

THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

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

EDITED BY MRS. M. H. RICE.

Poultry as Drunkards.

It would seem that intemperance in the human family is shameful enough to contemplate and consider; but I could hardly credit the assertion of an experienced poultryer recently, when he said that fowls would drink from the foulest mud-hole every time, even though clean water was provided—when the filthy habit was once established!

He gave the following experience worthy of consideration by every keeper of poultry. Having a well selected flock of over one hundred fowls, in the winter season; they commenced dying off without any known cause.

Determined to discover the reason of their ailment and then remove it, he commenced a thorough investigation of the habits of his fowls by watching them. His barn yard was of an uneven surface, and near the cleanings of the horse stable, a large pool of drainings and rain water had accumulated. He soon found that the fowls invariably sought drink at this large puddle of accumulations, presumably from a cultivated love for the ammonia found in those waters.

They would stand and drink, and drink again, until their crops were distended to an incredible size, of course leaving no space for solid nourishment. When held up by their feet, the poisonous, filthy fluid would flow from their throats in streams; and when their crops were opened for examination, they emitted a stench therefrom simply unbearable; and it was found that the ammonia of the liquid poison had literally eaten away the coatings of their stomachs; and alcoholized like the drunkard with his cups, the poor, ignorant fowls had actually drank themselves to death! Moral—Remove the saloons of mud puddles and groggeries, thus saving our fowls and men from dying drunkards.

Turkeys do best if kept and fed separate from other fowls.

A little four year old city boy had heard stories of goblins. Being in the country, he came from a call much delighted, and exclaimed—"Dan Ma! Miss Fillickens has a turkey sitting on goblin's eggs!"

Hard-shelled eggs are considered as best for producing vigorous chicks.

A cross of Indian Games with Brown Leghorns is said to result very satisfactory.

If some of the fowls are always ready for market, advantage can be taken of good prices.

Skim milk, butter and whey, mixed with bran and cornmeal—one-third cornmeal and two-thirds bran may be freely used for the laying hens.

Rattling in the throat is caused by exposure to draughts. To cure it, mix 1 part of spirits of turpentine with 4 parts of sweet oil, and administer ten drops daily.

The only way we know of to prevent gaps is to keep the young broods on new land where affected chicks have never ranged. It is a help to keep the chickens on dry floors and out of grass wet with dew or rain. Many assert that heavy applications of lime to the soil where the chicks run, is a preventive. All preventatives will sometimes fail.

Hens' teeth are in their gizzard. Unless this is full of grit they cannot masticate their food. The snut-in cocks and chicks should have sharp grit furnished them, those that have free range can look out for themselves.

Sunday School Convention of the West Chowan Association.

This body meets at Robert's Chapel, July 27-29.

Our Sunday Schools are entitled to representation on the following basis: Superintendents, by virtue of office, are delegates. Every school is entitled to one delegate for each fifty members or fraction thereof.

Provided 1. No school shall have more than three delegates.

2. Delegates shall be members of a Baptist church.

PROGRAMME.

FRIDAY 11 A. M.

Sermon by B. Craig, alternate M. L. Green.

Organization.

FRIDAY P. M.

Discussion of Practical Subjects.

1. What Scriptural Authority is There for Sunday School work?—D. E. Modlin and G. C. Picot.

2. To What Extent Should Denominational Doctrines and Practices be Taught in Baptist Sunday Schools?—B. P. Thomas and W. C. Parker.

SATURDAY A. M.

2. Can a Pastor be Less Than a Model for his People in Devotion to the Sunday School Work of his Church Without Great Guilt?—A. W. Early and Henry Miller.

4. Can a Church Member Withhold his Influence and Aid From the Sunday School Work of his Church Without Personal loss and guilt?—W. P. Shaw and B. S. Gay.

5. The Infant Department: Its importance, Location, and Management—P. C. Jenkins and J. P. Freeman.

SATURDAY P. M.

6. What are the Essential Qualifications of a Good Superintendent?—John Carstarphen and J. W. Fleetwood.

7. What are the Essential Qualifications of a Good Sunday School Teacher?—J. B. Brewer and C. W. Mitchell.

SUNDAY 10 A. M.

8. How may the Adult Population be More Generally Induced to Engage in the Study of the Bible?—D. Cale, J. B. Boone and A. Cree.

11 a. m. Sermon by L. M. Curtis, Alternate A. Cree.

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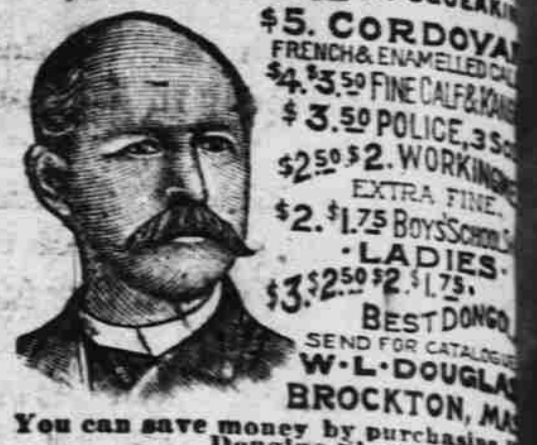
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