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The Hobby of Pigeon Raising

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In writing upon this subject I wish to emphasize what appeals to me as a great danger. Is the idea of home life, of making and having homes, losing its hold upon us as a nation?

There are many who have become interested in pigeons as a hobby, and some have become interested in them as a business.

In the great rush of modern times and the establishment of great business enterprises the tendency is always to draw people away from their homes.

There is no doubt, for it has been often proved, that the pigeon hobby is one of the greatest of all hobbies.

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SIDE SPRINGS

Rev. C. W. Erwin, pastor of Mulberry Presbyterian church, five miles west of Charlotte is one of the most enthusiastic poultry breeders in the county.

Has the hot weather melted the enthusiasm of the members of the Southeastern Poultry Association?

The first poultry show ever held in America was at Boston, Mass., in 1849.

By all means every poultry fancier should exhibit at the State fair.

Don't let up on fighting lice and mites.

The birds should be sorted early, deformities and undesirable disposed of, sitting hens not allowed to carry over.

Fowls, old and young, need now especially good care. The old, to replenish the vitality lost during the breeding season.

Encourage the young folks to tend the fowls more than the farmer boy.

Coax the young stock to come near to you by casting them some corn occasionally.

A contented fowl grows the fastest.

Some duck raisers put lanterns in their duck runs at night to prevent the ducks from getting frightened.

Don't spoil your reputation at the grocery by marketing spoiled eggs.

Save all of the pullets as eggs are bound to sell at high prices this winter.

FEEDING OF YOUNG FOWL REGULARLY

When young fowls are not fed regularly they are apt to gorge themselves when they get a chance and this brings on indigestion.

When fowls which have been kept on a small run, get out onto a range, they are apt to be very greedy for the grass and grab it in such mouthfuls that they swallow long pieces.

When a fowl is crop bound and you have failed to notice it for a day or two it is difficult to relieve it because the food in the crop has become sour and the best way is an operation.

NOBILITY OF LABOR

There is nobility in the labor of raising fowls, just the same as there is in any other labor.

From this class comes our great editors, statesmen, professors, artists, artisans and inventors.

It is used to be common for people to turn up their noses at the mention of chicken raising.

Market your eggs while fresh.

SEPTEMBER IN THE POULTRY YARD

Begin to plan for winter so that you will allow enough room for your flock.

Darkened nests will do much toward preventing the egg-eating habit.

Let flocks have space on the ground covered with litter, and keep them in a state of activity by throwing Scratch Feed on the litter three times a day.

Notice with what pleasure a hen scratches among the forest leaves.

A damp piece of cheese cloth with warm water is good for cleaning stained eggs.

Some of the early hatched cockerels are getting bothersome and restless.

Keep a close lookout for eggs laid in out-of-the-way places.

No poultry raised can afford to be without Chickie Chowder at this season of the year.

Let every breeder who can plan to make a good exhibit at their local fairs.

The moulting birds will require special feed and attention during this period.

A large exhibit of birds helps the variety.

Now is the time to commence preparing the birds for the show room.

In building a new poultry house, plan it to save labor in caring for the fowls.

A little tincture of iron in the drinking water is a good tonic and helps the color.

Wonder if it would be proper to call present day politics mongrels? they are so badly mixed.

CAPONIZE TO GET HIGHER PRICES

We heard the other day of a city lady who was inquiring where she could buy a pen of capons.

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Augusta, Ga., November 4-9.

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Atlanta, Ga., October 27-November 2 - C. O. Harwell, secretary.

Morganton, N. C., November 26-29 - D. F. Fony, secretary; Percy Cook and R. L. Simmons, judges.

Lincolnton, N. C., December 3-6 - R. L. Simmons, judge.

Falls Church, Va., December 3-5 - S. E. Euton, secretary; Charles T. Cornman, judge.

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Second cockerel, Virginia State Show, 1908, bred by A. M. Black, Tazewell, Va.

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bring out those qualities which make the good citizen. True, pigeon keeping is not the beginning and end of home life, but it turns one's thoughts in the right direction.

Notice, for example, the young man, a pigeon fancier, up with his birds in the morning, in his loft, feeding and watching his setting birds.

On the other hand, he who lives in a flat, because he has to eat and sleep and watch his setting birds.

When it is night home again hastens the fancier, and what a pleasure it is for him to sit in the loft and watch thing to him.

Idleness is the mother of many an evil. He who keeps pigeons has no time to idle or spend where he ought healthy.

When the chickens begin to perch they frequently put their roosting house where there are already a sufficient number of adult birds.

See, therefore, that your houses are properly ventilated, and not overcrowded.

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