucks," build a small yard with a shed-like shelter in it; then loosen up the earth, so that they will have an inducement to exercise in scratching, and they will soon forget how to cluck.

The chick that is strong, growthy, hardy and active from the shell onward is the one to keep for breeding. Keep an eye on the broods and mark the best youngsters early. - Farm Journal.

The Quiet House.

O mothers, worn and weary With cares which never cease, With never time for pleasure, With days that have no peace...

The house is all in order And free from tiresome noise, No moments of confusion, No scattered, broken toys;

And she, the sad-eyed mother - What would she give to-day To feel your cares and burdens, To walk your weary way!

School Government.

[For the Patron and Gleaser.]

Much has been said and written in regard to teaching, and the various modes of furnishing the mind with useful knowledge, which may be termed the door to education; but the key that unlocks the door for the teacher's entrance upon such duties, has been more lightly handled.

Abuse will never lead one over difficult paths, neither will its influence tender the spirits, but only create hatred for the teacher which ought by no means to exist, therefore, it is wholly detrimental to a growth in good habits, and crowd out clear thoughts which ought to rule the mind, and should in every case be kept out of the school room.

Encouragement should take the place of abuse. The very hardest heart of a child will be easier softened, or the roughest passion subdued by gentleness, rather than harshness. In many cases such stubbornness is effected by ill-treatment at home; place such conditions at school, encourage them to improve, help them along by gentle instruction, make them believe that there is a spark of nobility about them, and I dare say that spark will begin to kindle and show its light insomuch that others will discover a change in said dispositions, and it may be that light will effect a change in their surroundings.

Another plan for securing good order is this - keep pupils busy; keep their thoughts alive with something that is entertaining to them; avoid monotony by giving them a change when needful. Again, teachers ought to create in the pupils a pride, a taste for good order, and it will not be long before they will realize that it is more noble to be orderly than corrupt.

To bring about good school discipline a teacher's characteristics must be morality, punctuality, self-control, patience, meekness, forbearance, longsuffering, "forgiving one another as Christ also hath forgiven us."

"Speak gently, it is better far To rule by love than fear. Speak gently, let no harsh words Mar the good we might do here."

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