

★ THE POULTRY YARD. ★

October Poultry Notes.

Are your houses tight so that on these chilly nights the fowls will not suffer? Look after those old knot holes and cracks. Cover them up, or else roup will be the result.

The cold October rains do not help make the pullets grow, so provide shelter and wind-breaks for them. It is far better to keep them stopped up in their roosting and exercising room than to let them run around in cold, rainy weather.

Just because the weather has become slightly cooler, do not for one time think that the lice have gone out of business. They are there yet and it does not take many of them either to absorb all of the profits. Go after them. Provide dust boxes. Keep on whitewashing.

October nights are cool and the fowls need a little better protection just now. Close up all of the sides tight, but the south. Leave the south side open or partly so. Cover with woven wire and provide a curtain to let down in cold or rainy weather.

Before getting the pullets into their winter quarters, give the houses a good cleaning. Get rid of the filth and lice by giving the house a coat of whitewash inside and out. Burn up all of the old nest boxes, they make good kindling wood. Provide new

ones and fresh nesting material. The pullets will appreciate it, and you know eggs and mites never come together.

Now is the time to get the pullets into the new roosting rooms. Get them in before they begin to lay and then the moving will not check their laying. Give them plenty of room, and plenty of fresh air. Supply a variety of good sound food and "Bid-dy" will fill the egg basket and from the way eggs are selling now they will soon fill your pocket.

Many poultry diseases are caused by crowding in roosting quarters. As the cold weather approaches we some times put too many birds into one house and then close it up tight with the result that they get over-heated during the night and when they emerge into the cold frosty morning air with the pores open a deep cold is the result.

Cull closely and send them to market. One bad bird in a pen does a lot of damage in looks to the rest of the birds. Remember these same pullets will be your breeders next year, so watch them closely and pick out those that are the most vigorous and the heaviest layers. Look over the cockerels and cull them again. An extra cock or cockerel eats up lots of good feed that could easily be turned into eggs.

C. P. MILLER.

HELPS TO EASIER WASHING.

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we usually rinse by hand, beginning as soon as the first machineful is through the second time, and by the time the colored clothes are washed the white ones are on the line, clear and white enough to satisfy the most fastidious. If the washing is done by one person, the rinsing water is put in the machine, and they are rinsed as they are washed. Either way the work is done so much more quickly than on the board, and we would not know how to get along without our "1900 Washing Machine."

MRS. C. S. EVERTS.

How to Soften Hard Water.

Dear Aunt Mary: No woman should attempt to use hard water for laundry purposes with having first broken it with some chemical. Soap used in hard water is wasted, and the clothing gets a gray dingy color and a still, hard "feel." The lime in the water kills the soap. One of the best and least expensive compounds for breaking hard water is a mixture of powdered borax and alum—3 parts of borax to 1 part alum. The powdered borax will cost about 12 cents a pound—less in bulk; the alum will cost about 5 cents a pound, and a pound of each will last a long time, and will be found useful in many ways about the housekeeping.

Mix in the above proportions—3 parts powdered borax to 1 part powdered alum, sifting and mixing thoroughly—and put into a wide-mouthed bottle, and cork for future use. On wash days, dissolve four ounces of this mixture in a little warm water, and add this amount to each ten gallons of water to be used, stirring well. The water will "curdle," and if left to stand a few hours, the impurities will all settle to the bottom of the tub or barrel, and the clear, soft water should be carefully pour-

ed off. By having two barrels, one barrelful will be "softening" while the other is being used.

Try this with a good washing machine and wringer, and wash days will lose their terrors, even for a weak woman. Do not hesitate to ask "John" or the children to help you out by running the washing machine.

"ST. LOUIS."

To Keep Clothes White.

Dear Aunt Mary: Never boil them with any kind of soap except the common, old-fashioned green soap. In making the starch, instead of making a batter of flour, take flour and water and make a lump of stiff dough. Then take a little water in a bowl and wash the white part out of the dough. The yellow, gummy part that is left is what tends to make clothes yellow. MRS. L. S.

Paraffin a Help to Easy Washing.

Dear Aunt Mary: Monday being always a day of odd jobs, picking up and putting away after Sunday's church-going or visiting, I never wash on Monday, as so many do. I put the clothes in soak late Monday afternoon, rubbing soap on all the dirty places. I cut up a pound cake of paraffin in 20 pieces. I take one piece of the paraffin, and one bar of laundry soap, cut up both in small pieces, put in a boiler with two or three quarts of water. Boil till all is dissolved, then add to the water in which I intend to boil my clothes. I wring the clothes out of the cold water and boil 20 minutes, take them out, rub out of first water and rinse. They are beautifully clean and white, and the washing can be done in half the time it requires to rub out before boiling.

I make my starch while cooking breakfast on wash day, and as I rinse the clothes I wring out of starch and

hang out. As I bring them in I fold them, putting away sheets and every-day underclothes in their proper places, and the rest I iron early Wednesday morning, letting all the other work go that I can in order to finish the hard job first.

MRS. D. H. RUST.

Some Helps in Removing Stains and Soils.

Dear Aunt Mary: Tuesday I prefer for laundry work. On Monday the clothes are carefully sorted; the table linen and the garments that have fruit stains on them have boiling water poured through them and then the spots are gone. Those that have iron rust have rubbed on the rust either lemon and salt or cream of tartar and are laid in the sun to dry. Dainty garments, that without the "stitch in time" would come out of the wash in tatters, are mended.

The pieces that are badly soiled have rubbed over them a washing fluid made of equal measures of soft soap and lye with one-fourth their amount of sal soda added (this is kept in a jar and is better with age). They are then put in cold water to soak. Next morning put into the boiler in cold water; boil briskly for 20 minutes and rinse through three waters; they should come out snow white. A very useful home-made washer is made of a 10-inch agate or tin cake pan with tube; turn it upside down and put a straight handle

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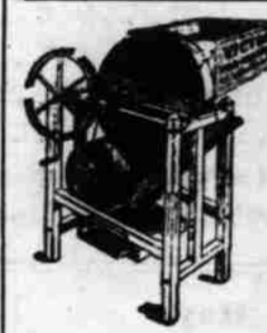
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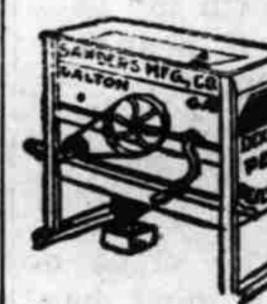
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