



"PRACTICAL POULTRY TALKS"



OCTOBER IN THE POULTRY YARD.

Messrs. Editors: October is here—"glorious October"—with its burden of ripe harvest and the glory of its turning leaves. Now is the time to gather up these fading and falling leaves. Though they seem to be the refuse of the year, and many people delight to see them go up in smoke, yet for the poultry fancier these leaves have a value if collected and stored away in the dry, for they make excellent scratching material for the hens when the cold days of winter come on. Good are they to scatter grain among, to keep the hens in good exercise, working as it were for a living. The hen that will not work should not be allowed to eat, for she will not lay.

Make Your Poultry Comfortable These Cool Nights.

The nights now are cool and the chickens need special looking after. See that they are not allowed to roost on the ground, and that they have some more comfortable place to roost than in the trees. Chickens should not be allowed to learn the habit of roosting in the trees at any time of the year. One reason is that it is detrimental to the chickens, and another is that in due time it will injure the trees. A great many farmers allow their chickens to roost in the trees until some morning they go out and see the ground, chickens and tree covered with snow (does it make you shiver?), and then they begin to bestir themselves to get their chickens into winter quarters. Then they want to economize space, and the final result is, that they are unable to make their poultry pay during the winter months. A great many inherit this idea from their forefathers that the poultry-keeping industry is a go-as-you-please thing, and it seems hard to get the idea out of them.

Encourage Your Early Pullets.

The earliest pullets ought to be laying now, or soon will be. Encourage them to do so by judicious feed-

A Plea for the Farmer's Wife.

Most important of all, I want to say a special word on behalf of the one who is too often the very hardest worked laborer on the farm—the farmer's wife. Reform, like charity, while it should not end at home, should certainly begin there; and the man, whether he lives on a farm or in a town, who is anxious to see better social and economic conditions prevail through the country at large, should be exceedingly careful that they prevail first as regards his own womankind. I emphatically believe the really indispensable industry in which they should engage is the industry of the home. There are exceptions, of course; but exactly as the first duty of the normal man is the duty of being the home-maker, so the first duty of the normal woman is to be the home-keeper; and exactly as no other learning is as important for the average man as the learning which will teach him how to make his livelihood, so no other learning is as important for the average woman as the learning which will make her a good housewife and mother. But this does not mean that she should be an overworked drudge. I have hearty sympathy with the movement to better the condition of

ing, unless you have a select few that you wish to exhibit at the Fair and desire to have them reach the greatest possible size, and be in the finest condition at that time. A pullet is at her best for show purposes just before she begins to lay. She then looks neat and trim, her comb reddening, but not overgrown; her plumage bright and unsoiled, and her eyes sparkling. Now, do all of you who have standard-bred poultry send a pair or pen to some one, or all, of the seven or eight Fairs to be held in the State this month. Then you who are fortunate enough to capture the blue or any other color, let's all meet together in January, 1908, at Durham, N. C., at the Fifth Annual State Poultry Association meet.

Write Mr. J. S. Jeffrey, Raleigh, N. C., about this; he will give you all information.

Kill Off Unprofitable Layers.

Moulting among poultry is now almost general, and the poultryman should know something about it and act accordingly. Hens, as a rule, do not lay when moulting. Some do, but stop after they get through in order to have a rest from the heavy drain upon their system. Unless they are yearlings, or are exceptionally good layers, they should be killed off ere the moulting season begins. Do the deed before they begin to moult. Old hens do not lay well, as a rule, and where eggs is the great desideratum, they should be killed off. A late moulter seldom gets down to business before the winter is well over, whereas one that moults early is likely to lay through late fall and winter and prove very profitable to keep. Hens as they grow old usually moult later and later each year, and it does not pay to keep them.

Young stock should also be culled this month. There are always some that do not come quite up to the standard, and now is the time to detect their bad qualities.

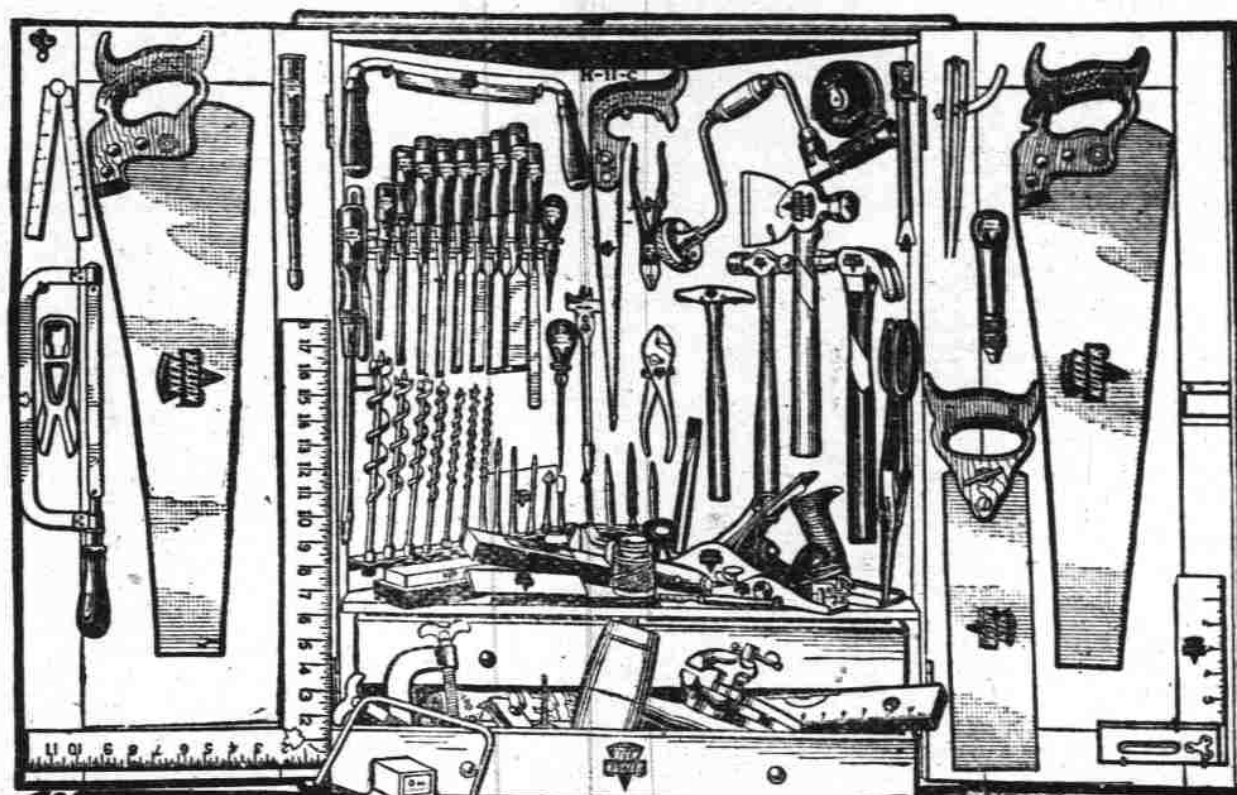
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the average tiller of the soil, of the average wage-worker, and I have an even heartier sympathy and applause for the movement which is to better the condition of their respective wives. There is plenty that is hard and rough and disagreeable in the necessary work of actual life; and under the best circumstances and no matter how tender and considerate the husband, the wife will have at least her full share of work and worry and anxiety; but if the man is worth his salt he will try to take as much as possible of the burden off the shoulders of his helpmate.—From President Roosevelt's speech at Lansing, Mich., May 31, 1907.

Trees for Small Lawns.

I have been asked to give a list of trees of medium size suitable for planting on small lots. I would name: Cut-leaved birch, mountain ash, purple-leaved beech; the flowering crab, and cornus florida, or white-flowered dog-wood. The best evergreens for general use are the three spruces, Colorado blue, Norway, and hemlock.—From "The Making of a Country Home," by Eben E. Rexford, in the Outing Magazine for May.



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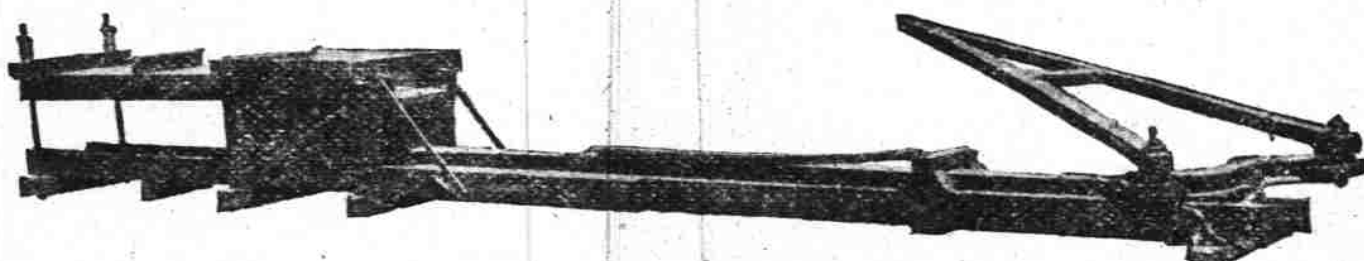
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