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IN CONNECTION with our great "Diversification and Independence" series, we offer each week a prize of \$2.50 for the best experience letter any reader sends us on the subject discussed in that issue, and \$1 for each of the three next best letters that we publish, no matter how short. Following are the lists of subjects on which prize letters are wanted, together with the dates by which they should be mailed us:

Subject—Why We Should Not Pull Fodder This Year; How to Harvest the Corn Crop. Mail articles by June 10.
Subject—Getting Ready for the Fairs; How to Make the Exhibits and What May Be Learned from Them. Mail articles by June 17.

Mail articles in envelopes marked

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We also announce the following "Special Issue" of The Progressive Farmer to appear during the coming six weeks:

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THE POULTRY YARD

Poultry Notes for June

HOT weather brings a host of troubles for the poultryman, and it is well to take precautions against them. First of all, clean up! Droppings should be gathered daily, if possible, and stored in a suitable place. To preserve their fertilizing value, there is nothing better than to put alternate layers of ground rock phosphate with them. We keep floats on the dropping boards when we can get them. Spray buildings with a good whitewash, well medicated with kresol, creolin, or kerosene oil with a little carbolic acid added. This will kill mites and keep off lice.

This is a good time to prepare material for dust baths. Road dust, well dried and screened, should be secured and a season's supply stored in dry place. To make a good dust bath, mix quantity needed, one half road dust, one-fourth tobacco dust, one-fourth air-slaked lime, with one ounce carbolic acid to the peck of lime. Mix all thoroughly and screen.

Look out for musty, mouldy bran, mash or grain feeds. Where dampness in feeds is suspected it is a good plan to heat them thoroughly in an oven, then cool in the open.

Now if ever poultry must have plenty of green feed. If you have not good grassy runs, or patches of rape, rye or young oats, try sprouted oats if you can. If not, then give them cabbage, lettuce, beets or other good vegetables.

Corn is a good feed, at times, but not at this season. It is too heating. Increase the wheat, oats, bran, and barley—and reduce the corn to one-third the winter ration. This, as a matter of course, means for breeders and layers, not for fattening.

Shade for poultry is as necessary as for any other bird or animal. If your runs are not provided with shade, make them shelters—temporary roofs two to three feet from the ground, open on all sides. The birds will show their appreciation.

Pure, clean, cool water should be in ample supply, and always in a sheltered place, where the sun cannot heat it and rain will not interfere. Water vessels should be cleaned and refilled at least twice a day.

Be on the look out for bodies of dead birds, or decaying meats. They attract vermin of all kinds, and if the chickens get at them you invite limberneck trouble. Bury all such things deep. If any birds are dead from disease, burn them.

This is the season of all, when poultry runs should be spaded or plowed deep and well limed. It is cheaper to prevent disease by proper sanitation than it is to cure diseases that become epidemic.

By all means avoid crowding young chicks in brooders or coops. Give them plenty of room and plenty of air at night if you wish strong, healthy, vigorous chicks.

As the early chicks grow, put them in colony coops, on good sheltered runs,—a good orchard is a fine place.

As soon as you can surely tell the cockerels from the pullets, you should plan for separate runs for them. There is much lost in growth and development, and nothing gained in letting your males and females run together before time for mating up, and as pullet's eggs are not desirable for hatching, the mating can well be delayed until pullets have laid, say two months.

F. J. R.

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