

THE POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

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

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Sitting and Setting.

Finding the following unique article on the proper use of the words—*sitting and setting* in the July number of The Florida Ruralist, I hereby transcribe it for the readers of the PATRON AND GLEANER.

We frequently see in the Poultry articles the expression—*sitting* of hens. You cannot sit a hen. A hen can sit, but you cannot sit her. An individual can sit, but cannot set. A mother can, and often does, set a chick down hard, but cannot sit a child down in any such way. A woman can set dishes on the table, or a bucket or a tub on the bench, but could not sit them there. You could set a child on a horse but could not sit him there, grammatically. A very simple rule will enable one to use the terms sit and set, and sitting and setting correctly. When the action applies to yourself, the term sit and sitting is the correct expression. When applied to another, or to an object or thing, the terms set and setting are the proper ones.

If you are placing yourself on a chair, or a hen on a nest of eggs, or a dish on the table, you are setting the object in its place. A remembrance of this rule and its proper observance, will correct the misuse of the term so common in print.

"An ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure." Keeping the chicken house clean, and preventing the introduction of vermin is much easier than dislodging them when they have possession, and have partially destroyed a part of the brood.

Put refuse tobacco stems or leaves or dust in the nests of your setting or laying hens to keep away lice.

The White Wyndottes are better all the year layers than the Silver Spangled Hamburgs.

At the Poultry Show. (*Facts with upknots parted in the middle*). Father—Do you know what kind of chickens those are, Willy?

Willy (without hesitation)—Yes, they're *dude* chickens.

Father. (in surprise)—*Dude* chickens?

Willy—Yes; don't you see how they've got their hair cut?—Puck.

A dish of corn meal and lard mixed with a spoonful of "Rough on Rats," placed under the floor of the hen house where the cat cannot reach it, or the chickens either, may finish those old wharfars that dig runs under your chicken coops, and drag the precious little ones down through the holes to be massacred.

A hen house built high enough to admit a lower story about two feet high for a dust bath in cold weather, increases the yield of eggs and aids largely in keeping the fowls in good health.

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The only counties from which there are no applicants are Brunswick, Dare, Hyde, Pender and Perquimans in the east, and Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Mitchell, Swain, Yancey in the west—eleven in number.

This lack of accommodations is much to be regretted and should be remedied by the next Legislature. More dormitories and other buildings are badly needed and the money necessary for erecting them should be appropriated at the earliest possible date. It is a pity that young women who are anxious to avail themselves of the advantages offered by this popular institution should have to be turned away because of a lack of house room.

The value of such institutions as the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh and the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro cannot be overestimated. Whether we realize it or not the struggle for life is daily growing more desperate and the chance to earn a living becoming more difficult. The rudiments of an education are easy to obtain, being taught in the public schools throughout the land. But it is the province of these institutions to teach them to put this knowledge to practical use and make it a means of earning their daily bread. They are doing their work well.

A Boy's Essay on Tobacco.

Tobacco grows something like cabbage, but I never saw none cooked. I have heard men say that cigars that was given them election days for nothing was mostly cabbage leaves. Tobacco stores are mostly kept by wooden Injuns, who stand at the door and fool little boys by offering them a bunch of cigars which is glued into the Injun's hands, and is made of wood also. I tried to smoke a cigar once, and I felt like Epsom salt.

Tobacco was invented by a man named Walter Raleigh. When the people first saw him smoking they thought he was a steamboat, and were frightened. My sister Nancy is a girl. I don't know whether she likes tobacco or not. There is a young man named Leroy, who comes to see her. I guess she likes Leroy.

He was standing on the steps one night, and he had a cigar in his mouth, and he said he didn't know as she would like it, and she said, "Leroy, the perfume is agreeable." But when my big brother lighted his pipe, Nancy said, "Get out of this house, you horrid creature; the smell of tobacco makes me sick." Snuff is injun meal made out of tobacco. I took a little snuff once, and then I sneezed.—Ex.

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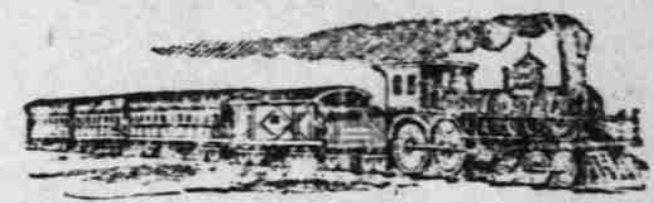
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