

NEITHER HAYSEED NOR ANGEL

But There Need Be Little Question That Young Lady Had Much Ingenuity.

Across the line on the Kansas side where the study of agriculture is compulsory, one of the high school girls took home her monthly report card and proudly announced:

"I took the highest grade in the class in history, English literature and German."

"That's all very well," replied her father, critically examining the card, "but how about this grade in agriculture?"

"Oh, well," explained the daughter, "I'm no hayseed!"

A little further down a department grade, not altogether satisfactory, appeared.

"And how do you account for this grade in department?" he inquired.

"I'm no bloom'n' angel, either," she replied.—Kansas City Star.

Puts Job in Second Place.

A Humboldt rancher returned from a year's trip through the east to find that a one-time neighbor of his, a man noted for his perfect patience, had been having a siege of bad luck.

Upon hearing the news he immediately sought out the neighbor to console with him.

"Well, John," he said, after greetings had been exchanged, "I hear you lost all of your timber through the forest fires."

The other man nodded.

"And they say that the river cut off your best bottom land; that your dogs all died of cholera; that your wife and children had been sick, and that they have now foreclosed the mortgage on your other place."

John nodded again. "Yes, it's all true," he said, looking about him at what had once been his prosperous farm, "all true. Why, sometimes I get almost discouraged."

"Ladies' Home Journal."

Fable for Borrowers.

An Arab went to his neighbor and said, "Lend me your rope."

"I can't," said the neighbor.

"Why can't you?"

"Because I want to use the rope myself."

"For what purpose?" the other persisted.

"I want to tie up five cubic feet of water with it."

"How on earth," sneered the would-be borrower, "can you tie up water with a rope?"

"My friend," said the neighbor, "Allah is great and he permits us to do strange things with a rope when we don't want to lend it."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Chivalrous in Face of Misfortune.

At a mass meeting recently in a nearby town an old and foremost citizen who clings to the sartorial style of years ago, was called upon for his views on the subject in discussion.

He made a brief speech, and as he was compelled to hurry back to his office, he turned to the seat next to his, on which he had deposited his silk hat, just in time to see a woman flatten it completely by sitting on it.

Ever polite, his feelings were nevertheless stirred, and the best he could think of to say under the circumstances was:

"I—I hope you have not injured yourself, madam."—Kansas City Star.

No Broken Parts.

During the progress of the morning bath of a few months old infant a little neighbor girl came into the room carrying a doll and stood watching the operation for some time.

The little girl's doll was much the worse for hard usage, being minus an arm and a leg. Finally she said to the mother of the child:

"How long have you had your baby?"

The child was informed, and, looking from her doll to the baby, she said:

"My, but you have kept it nice."—National Monthly.

Simple Taste.

"Something mentally wrong with Kenworthy, don't you think?"

"Why so?"

"I asked him to come over and play 'auction bridge' with us last night, and he said he would rather waste his time playing 'bean-porridge-hot' or 'tit-tat-toe'."

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Some men go lame when it comes to minding their own business.

POULTRY

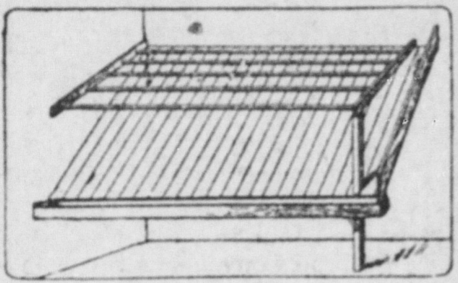


CLEAN ROOST FOR CHICKENS

Slope of Dropping Board Sufficient to Prevent Hens From Walking on Its Surface.

(By GEORGE B. FRASER, Edmonton, Alberta.)

The illustrations represent a chicken roost of my own design, which I find to be both cleanly and economical. The dropping board requires a slope of 45 degrees or more, if the height of the henhouse will permit, and it is raised high enough to permit the use of all the floor space for scratching purposes. The trough at the bottom catches the droppings, and

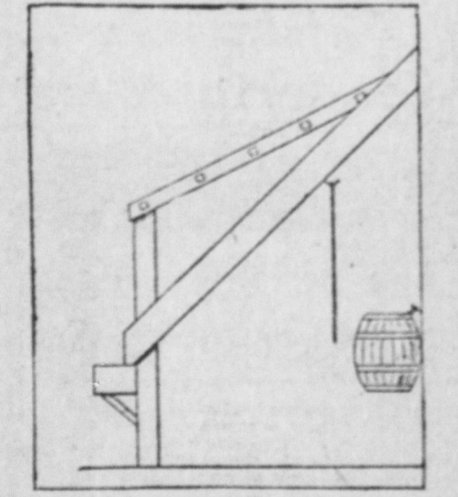


Front View.

the slide door at one end enables these to be scraped out with a hoe or shovel into a box on the floor. I use a hoe to clean the dropping board and afterwards throw a shovelful or two of dry earth over its surface. The roosts should not have so great a slope as the board beneath, so as to enable one to use a hoe for cleaning off the board. The slope of the dropping board not only causes the droppings to collect in the trough beneath, but prevents the hens from walking on its surface. The space behind I utilize for nests. After trying various kinds, I find ordinary nail kegs the best. These should be filled two-thirds full of straw, and a wire loop inserted at the top. They may then be hung in a row, and touching each other to keep them steady, to nails driven into the wall behind. In this way they can be easily lifted off the nails to be cleaned. I chose kegs for nests as the hens are unable to eat their eggs in them and they are about the right size to accommodate one hen at a time. My henhouse has a very large window right opposite the hen roost, so in order to darken the nests I fasten a strip of old linoleum on a wire so as to hang just in front of the nests. The wire has a loop at one end which is fastened to a bent nail or hook driven into the dropping board. When gathering eggs this may

be unhooked and the curtain allowed to drop out of the way. Anyone who has never tried using a dropping board, or has used the ordinary flat kind, will find this a decided improvement as far as cleanliness and economy of space is concerned.

A Good Egg Food. Cowpeas are not only relished by hens, but it is excellent egg food for them. One successful poultryman gives his experience: The peas, after maturing, were harvested and stored in dry lofts, and thrown to the fowls in scratching pens, where they were scratched over and searched for during the day. After a few days the egg supply was visibly increased and within a few weeks almost doubled that from an equal number of hens kept in separate quarters and fed on other grains. The hens seemed to like the small branches and leaves, and would eat every particle except the hard, stiff stems. The general health of the flock was excellent, and not a single hen showed the least symptom of ailment during the winter season. Considering the ease with which cowpeas may be raised, it seems that everyone should give them a test as food for the poultry.



Side View.

above the floor the roost extends from one end to the other. At one end of the floor at the back there is a 10x15 inch opening (long way opposite length of box) and a 19-inch slanting board extending to the lower floor. The chickens use this slanted board in ascending or descending from their upstairs sleeping room. The next box is at one end of the upper floor, and there is a dust box on the lower floor.

POULTRY NOTES

A small pen for the market birds will hasten fattening. Feed, care and hen sense decide what the profits shall be. It is not too soon to put houses and coops in shape for winter.

The dull, listless bird cannot be removed from the flock too soon.

A little iron tonic in the drinking water is good during moulting.

In the fall and spring eggs should be marketed at least once a week.

"Clean the nest and not the egg," is the advice of a successful eastern egg farmer.

After dumping and burning the noising material whitewash the inside of the nest box.

The early moulters are the early layers. It is a good plan to mark them for breeders.

Any good stock dip also makes a good disinfectant to kill disease germs in poultry quarters.

More disease outbreaks in the flock can be traced to unclean conditions than poultrymen generally think.

When the clean, fresh eggs are gathered, they should be put in a clean, dry, cool place until marketed.

Getting rid of all birds as soon as they are two years old will lessen the chances of disease in the flock.

To hasten feathering after the molt, give a tablespoonful of sulphur in a mash to every ten hens twice a week.

Corn meal mixed in with a small quantity of shorts and moistened with skim milk makes a good wet mash to fatten the market birds.

Chickens to Kill.

When disposing of some of the old flock pick out the poor layers. They are "just as good" for roasting purposes, and you cannot afford to part with the money makers.

DON'TS IN POULTRY SHIPPING

Most Profitable to Use Clean, Fresh Boxes With Care and Neatness in Packing Fowls.

There are a number of "Don'ts" that should be observed by shippers of market poultry: Don't ship bony, skinny stock. Don't ship half-picked, flesh-torn poultry. Don't ship to every strange house that solicits your consignment. First look them up; investigate the references. Don't ship dressed stock in any old box that may be handy.

It pays to use clean, fresh boxes, using care and neatness in packing. Frequently the buyer is present when the box is opened, and a sale spoiled because of the packing. Don't pack poultry after dressing until all the animal heat is out. Don't let some little market fluster cause you to change houses.

Get a good, solid house and stick to it. That keeps the commission man interested in retaining your trade, and oftentimes he will pull you out of a hole caused by a glut. Don't fail to carefully inspect your shipment before closing the box.

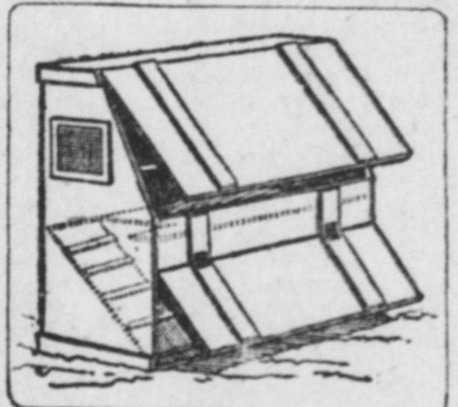
Put in the memorandum on your own billhead, showing the amount and other data. Keep a duplicate yourself, thereby saving much annoyance and frequent loss.

TWO-STORY POULTRY HOUSE

Old Piano Box May Be Transformed Into Comfortable Building for Winter Use.

I recently visited a successful poultry raiser who was using a two-story piano-box house. It was not covered with roofing paper and there was only a dollar or two expense involved in transforming it into the present house. The breeder told me that he kept seven hens and a cockerel in one of these houses last winter and it proved very satisfactory, the hens laying well, writes Dwight Bronson of Chicago in the Farm and Home.

At about one-third of the height, the upper floor was laid. Six inches



Two-Story Poultry House.

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An opening 12 inches square covered with muslin for ventilation, is cut in one end. There are two hinged doors in front, and in warm weather both are kept wide open. The position of the doors shown in the illustration is the way they are propped open during a rain or light snow.

It is remarkable how poultry will thrive when housed in these small, yet well-ventilated houses. The owner says his birds come through the winter without so much as having a spike frozen. In their upstairs sleeping room huddled together in a few feet of space, which they would warm by natural heat, it can be truthfully said they are "snug as bugs in a rug."

PROTEST YORK FAIR.

The Auditor General's Department has received a protest against payment to the York Fair Association of any State appropriation, the York Ministerial Association having adopted resolutions of protest. The fair association has not made any application for State aid this year.

Desk for the Speaker.

The handsome bronze desk which will supplant the old white painted mahogany desk for the speaker of the House arrived and will be put into place. It is from an original model and is of polished bronze. It bears the State arms in a medallion and other emblematic devices.

Clearing Wildwood Lake.

Wildwood lake is being cleared of drift and other debris that has accumulated during the summer to prepare for skating this winter. A gang of men were put on that job. The cleaning of Paxton creek from the breast of the dam to Mackay street was finished by Park Superintendent Forrer.

Purchase System Revised.

The Board of Public Grounds and Buildings at a special meeting received the report of Harry S. McDevitt, its secretary, and C. Stuart Dennison, schedule clerk, who had made an inspection of the methods of purchase of supplies in the national government departments at Washington, D. C., and in various State capitals. The report showed that the Pennsylvania system was as good as any recommended standardization of various much used supplies such as pencils, papers, pens, ink and the like.

PRESSURE GREAT AT HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Steele Talks to Students About Needs of Hour

ASKS FOR THEIR SUPPORT

Not to Give It to Be Unjust to Brothers and Sisters—Freshman Class Has Twenty-Five More Than It Did Last Year.

(Special Harrisburg Correspondence.)

Harrisburg.—Sidelights on the proposed erection of a new high school building, along with graphic illustrations of the great amount of harm sure to result providing something is not done at once, were presented to some 900 students at Central High School by Professor Steele. "Every additional twenty-five students entering this school require virtually two-thirds the time of one teacher," said he. "The freshmen class this year contained twenty-five more students than the class last year. Next year's class will have at least fifty more than this year's class, according to official estimates now being compiled. What will we do with these additional students? Where will we place them? Shall you people be ousted from your seats and made to stand in rows around the room?" the principal queried. "If the voters of the city turn down the movement they will be, in a sense, unjust to their own children. If you people here in school do not sign the cards you will likewise be unjust to your brothers and sisters." In addition Professor Steele told of the new half-million-dollar school being erected in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton and advised the students to treat their fathers and grown-up brothers to vote in favor of the new movement. The pupils to a man will sign the cards to be distributed soon in an effort to gauge the feeling of the students on the subject.

Eighth Regiment Honors.

Colonel Joseph B. Hutchinson, of the Eighth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, issued orders from the Eighth Regiment headquarters, which include a partial list of appointments as follows: Harry H. Baker, of Harrisburg, to be captain and adjutant of the regiment. Edward H. Schell, to be captain and quartermaster, reappointed. Owen M. Copelin, to be captain and inspector of small arms practice, reappointed. Harry Nelson Bassler, to be captain and chaplain, reappointed. James W. Hoepstine, Jr., of Pottsville, to be first lieutenant and battalion adjutant, reappointed. Jesse Webb, of Mahanoy City, to be second lieutenant and battalion quartermaster and commissary, reappointed. Ralph C. Crow, of Lemoyne, to be second lieutenant and battalion quartermaster and commissary, reappointed. E. M. B. Shepp, to be second lieutenant and battalion quartermaster and commissary, reappointed.

Preparing Young Trees.

Many of the young trees which will be set out in various parts of the parks and parkways next year are being prepared for that purpose in the nursery. The roots are being loosened and prepared for shipment. Park Superintendent Forrer completed the planting of 500 young willows around the lower point of McCormick's Island.

Highway Contract Let.

State Highway Commission E. M. Bigelow let the contract for the construction of 2,166 feet of road in Clayville borough, Washington county, to P. F. Rhoads & Son, Versailles, Allegheny county. The price was \$25,251.20. Bids have been asked on 4,588 feet in Speers borough, Allegheny county.

Live Stock

CHICAGO.—Cattle—Beeves, \$5.30@11.05; Texas steers, \$4.40@5.70; Western steers, \$5.50@8.90; stockers and feeders, \$4.25@7.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75@7.25; calves, \$6.75@10.

Hogs—Market unsettled, most of early advance lost; light, \$8@8.60; mixed, \$8.15@8.75; heavy, \$8.10@8.75; rough, \$2.10@8.30; pigs, \$5.25@7.65; bulk of sales, \$8.40@8.70.

Sheep—Market steady to 10c lower. Native, \$2.40@4.65; Western, \$3.75@4.60; yearlings, \$4.60@5.75; lambs, native, \$5@7.15; Western, \$5.25@7.20.

PITTSBURG, PA.—Cattle steady;

supply light. Choice, \$8.75@9.25; prime, \$8@8.65.

Sheep steady; supply light. Prime wethers, \$4.50@4.65; culls and commons, \$2@2.50; lambs, \$4.50@7.25; veal calves, \$9.50@10.

Hogs active; receipts, 20 double dechs. Prime heavies, \$8.00@9; mediums, \$8.75@8.80; heavy Yorkers, \$8.60@8.75; light Yorkers, \$7.75@8; pigs, \$6@7.25; roughs, \$7.50@8.75.

COMMERCIAL

Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

"The mercantile interests of the country, speaking of them collectively, have experienced another week of exceptionally active trade. Jobbers of all staple lines have enjoyed a brisk business, and calls for winter goods have come to the front in a noteworthy way. Incidentally, buying for future account for next spring is becoming more conspicuous.

"The relatively most active zones are the West, Northwest and Southwest, which sections have been blessed by bounteous crops. The South, for a long time comparatively backward, is showing greater life, thanks to free marketing of its chief staple crop.

"Business failures in the United States for the week were 229, against 187 last week, 231 in the like week of 1911; 220 in 1910, 217 in 1909 and 241 in 1908."

Wholesale Markets

NEW YORK.—Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 2 red, 107c elevator, and 106½ f o b float; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 99½ f o b float.

Corn—Spot easy; export, 59c f o b December and March.

Oats—Spot firm; No. 3, 39½c; No. 4, 37½@38.

Butter—Steady; receipts, 6,245 tubs. Factory, June make, firsts, 24½@25c.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 10,002 cases. Fresh gathered extras, 33@36c; extra firsts, 29@32c; dirties, No. 1, 21c; No. 2, 19@20c; inferior, 15@18c; checks, good to fine, 18½@19½c; poor to fair, 14@15c; state, Pennsylvania and near by, hennery whites, fancy large, new laid, 50@52c.

Live poultry dull; Western chickens, 14½@15c; fowls, 13@14c; turkeys, 16. Dressed poultry irregular; fresh killed Western chickens, 12@17c; fowls, 15@18c; turkeys, spring 16@18c; old, 16@17c.

PHILADELPHIA.—Wheat weak and ½c lower. No. 2 red winter, in export elevators, 99½@100c. Oats weak and ½c lower; No. 2 white natural, 39½@40c.

Live poultry firm and unchanged. Dressed poultry firm; good demand; fowls, Western, choice to fancy, 16½@17c; do, smaller sizes, 12@14c; broiling chickens, 13@20c; spring turkeys, 23@25c; old, No. 1, do, 19@20c.

BALTIMORE.—Wheat—Spot and October, No. 2 red, 101½c; November, 102½ nominal; December, 104½ nominal; January, 106½ nominal.

Corn—Spot, 72c nominal; year, 56½c asked; January, 56.

Oats—No. 2 white, 40c bu; standard white, 38@38½; No. 3 white, 37@37½; No. 4 white, 35½@36.

Rye—No. 2 Western domestic, 80@82c; No. 3 do, 76@77c; No. 2 nearby, car lots, 76@78c; bag lots nearby, as to quality, 65@80.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$21; standard timothy, \$20@20.50; No. 2 timothy, \$19@20; No. 3 do, \$15@17; light clover mixed, \$17.50@18; No. 1 clover mixed, \$16.50@17; No. 2 do, \$14@16; heavy clover mixed, \$14.50@15.50; No. 1 clover, \$13.50@14; No. 2 do, \$11@12; no established grade, \$5@12; sample grade, as to kind, quality and condition, \$8@11.

Butter—Creamery, fancy, 31@31½; Creamery, choice, 29@30; Creamery, good, 27@28; Creamery, prints, 21@23; Creamery, blocks, 30@32; Ladies, 21@23; Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls, 21@22.

Cheese—We quote, jobbing lots, per lb, 20@21c.

Eggs—Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 28c; Western firsts, 28; West Virginia firsts, 27@28; Southern firsts, 26@27. Recrated and rehandled eggs ½c to 1c higher.

Live Poultry.—Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 16c; do, small to medium, 15c; old roosters, 10c; young, large, 16c; do, small, 16. Ducks—White Pekins, 15c; muscovy, 13@14; puddle, 13@14. Geese—Nearby, 12@13; Western and Southern, 11@12. Turkeys—Young, choice, 18c; old, 15@16. Guinea Fowl—Old, each, 25c; young, 1½ lb and over, 40c; do, smaller, 25c.

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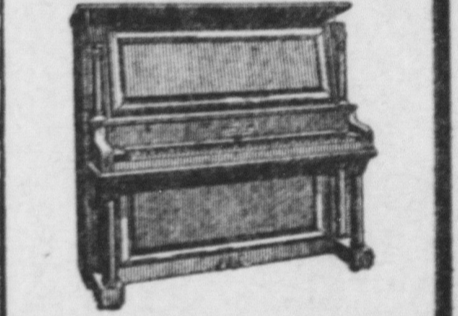
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