LEADING LAUNDRIES. AND AUNT 'LIZA, TO JUMP THEIR RATES

Righ Cost of Soap and Other Materials and Scarcity of Labor Increase Prices

FEW FIRMS HOLD BACK

Trend Toward Sky in Laundry Trade

Article. Price. Collars Variable at .021/4 Shirts Steady at .10 and Shirts (silk) Flucutating Corset covers ... 10 and up.
Socks ... Rising at .05.
Pajamas ... Strady at .10.
Towels ... Rising at .01 and

Flat work (doz.) . Rising at .35. Damp family wash, 60 and up.

THE SONG OF THE SHIET den't know what your habit's been paying for your lautoffing, you had better start to sare as senate your lautoffing. You had better start to sare as senates you've been squand'elag; haundrywe their bills and done its growing rage are counting, rates on collars, lowels, absets, and such and such are mounting.

taundry market is in a bullish mood. me of the big laundries declare they withstood the high price of everything enough and that their rates must go within a week. Smaller establishments nly may they infend to fight it out along present lines if "it takes them all win-But the general tendency is upward.



dering socks, collars, towels and family sh. Further advances are predicted, ecially when the increased water rates into effect. Even the damp wash, which, in the last several months has jumped from fifty to sixty conta a bag, is threatening to jump to seventy-five cents, with the laundrymen indignantly watching ap and paper soaring.

JUMP INEVITABLE

"A general increase within a week or no in the rates charged by laundries is in-evitable," said H. M. Anderson, secretary of the Philadelphia Laundry Owners' Ex-

"Laundrymen are 'sticking it out' as long Laundrymen are sticking it out as long as possible, unwilling to increase the prices; but with everything else going up there remains no hope of laundrymen continuing to run their business without any profit. The coming rise is caused by the scarcity of labor and the scarcity and high cost of supplies. Soap has doubled in price and what used to be four cent soap promises of \$5,000.000, and its directors are H. O. Wineor. Charles Dillingham and Byron Fellows. The success of the hippodrome production, "Hip, Hip, Hooray!" in Philadelphia led to the formation of the com-



go to ten cents by the first of the year apping paper costs twice as much as it usually does. Some supplies are hard to

"An increase of about five cents a week or the average customer doesn't mean core than a soda or a cigar. But it's the difference between business and bankruptcy for the laundryman, with say 1000 cus-tomers. Laundering yields less profit, con-sidering the outlay of equipment, than any

GET SCANT COMFORT

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Housekeepers and bachelors turned, naturally, to the comforting words of such laundries as the Y-Pay-More and the Enterprise, where it was said no immediate intrease was contemplated.

But scant comfort was received from 'Lina, who most the family wash by the week, and Ah Wong, who used to do the collars at the rate of two certs apiece.

"Ah's sorry, but Ah may haf to change most money rex' week," said the former. The latter put an extra puszling mark on the laundry sip

"My plice on coll' half cent mole," he explained.

It was predicted that perhaps we all ma-

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Republicans suspect the President's plan

affected by the Adamson law, and even feel indignant about legislation for the ben-efit of the brotherhoods.

Couple Fight Desperately

Against Assailants-Bodies

Found in Woods

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pany, which has acquired centrally located sites in Cleveland, Detroit, Pittsburgh and

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Edison Week

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18 - The mutilated

BROTHER AND SISTER



These "coops" can be putt either permanent or movanie. They are easily accessible for cleaning, etc., through the side door. The open portions face the south. One advantage is growth of plant by small units as the pen increases.

MEET THE HIGH COST OF EGGS WITH "BACKYARD HENNERY

ROBBED AND KILLED City Dweller May Have Eggs Fresh While Suburbanite Can Pay Feed Bill by Selling to Urban Cousins. Small Cost and Little Time

By the Poultry Editor

WITH eggs now quoted at fifty cents a dozen and the prospects all for a much higher price later, it is a step toward "preparedness" in domestic scoromy for persons breakfast. bedies of Andrew Frey, thirty years old, and his sister, Marie Frey, forty years old, were found in the woods near their home at higher price inter, it is a step toward "prewho have anything resembling the facilities Rosedale, Baltimore County, last night. It is believed they had been there since Sun-day night. The woman had been attacked, according to the Coroner. for raising chickens to keep a small pen at least, in order to obtain eggs fresh as new-picked strawberries for the breakfast omelet, peached or "with rusher." An effort had been made to destroy the man's body by burning after it had been saturated with oil.

It is not too late to make a start right now, and, all things considered, the initial cost will not be any greater than if the en-terprise was begun in the springtime with day-old chicks or through incubator parentage.

in front of the house bore evidence to the flerce struggle preceding the murders. A heavy log beepattered with blood lay at Frey's side. His skull and that of his sister had been fractured.

Miss Frey's body, clothed only in a hightgown, was found a short distance away. It was bruised and torn.

A posse composed of farmers and store-keepers is searching the woods in the neighborhood. Finger and foot prints are the only clues. Baltimore detectives are on their way to Rosedale.

Rosedale has been a rendezvous for tramps recently. Miss Frey told friends a week ago she had been annoyed by them.

"I can get rid of all but one," she said. "He hangs around the place night and day, and when I think I have driven him away I find him some place else."

Also, contrary to the general view, it is not necessary to have ample acres for "runs," though a little ground is desirable for large flocks. Even in a city back yard a little space can be very profitably utilized for half to a dozen hens. These, if properly cared for, should give enough, eggs for an average-sized family over the winter and provide the basis for setting eggs in the spring for a new pen.

The "suburbanite," with his more extensive grounds, has abundant room, not only to "raise" his own eggs, but also to sell some at a profit at the prevailing high prices to the city acquaintance who will be willing to insure freehness at a trifle extraction to the providence of the winder of the city acquaintance who will be willing to insure freehness at a trifle extraction so far as a area is concerned, can raise a few chickens for the Sunday dinner during the winter months, and they will be during the winter months, and they will be both fresh and cheap. INTENSIVE METHODS

> The commercial poultrymen are applying the intensive methods, now in deserved high favor among agriculturists and the very es-sence of modern efficiency methods among

orporations and business men, to their trade. Their hens do not have unlimited range over a wide territory, as once was the custom and still is on unprogressive farms, but get their exercise in more confined quarters. By providing a thick litter of straw or grass cuttings and working the grain thoroughly in this the hens are Kept hustling and bustling scratching for their has been formed to establish a chain of rations all day.

To start a plant at this time of year necessitates purchase of laying hens or spring-hatched chickens about to lay. What was said about approximate and relative costs can be explained here. The bens will cost from seventy-five cents to \$1, or maybe a bit more, but this cost will be no more

It is always wise to buy a good stock to start a pen, even if the initial cost is comewhat more. It is not the part of wisdom for the amateur to try to handle mor than one variety—certainly not until he ha learned the details of breeding and suc ceeding in egg production with that one kind. Many beginners succumb to the temptation of attempting a mixed pen. This is almost a certain barrier to success. Also it is more costly, as each kind should

se kept in a separate run, costing more money for doors, wiring, posts, etc.
The beginner should select the stock most adapted to his individual resources and requirements, get good specimens of this and stick to the chosen variety until he has mastered poultry culture in this one line;



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then he can think of branching out and tempting the false with other specialties. Above all cles the amateur should not take up a new variety. There is always more or less, mainly more, risk attached to this procedure. The novice cannot take chances with any but a knewn and established breed. There are plenty of these to choose from and enough variety to suit all tastes, all facilities and all pocketbooks. Experienced poultrymen can recall dozens of varieties introduced in the last decade, all with 'points' of merit, all highly praimed and most of them now forgotten, while the Leghorns, the Plymouth Rocka, the Orpingtons and the Wyandottes still cackle loy-fully svery time they lay en egg, which is frequently enough for profit if due attention is paid to the chicken yard. Another envition: The amateur should not purchase fantey strains of any varieties until he is competent to qualify as a specialist. He should purchase his stock from a reliable poultryman whose established business is a warrant of his sense dealing. Beliable poultryman whose established busin warrant of his square dealing. Reliable dealers' cards are found in newspapers which censor their advertising, keeping the frauds and "sharks" on the outside.

"CAPITAL" NECESSARY A run the length of a city back yard and about ten to fifteen feet wide will be ample for a dozen hom. No rooster s geeded till the breeding season, in fact infertile eggs command a higher price in the market. The hens lay better without a rooster during the winter. The space specified will also allow winter. The space specified will also allow room for this house empalie of satisfactarily domiciling ten or twelve hens. The table scraps from a small family will provide a goodly share of the food needed for the backyard pen, supplemented by scratch feed and a dry mash. This should not cost more than a dollar or so a month for the pen do minor scale.

urbanite" can double the number of fowls and make the excess eggs pay his feed bill. He also should not bother with a cock the

first season.

As for the time taken, half an hour in the morning and the same amount in the evening should be sufficient for a small pen.

Once a week an hour or two will be necessary for deaning the house and run.

(Next Wednesday: "Chicken Houses.")

Police Court Chronicle of Third and Bainbridge streets, endured such nightly musicales tintil he was actu ally weak from loss of sleep. The feling that supplied the music was of the black

species, bronzed somewhat with



wondering how to get rid of the visitor when he was horrified by the appearance of two cats. Each had a splotch of white on the face and their tails seemed to be of the same design when curied in con-

In looking through his room, the only thing that Jim had left to throw was a small step-ladder. It requires strength to use the average ladder for a missile, but when a man is mad his strength increase

Jim took aggood grip on the ladder and shot it at the cats in torpedo fashion. It came upon them like an earthquake, and they were awapt headlong to the corner of the adjoining yard. Two negresses appeared at the door. From their conversation it was evident that each blamed the other with trying to kill her cat. Then it developed that the owner of one of the cats had urged it out on the fence to whip the feline who started the concerts.

Not couldn't suppress a big laugh when he heard the women arguing with each other. They spied him in a second-story window. Like a fiesh they became fast friends and declared he was responsible for all the trouble. Jim came down to express his opinion, and during the argument, which became declidedity personal a ment, which became decidedly

before Magistrate Inher.
The Judge listened patiently at that Jim had the right to ellim neighborhood of unnecessary not bermore, he said, "he has suffered

RACES FROM SOMME FROM TO CHICAGO TO REGISTER

John Barrett Makes Trip From Franci to U. S. in Eleven Days

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—From the from battlefield to Chicago in eleven days we the trip John Barrett, director general a the Pan-American Union, of Washingto made in order to register for the nation election. He told of his trip today as a nearted for the East.

Barrett went to Europe to study U effect of the war on Pan-American trad He was invited to visit the front in Franc On October 6 he cabled to find out registration day in Chicago. That night the answer came, and, in a fast war automobil he made an all-night ride to Bordeaux at caught his ship. He arrived here just few hours before the registration hoot closed.

Noted Civil Engineer Dies

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 18.—Prot. Frederic H. Robinson, former chief engineer of Wilmington and former head of the engineering department of Delaware College, died at his home here.

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city an operator—rarely more than two or three—who handled the information records of the To-day, of Philadelphia's daily total of 700,000 calls, no fewer

than 27,000 reach the Information Operators. Think what this means! It equals the total telephone traffic of a city of 70,000 people—this volume of calls which Philadelphia's 130 Information Operators are han-

dling daily. Varied are the questions asked them! "What's the number of John Doe's tele-phone? It was installed last week at 1422

Church St." What's the number of the telephone at 126 Bank St.? "Who is the subscriber to Filbert 2796." And so on. Then, some of the queries are quite beyond answer. "Can you tell me the telephone number of a tall, dark-haired man who lives on Willow Ave.? I think he works for one of the railroads." "Can you give me the telephone number of a green who delives the you give me the telephone number of a grocer who delivers by automobile?" Not infrequently, even, is a problem in domestic science—such as "What will remove mildew?"—propounded.

But perhaps the least to be expected feature of this information traffic is the fact that 50 per cent. of the queries are for telephone numbers that might have been secured with much less trouble had the persons calling merely consulted the tele-phone directory. Such is human nature, perhaps,—but we sub-mit this particularly to our subscribers' attention.

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