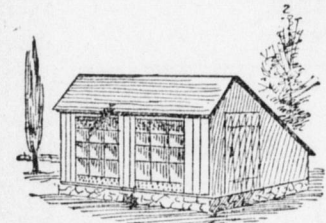




It Contains Some Improvements Which Add to the Convenience of the Caretaker.

Ornament in poultry houses should be desirable, especially if their construction is equally simple and cheap, and such are the points advocated for the one represented in the accompanying illustration.

The roosts are two feet high and all on the same level. The nests are



CONVENIENT POULTRY HOUSE.

plain, one-foot-square boxes, six inches deep, and scattered about the floor, but not under the roosts. The door has a fixed step a foot high, and hence does not open on the level of the outdoor step.

The dimensions of the building may be varied, of course, to accommodate the number of hens kept, one 18x8 feet being sufficient for 50 fowls.

The roosts should be made in a frame hinged to the back of the house, and rest at the front on posts; they can then be raised for the purpose of cleaning out from under them.

VARIETIES OF BEES.

Those Most in Favor in This Country Are the Cyprians, Italians and West Indians.

The Cyprians are the greatest honey gatherers on record. Their honey has a watery appearance, which is caused by the cells being filled so full that the capping rests on the honey.

Italian bees were first introduced into the United States direct from Italy, early in 1860, by a purchasing agent of the commissioner of agriculture.

The smallest bees known are natives of the West Indies. They build in the open air, fastening a single comb to the branch of a small tree or shrub.

Winter Care of Poultry. No one who does not take an interest in poultry can expect many eggs in cold weather or when the ground is covered with snow.

It pays to put your label on honestly packed good fruit.

A WORD ABOUT WORK.

If Some Farmers Would Labor Less and Attend to Business More They Would Prosper.

The farmer is a busy man if he is worthy of his occupation. So is every other man, no matter what his business in the world may be.

There is a nice problem confronting every business man. It is what and how much of the drudgery or detail of his business he shall attend to personally.

ECONOMY IN FEEDING.

How to Build a Low Platform That Will Check Loss of Corn Fed to the Hogs.

Large quantities of corn annually are wasted on many farms in the corn belt where hogs are fed, because they are fed on the ground instead of on a low platform.

Economy in the matter of feed is of great importance in any kind of feeding, and it will be particularly advisable this year in feeding corn to hogs to so dispense it as to prevent unnecessary loss.

Much of the corn given hogs is trampled into the ground, and thus escapes. Wherever they are fed considerable rooting will be done, and when rains come places are formed into which hundreds of kernels find their way.

We have suggested a low platform as a means of checking the loss indicated. It should be made of coarse oak lumber and be large enough to accommodate the number of hogs fed up to a large herd.

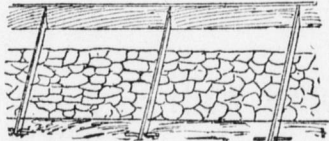
The platform should have a sort of rim on two or three sides to prevent the hogs from rolling or rooting the corn off, and the floor should be about three or four inches from the ground.

Hogs fed on this platform will get every grain of corn given them, and it will more than pay for itself in a short time.—Farmers' Voice.

BOARD ON STONE WALL.

A Valuable Hint for Localities Where Stone is Plentiful and Lumber Expensive.

Many pastures in the older parts of the country are bounded by stone walls which are seldom constructed so as to turn sheep, and not always cattle.



TOP BOARD ON STONE WALL.

often done, does not bring the board permanently in the right position over the wall. The illustration shows how this object may be attained by using strips of board for stakes.

Wintering Bees in Cellars. Bees must be kept where the interior of the hive will not become too warm or cold, hence the advantage of wintering bees in the cellar, as the temperature can be kept uniform.

One Good Feature.

She—So you don't like these Wagner concertos? He—Well, they have one redeeming feature. They're loud you can't hear the man next to you whistling his accompaniment.—Philadelphia Times.

St. Jacobs Oil for Chest-Colds, Bronchitis, Croup and Pleurisy.

An outward application for bronchial difficulties is many times far more effective than syrups, cough mixtures, cod liver oil, &c., simply because it penetrates through to the direct cause, which is, as a rule, an accumulation of matter or growth tightly adhering to the bronchial tubes.

St. Jacobs Oil is for sale throughout the world. It is clean to use—not at all greasy or oily, as its name might imply.

Going Easy. "He is dying very calmly," observed the physician, as he felt the pulse of the sufferer.

Profit is always honored even in its own country.—Chicago Daily News.

Some people are natural born artists at drawing conclusions.—Atchison Globe.

The busy bee is able to keep busy without advertising, but he is in an exceptional line of business.—Puck.

When a man is good at telling "funny stories," it often happens that he isn't good for much else.—Atchison Globe.

When the candidate clouds the issue it is to be presumed that he is looking for the silver lining to the cloud.—Puck.

Search any girl who is on the programme for a song, and you will find that she is loaded for an encore.—Atchison Globe.

As soon as some people are clothed in a little brief authority they feel it their duty to appear on dress parade.—Indianapolis News.

The man who tells his children what a tough time he had of it when he was their age usually acts as if he held them personally responsible.—Indianapolis News.

Mrs. Keepinhouse.—"Are you sure this bread is fresh?" Baker—"Sure, ma'am. It isn't yesterday's." "No, indeed. Why, this is to-morrow's bread."—Philadelphia Record.

He—"I must confess to a great deal of egotism." She—"Indeed?" He—"Yes; I think about myself a great deal too much." She—"Oh, that isn't egotism! That's merely the usual human tendency to worry over trifles."—Glasgow Times.

Nurry—"I want you to take a couple of tickets for our club's benefit at the opera house." E. Z. Baker—"But I wouldn't go to an affair of that sort." Nurry—"You don't have to. All you've got to do is just to buy the tickets."—Philadelphia Press.

Doesn't Soil a White Vest.

The Lackawanna route from New York to Buffalo and the West has been making the announcement that one might travel the whole length of its road, and not soil a white vest.

Makes It Too Easy. "Yes," said the lawyer, "business is bad." "What's the reason?" asked the casual caller.

"The new bankruptcy law," was the reply. "What's that got to do with it?" "Why, it enables a man to beat his creditors without going to the trouble of hiring a lawyer to help him do it."—Chicago Post.

Persons contemplating a journey East or West should be careful that the rates paid for their transportation do not exceed those charged by the Nickel Plate Road.

The Pullman service is the usual high grade standard. Semi-weekly transcontinental tourist cars ply between Atlantic and Pacific Coasts.

Her Logic. He—"You will admit that man is the most sensible of all animals?" She—"I'll admit that he thinks he is. It is for that reason it is so easy for a woman to make a fool of him."—Boston Times.

Best for the Bowels. No matter what ails you, headache to a cancer, you will never get well until your bowels are put right.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Opportunity doesn't have to knock more than once at any man's door.

There is no trick in dyeing. You can do it just as well as anyone if you use PUTNAM FADELESS DYES.

The one prudence of life is concentration.—Emerson.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—John P. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Many a man's head is full of emptiness.—Chicago Daily News.

The Grip of Pneumonia may be warded off with Hale's Eucalypti and Eucalypti.

The gifted bride is the one that gets the presents.—Philadelphia Record.



Miss Lillie Degenkolbe, Treasurer South End Society of Christian Endeavor, 3141 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—When life looked brightest to me I sustained a hard fall and internal complications were the result. I was considerably inflamed, did not feel that I could walk, and lost my good spirits.

I now wish to thank you, your medicine is a friend to suffering women."—LILLIE DEGENKOLBE.

\$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone," and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues, and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

Botted Celery.

Take the white stalks of celery, wash, trim and cut into six-inch lengths and with a sharp knife shred one end of each piece to the depth of one and one-half inches and then tie the stalks into small bundles.

Striving to Please.

A New Jersey man, who was worried because he felt that he could not provide properly for his wife and five children, tried to solve the problem by cutting his throat.

No Value.

Freddie—Can't you give me something for my head? Doctor—Wouldn't take it as a gift.—Chicago Daily News.

What's the Use?

The captain of a down-town Salvation Army corps noticed the other day that one of the most zealous women of his flock had been absent from meeting several times in succession.

Very Dear.

"Dost love me, George?" she whispered. "Sweetheart," he answered, fondly, "you are the dearest thing on earth to me."

Sized Him Up.

"A man is known by his works," declared the irresponsible reformer, who was addressing a large and enthusiastic audience.

The Scientific Production

of a laxative of known value and distinctive action is rapidly growing in public favor, along with the many other material improvements of the age. The many

who are well informed

must understand quite clearly, that in order to meet the above conditions a laxative should be wholly free from every objectionable quality or substance, with its component parts simple and wholesome and it should act pleasantly and gently without disturbing the natural functions in any way.

Syrup of Figs

The sale of millions of bottles annually for many years past, and the universal satisfaction which it has given confirm the claim we make, that it possesses the qualities which commend it to public favor.

Its Excellence

is due to the originality and simplicity of the combination and also to the method of manufacture, which is known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and which ensures that perfect purity and uniformity of product essential to the ideal home laxative.

Its Beneficial Effects

always buy the genuine and note the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—printed on the front of every package. In the process of manufacturing figs are used as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal virtues of Syrup of Figs are obtained from an excellent combination of plants known to be medicinally laxative and to act most beneficially.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

San Francisco, Cal. Louisville, Ky. New York, N.Y. For sale by all druggists—Price fifty cents per bottle.

Advertisement for W.L. Douglas Shoes, featuring a portrait of the inventor and text: 'UNION-MADE W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES \$3.50-\$5.00 SOLD IN OUR 63 RETAIL STORES SOLD BY OVER 5,000 DEALERS'

Advertisement for McKinley Music Co. featuring a coupon: 'Cut this out and send to the McKinley Music Co. CHICAGO, ILL. NO FREE MUSIC GIVEN UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THIS COUPON.'

Advertisement for PILES, RHEUMATISM, and STARK TREES, featuring text: 'PILES ANAKESIS gives relief and POSITIVE CURE... RHEUMATISM Van Huren's Rheumatic Compound is the only positive cure... STARK TREES best by Test—77 YEARS'

Advertisement for Farm Mortgages for Sale, featuring text: 'Small mortgages paying 6 per cent. interest on irrigated farms in the Great Platte Valley of Nebraska, where crops never fail. Write for information. JAS. H. CASSELLMAN, President of The Irrigators' Bank, SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA.'