

## Poultry Letter

Mr. Editor:

The Poultry World of last week contained such an excellent article intitled "Does Farm Poultry Pay," that I decided to give your readers the benefit of it. It clearly expresses what I would have written. The article is by A. E. Vandervort and is as follows: "We often hear some of our farmers say that their poultry does not pay—that they get very few eggs in the summer and none at all during the winter. If you will take the trouble to investigate the flocks of these farmers you will cease to wonder that their poultry does not pay them. It seems strange that the average farmer who will take good care of his cows, horses, pigs and sheep will let his flock of poultry shift for themselves, and not furnish them very much to shift on either. Usually their house is an old shed in too poor a condition to keep anything else in leaky roof, cracks in the side for ventilation, some old poles for perches, perhaps, not cleaned out once a year; a good breeding place for lice, but a poor place for poultry if you expect it to pay. Then his flock is mongrel breed all sizes, shapes and colors, and while this same farmer will take particular pains to get the best blood possible in his cattle and other live stock, he never thinks of improving the size or laying quality of his poultry as he should. Then for feeding in the summer, it is shift for themselves. This will probably do when the flock has plenty of free range, but in the winter it is about the same thing with corn added as the principal diet. No water except occasionally when they happen to think of it, but usually snow is good enough, and when there is no snow, go dry. Is it any wonder that this farmer's poultry does not pay?"

Now change this plan and take care of your poultry as you do your other stock, and see how quickly they respond to good treatment and become the best paying property you have on the farm. If you have not time yourself, turn them over to your wife, daughter or boy. Furnish them a good warm building where they can be kept clean; use judgment in feeding, give a variety of all kinds of grain, not too much corn except at night in winter. Have fresh water before them all the time—you will be surprised to see the amount of water they will drink, give them the scraps from the table and green vegetables chopped fine occasionally. The small potatoes boiled make an excellent feed for a change. Keep plenty of grit and oyster shells where they can get to it easily and a little charcoal also. Try this plan for a while, keep an account of all expenditures and receipts, and we will guarantee that your poultry will pay. Don't keep poor stock. It does not cost any more to feed a well-bred stock of Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, that will lay from seven to ten pounds each when matured, than it does to keep a scrub that will weigh from four to five pounds each. Sell the old stock for what they

will bring and start in right with a few full-blooded birds that you will be proud to see about the farm. At this season you can buy first class stock very reasonable, and now is the time to make your start. Remember that poultry does pay. The figures for the industry in the United States are almost beyond belief and seem incredible. Many poultry men have incomes from \$5,000 to \$20,000 annually and still many think poultry does not pay. They will return more for the amount invested than any other stock kept on the farm."

"UNCLE McCADDOO"

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### SECOND WEEK

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## DOUBLE MEANING OF AN ENGLISH WORD

By EDITH F. BAKER.  
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It was a sad day for Emery Blatchford when Fannie Ellsmere told him that she was engaged to Tom Edwards. And the girl who had chosen between these two young men did not choose wisely. Edwards never got on, while Blatchford, having one of those cheery dispositions that win people continually, found friends to drop plums into his mouth. And so it happened that while the former was spending what little his wife had when he married her the latter was prospering.

One year when the fall elections came round the managers of the party in power, fearing they would lose the fight, looked about for candidates who would be especially acceptable to the people. Among those they selected was Emery Blatchford, who was put up for sheriff and elected by an overwhelming majority.

Now, it happened that a year before this election Edwards had died, leaving his widow not only penniless, but with a chattel mortgage on her household effects, for the payment of even the interest on which there were no funds. One of the first duties devolving upon the newly elected sheriff was the serving of a writ upon Mrs. Edwards, which would deprive her of her only remaining possession, her furniture. When Blatchford came across this paper he sighed, put it in a pigeonhole, where, if he had had the power to keep it there, it would have remained till the crack of doom. Indeed he paid no further attention to it till the plaintiff in the case made such an ado about the delay that the sheriff was obliged to serve the writ.

He gave the paper to a deputy, but before the man had reached the door called him back. He couldn't bear that the unwelcome process should be enacted without being softened so far as possible. And to whom could he trust such softening but himself? Putting the document into his pocket, he waited till after office hours—indeed till a proper hour for calling in the evening, then went to the widow's cottage. He was received with some surprise. When he had last visited Mrs. Edwards she was Miss Ellsmere and had told him that she was engaged to his rival. Blatchford beat about the bush for an hour before he could bring himself to mention the all important subject. Then he said:

"I presume you know that judgment has been entered against you in the matter of the notes secured by chattel mortgage on your furniture?"

"Yes; I had no money with which to even try to save what I have left," she replied, wiping a tear from her eye.

"And you may know," the sheriff proceeded, "of the attachment I have for you."

A sudden checking of tears, a movement indicating that something important had caught the widow's attention, followed the sheriff's remark.

"I knew," she replied hesitatingly, "that you had an attachment for me—but I was not aware that it had endured."

"The attachment I have for you," he said gently, sympathetically, "is different from the one which you mention. It is a more practically important one. An attachment that—"

He was stilled. The widow essayed to help him.

"I can understand," she said, "the difference between the—the feeling one might have for a girl and that same feeling after all that has intervened between then and now. I, too, have come to understand myself better."

"The sheriff, instead of opening his legal document, opened his ears, to say nothing of his eyes. This, however, the widow did not see since her own eyes were bent on the floor, while her ears were strained to hear the expected declaration. Blatchford could not feel any certainty that he was either understood to be entering upon a proposal or that, if so, he was encouraged. He resolved upon one more effort to make clear the business on which he had come.

"This word attachment," he began—"this word attachment has different meanings. It is at once a legal term and—"

"I know," she sighed.

"I mean, too, a condition of the heart. My attachment for you is a warm, as deep, as unalterable as I ever was. Give me the right to stand as your protector."

Blatchford took her unresisting form into his arms, where she rested in happy contentment for some time without speaking. Finally she looked up into his face and said:

"Do you know that when you began to talk about the word attachment having a legal meaning, for a moment I was seized with an idea that you, being sheriff—"

"I being sheriff?"

"You having spoken about the horrid suit."

"Well?"

"That you were talking about that?"

"How could you suppose," he replied, drawing her closer to him, "that I would have anything to do with that matter unless, perhaps, to bring you some good news concerning it?"

"What good news?"

"Why, the plaintiff will renew the note."

"For what reason?"

"It will be indorsed."

"What's that?"

"It's the result of the attachment I was speaking to you about."

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