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PRACTICAL ADVICE ABOUT DIVERSIFIED FARMING

Care For Young Chicks.

Without doubt, the dry method is the easiest, safest and most economical method of feeding small chicks. It is always a risk to the health of young birds to feed moist mash. Experienced poultrymen have obtained very good results from feeding raw or cooked mashes, but it will be wisest course for the beginner to confine himself to the dry method, using sound, sweet grain.

The chicks should be kept confined close to the mother hen for the first two or three days. For the first two or three weeks the hen should be kept shut up in the coop, letting the chicks run free. Keep fresh water in a clean drinking fountain where the hen and chicks can reach it, also keep before the chicks at all times a supply of chick-size grit, granulated bone and charcoal. Scatter a little commercial chick food in some fine litter and let them scratch for it. Feed four or five times daily, but do not feed so much at one time that they are not willing to scratch when the next feeding time comes.

After ten or fifteen days the chicks may be gradually weaned from the chick food, and cracked corn and wheat fed in its place. If possible, always have a grass run, or if that is not obtainable, give a substitute such as cut clover, alfalfa, sprouted oats, or cabbage.

It is very natural that chicks as well as human beings should tire of one bill of fare day after day, so it is necessary to supply some supplementary feed to stimulate the appetite and to prevent the chicks from getting off their feed. For this there is nothing better than cooked wheat or cracked rice. The grain should be boiled thoroughly, first seasoning the water slightly with salt. Boil until the grains are very soft and almost all the water has evaporated. Do not stir any more than necessary while cooking, as it is desired to have the grains as whole as possible. This food should be allowed to cool before feeding. When ready to feed remove the amount you intend to give the chicks and sprinkle a little bone or beef meal over it, bone meal preferable. Feed on clean boards and spread sufficiently to give all chicks free access to it without having to trample all over the food. Give as much of this food as they will clean up in from fifteen to twenty minutes. Remember to keep fresh water before the chicks all the time, and keep the drinking fountains clean.—R. R. Roberts.

Orchard Cover Crops.

The tests made at the Experiment Station during the past five years and reported, show conclusively that young, rapidly growing peach trees are made hardier in wood and fruit buds by the use of a cover crop that will, by drying the ground somewhat in late summer, check the growth of the trees and cause them to mature their wood properly before the advent of freezing weather.

Cover crops that survive the winter, rye, for instance, are detrimental to orchards, as they dry the ground excessively in spring when the trees need abundant moisture. Cover crops that are killed by the early frosts are better than those that live later, because, as soon as killed, they stop drying the soil, catch fall rains, and check evaporation. For the past seven years, at the time winter has set in, the ground in the Experiment Station orchards has been as moist in the plots that grew frost-killed cover crops as in the plots that received thorough cultivation throughout the fall. Cover crops that live until killed by severe freezing weather, oats, for instance, sometimes keep the ground so dry that there is danger of serious injury to tender roots should the following winter be very cold.

Vegetation that stands erect does not furnish as good direct protection against severe freezing of the ground as crops that mat down like a litter mulch. Cornstalks, for instance, afford little protection against freezing when there is no snow, while a cover of oats furnishes considerable protection under similar conditions. Cornstalks and other vegetation that stands fairly erect hold drifting snow very well, thereby furnishing excellent indirect protection.

Millet, cane and corn were the best of the cover crops tried at the Experiment Station. Millet is the best of all, except for the fact that, when sown the latter part of July, it sometimes ripens seed enough to cause trouble the following summer.—R. A. Emerson, in Southern Fruit Grower.

Soil Capillarity.

Water in the soil is drawn to the surface by what is known as capillary action. An example of the working of this capillary force can be obtained when open tubes, having a very small bore, are placed in a vessel of water or other liquid. It will be seen that the level of the liquid

Water in the Tube.

In the tube has risen higher than the general surface in the vessel. Similarly, if a piece of loaf sugar is placed upon a saucer containing a small quantity of water, so that only a fraction of the sugar is immersed, the liquid will be observed to mount rapidly through the substance of the sugar, until the whole piece is saturated. The ascent of the water is also due to the working of capillary force, and water in the soil rises to the surface in the same way. The following notes are extracted from an article on this subject, which is one of great importance to the practical cultivator, that lately appeared in the American Journal of Agriculture:

Water deep down in the soil is attracted and drawn to the surface of the soil grains there, the soil particles above them attract and draw the water to themselves and up till it reaches the surface. Once at the surface, the air claims the water and it is taken away from the soil by evaporation.

Soil particles not only have the power of drawing water to themselves, but of holding it as well. By a simple mathematical law, the smaller the particle the greater proportional surface it has, hence the finer the particles are, the more water a given soil is capable of holding. Also, the closer together the soil grains are the more retentive is the soil of moisture. For this last reason deep plowing for breaking up large masses into fine grains, and heavy packing to bring these grains into close contact, are employed in dry farming operations, and may be adopted in any region, in dry times, to make deep soil hold large amounts of water.

The practical application of the principles of soil capillarity consists in first loosening the soil to as great depths as possible for creating large surfaces of exposure, allowing the soil to catch and imbibe as much water as possible, if it be not already saturated, and then stirring the surface frequently to prevent loss from above. The farmer who understands fully the laws of capillary action and so handles his soil as to receive and retain large amounts of moisture has mastered one of the greatest points of successful farming.—Agricultural News.

Lawns For the Farms.

Why should not farm houses be surrounded by well kept lawns? Of late years farmers are taking more interest in their home surroundings than they did a decade or two ago. Many a farm house nowadays is adorned by a neatly kept lawn and the only fault that can be found is that there are not more attractive farm homes. It was, until recently, the practice to have barns for the care of live stock much more comfortable and attractive than the dwelling house of the family. In order to have a nice lawn it is not necessary to attempt extensive landscape gardening. The life of a lawn is the mower, and the lawn must be mowed because it kills out the weeds and stimulates the growth of the grass. If there are not already old forest trees on the home place, some variety of trees should be set out, the kind depending upon the latitude and climatic conditions. Fruit trees may be advantageously raised on the country lawn, and they will serve two purposes, as they furnish both shade and fruit. The lawn should have a few walks with flower beds and shrubs to make it more attractive. There are many kinds of roses and shrubs that can be grown almost anywhere. During the winter months plans may be made for the laying out of the lawn and for the planting of the flowers.

To Waterproof Cloth For Hot Beds.

Lined oil, one quart; acetate of lead (sugar of lead), one ounce; rosins, pulverized, one ounce. Dissolve thoroughly in iron kettle over a gentle fire. With flat brush apply hot, to yard wide muslin tacked to 3x6 frames. The mixture renders the muslin airtight and nearly transparent. The cost is about one-eighth as much as glass and the loss under such covering is never serious.

Government Experiment.

The farmers of the country surrounding Shreveport will this year plant 250 acres in peanuts, at the instigation of government officials, who have recently come South for the purpose of testing the value of the peanut as a producer of fine oils. The cotton seed oil mills, which are usually idle during the spring and summer months, will be equipped for the experiment.—Beaumont Journal.

Look Out For Bumble Foot.

This is a good time to examine the feet of your old birds, and if you find they are in bad condition take steps to cure them. Your cock birds especially are apt to get bumble foot and other foot and leg troubles, and a little care just now may discover these in their incipency, when they can be quickly and easily cured.

Witty Sayings.

There is one thing that should be said to the credit of the boys; they never pretend to like people they dislike.

There are but two classes of people in the world just before an election: The angels who belong to your party, and the devils on the other side.

Some men will take an awful lot of abuse to keep from paying their bills.

Pointed Paragraphs.

A pup is as friendly as an candidate two days before election.

Every man makes a different noise when he sneezes.

We used to think that big railroad men were about the smartest things that ever drew the breath of life, but lately we are catching them in a lot of fool things.

There are many occasions to say human nature should be changed, but you can't change it.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

A bitter discussion is aroused over the relations of Germany and England.

Emperor Nicholas repealed restrictions regarding the marriage of Russian officers.

President Taft has decided that the entire tariff question must be settled at once.

James A. Patten advocated removing the duty on wheat, declaring it would not affect prices.

The National Association of Master Bakers protested to Congress against speculation in food products.

It was stated in Washington, D. C., that a bolt of Republicans in the Senate may result in the passage of an income tax bill.

Several rheumatic patients in Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, were so greatly benefited by the bee-stinging treatment as to be able to go home.

Expansion of its retail tobacco trade by one hundred to two hundred new shops in New York City was announced by the United Cigar Stores Company.

The London Economist, in an article on the wheat situation in America, supports the view of J. J. Hill that the high price is due to the world's demand.

A decision to allow the Republicans to take entire charge of the tariff bill, thereby assuming full responsibility for the measure, was reached at a conference of Democratic Senators at Washington, D. C.

At a conference with the labor leaders in Washington, D. C., the President announced that he would conduct an investigation all summer with a view to a revision of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

FEMINE NEWS NOTES.

Emma Goldman has been judicially declared an alien.

The Czartiza will visit England, as the guest of the King and Queen, in an attempt to recover her health.

Through an oversight the name of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy was printed in a booklet of Calvary P. E. Church.

Miss Meredith, daughter of George Meredith, has demonstrated in England her ability to lead a municipal orchestra.

Dr. Clara M. Moore, of Denver, has been appointed physician of the woman's department of the State Hospital for the Insane at Pueblo.

Mrs. William Gould Brokaw, of New York City, in seeking alimony in her separation suit, asked that her husband's property be sequestered.

A club of little east side girls, New York City, whose funds were held up by the treasurer's mamma went to court and forced her to give up the money.

Mme. Castro was much annoyed by the refusal of the Venezuelan officials to let her land at La Guayra and urged them "to make hay while the sun shines."

A jury decided that Aurel Batonyi, of New York City, was entitled to a separation, and denied that his wife, who was Mrs. Burke-Roche, had ground for a divorce.

A jury in New York City awarded Miss Sophie Myers \$7000 damages against Carl Kaiser, who refused to marry her after cabling her a proposal of marriage to Honolulu.

French women have caused to be introduced in the Chamber of Deputies a bill abrogating the clause in the civil code declaring that the wife owes obedience to her husband.

Mme. Guglielmo Ferrero, wife of the Italian historian, visited this country for the purpose of inspecting the prisons and studying the life in the Italian quarters of different cities.

THESE AFFINITIES.
"You see," said the professor, "the science of chemistry depends on the discovery of certain affinities."
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—London Opinion.

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