

Women and Their Interests

The Married Woman and Her Romance

By DOROTHY DIX

I get a great many letters from married women, who assert that they are virtuous and discreet wives and mothers, yet who complain that they are annoyed by the attentions of men who have fallen desperately in love with them.

Many Women Have an Insatiable Appetite for Romance
Sometimes this too attractive matron writes that it is the family doctor, or even her minister, who cherishes an uncontrollable passion for her; sometimes it is the family friend, and not infrequently it is a brother, or relative of the husband, who pesters the lady with his love-making, and so she writes, asking me what shall she do about it, how shall she stop it.

Perhaps such cases exist, but I am sure they are far more rare than my correspondents think. Not every woman who thinks herself a fascinator could substantiate her title to the claim. Many women have such an insatiable appetite for romance that they can manufacture it out of mere politeness on a man's part, and they go about fitting the halo of a lover on the unsuspecting head of every man they meet.

Many a man, who has never felt any impulse stronger than mere friendliness toward a woman, would fall dead with surprise if he knew that she believed him to be performing of a hopeless passion for her. Therefore, I take with a good many grains of salt any wife and mother's assertion that men persecute her with their unwelcome attentions. In case, however, that this is true, and some man has fallen in love with her, there is no difficulty in her putting an end to his philandering, if she really wishes to do so.

It is only in melodramas that the "villain still pursues." In real life a woman has only to say "Scat!" to a distasteful lover, and say it in a tone of voice as if she meant it, and he scents over the back fence before you can say Jack Robinson. The difficulty is to keep a man in love with you, not to prevent him from getting tired of you, and wandering off after a younger and fairer face. Especially when you're old enough to be a wife and mother.

In all good truth, the woman who is really honest at heart and desires to run straight has little to fear from men. Practically every man tests every woman that he meets as to her moral principles. If he ascertains that she is one of those who is standing around looking out for a tempter, he declines to play the game out with her. When a married woman begins dallying along the primrose path, there's generally something pitiful about it as well as sordid, because back of her straying is the feminine never-ending craving for sentiment and love, for something more than the dry husks of matrimony.

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Markis, she has shown that she was "willing."

Of course, the situation often goes beyond the limits the woman expected it to. That's the trouble in playing with fire. The married woman intended to be true to her husband and children. She merely desired to nibble once more at the very outer edge of the cake of romance when she began making eyes at her preacher, or doctor, or the family friend, and she's disappointed enough when she finds out that the man wants to play the game out to the end.

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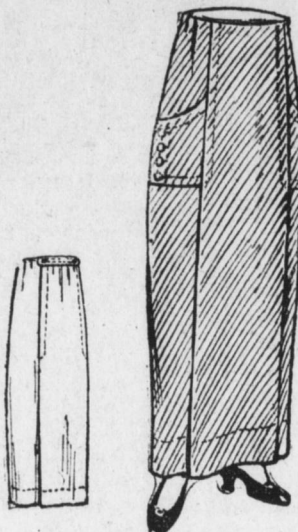
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If you returned to the first allegiance you would probably find yourself imagining yourself in love with the second love, or the third, or even a fourth still unmet. Busy yourself about some sensible work and try not to put love and sentiment in such a prominent place in your thoughts. Your fickleness is likely to cause you lasting unhappiness unless you take steps to discipline your own nature.

BAPTIZED IN ICE WATER

Special to The Telegraph
Springville, Pa., Dec. 19.—A baptismal service in the icy waters of Trout run, closed a successful revival of the Eighth Regiment. There were eighteen baptized. The ice, several inches thick, was cut to administer the rite. The Rev. Mr. Kilbuck, of Ephrata, performed the ceremony.

UNCONSCIOUS FROM STROKE

Special to The Telegraph
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Harry M. Snyder, East Simpson street, sustained a stroke of paralysis on Thursday evening after having been in the best of health. The stroke was a severe one, and he is lying in an unconscious condition. Snyder is about 60 years old and is engaged in the painting and paperhanging business.

MRS. CHARLOTTE STRAWBRIDGE

Special to The Telegraph
Columbia, Pa., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Charlotte Strawbridge, 82 years old, died at her home here, yesterday morning. She was married three times and is survived by four children.

200 WORK ON TABERNACLE

Big Building at Mechanicsburg Started

Special to The Telegraph
Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 19.—Zero weather put no crimps in the zeal of the workers on the tabernacle for the Miller evangelists, who were at the structure was begun yesterday morning. Ministers and laymen worked alike, and when noon time arrived, were ready for the hot dinner served by the women in the Washington Fire Company house. Before being seated at the tables, the men joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which the blessing was asked by the Rev. C. D. Pevterbaugh, of the Evangelical Church, New Kingston, who came to assist in the work of building. Through the generosity of the townspeople so many contributions of food were made that supper was also provided to the workers. Fully 200 people were substantially fed.

BAND TO RAISE FUNDS

Special to The Telegraph
Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 19.—Preparatory to raising a fund for the purchase of equipment and uniforms, the members of the Eighth Regiment Band, whose headquarters are in Carlisle, will hold a concert here, next month, at which time a number of soloists will appear. Miss Sara Lemer, of Harrisburg, is among those who will probably be present.

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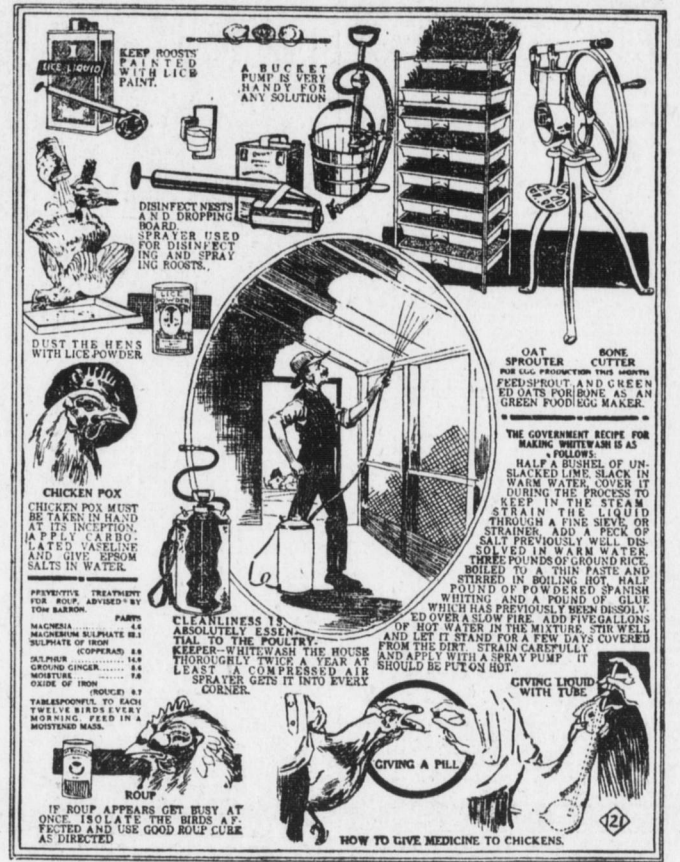
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Success in Poultry Industry Rests Upon Selection of Breeding Stock



The above illustration shows a number of useful devices for the well-regulated poultry farm. It also contains some valuable information as to treating sick poultry.

Birds With Strong Constitution, Vigor and Vitality Necessary For a Profitable Flock

Freedom From Disease Taint More Important Than Perfect Shape and Plumage in Breeding Pen

Copyright, 1914
By Dr. Thomas J. Clemens, Poultry Editor of Philadelphia Inquirer

Many of the disastrous failures among poultry keepers may be traced directly to a weakness in the physical condition of the fowls. Any flock in which the birds are not full of vigor, or free from disease, cannot be made to pay a profit to the owner. The egg production from a flock of this kind will be far below the average and very often will not be enough to pay for their food or keep. Besides the lessened egg production, there will be a low per cent. of fertility in the egg, or, even if the eggs are fertile, they will fall to hatch. Birds of known ancestry, which have robust health and are the only kind to use as breeders.

It is now time to give the subject of mating the birds for breeding serious consideration. Selecting birds for breeders which have strong, vigorous constitutions has more to do with the success or failure in the poultry industry than any other single factor. In fact, vigorous stock is the real foundation of the industry. No other branch of live stock breeding has suffered more at the hands of the inexperienced than that of poultry keeping. Thousands of persons have become obsessed with the notion that all that is necessary to secure a permanent income is to move into the suburbs and keep a flock of chickens. They usually have kept a small flock, figured the cost of feeding, calculated the number of eggs which were produced and found that it gave them a margin of profit larger than usual, considering the amount of capital involved. By further reasoning that it was only necessary to increase the size of their flock, which netted such handsome profits, the income for the future should be established. But many are the wrecks which have been cast upon the rocks of disaster merely because the poultrymen were inexperienced when attempting things on a large scale. In their calculations no allowances were made for losses not under their control.

Selection Begins With Chicks.
The real selection of the breeding stock should begin with the hatching chicks. Blood will tell in the poultry yard just as it does in any other branch of livestock breeding. If the eggs are from vigorous, healthy stock and have been properly incubated they will begin to pip on the twentieth day; a few hours later the chick will kick itself clear from the shell and be scratching for its first meal before its more weakly nest-mates have dragged themselves from the shell. These strong, lusty chicks will begin to exercise from the very beginning, increasing their appetites and incidentally increasing their size. They soon

will outstrip their weaker nest-mates and by their strength force themselves into a position of command attention. A strong constitution is thus being and if the chicks are fed nourishing food of well balanced rations and are given sufficient exercise to insure a healthy flow of blood they will acquire a healthy body full of strength and vigor which is so essential for success in poultry culture.

Vigor: It is a quality very difficult to measure, but which will describe the condition as it exists in different individuals. It is a condition which makes the early and highly developed individual productive and capable of reproducing its characteristic in its off-spring in great degree—it is capacity for exertion.

The Vigorous Type
Those sturdy chicks which kick themselves free from their shells shortly after pipping, take on a domineering disposition and, if a pullet, she begins to lay at an early age, or, if a cockerel, to crow about the time his tail feathers appear. He soon becomes boss of the flock. These birds have vigor. If a hen lays 200 eggs or over on a year she certainly has vigor of a certain kind, but of two hens producing about an equal large number of eggs under the same treatment and conditions, one may produce perfect eggs which will hatch a large percentage of vigorous chicks, while the eggs of the other day may hatch few chicks and of weakly constitution. The former possesses vigor as we use the term in poultry breeding.

If there is any question regarding the vitality of a bird it should be rejected as a breeder no matter how perfect its shape or beautiful its plumage.
Best Breeders in Second Year
All other things being equal, birds are best for breeding purposes in their second year. The offspring are usually of a higher quality and possess more vigor. It often happens that the first yearlings are not so good as the second yearlings. The latter should be selected for breeding. The first yearlings are the only birds to be considered. They should be those which rapidly grew into maturity, began to lay large numbers of perfectly shaped eggs. They should have a large capacity for work, should be the first off the roost in the morning and should be the last to seek the roost at night and should spend their day seeking food, always busy and active. In type they should conform to the Standard of Perfection as nearly as possible but not over large. V-shaped. This V-shape should be viewed from three ways; on the sides, from the rear to the front; over the back, from the rear to the front, and from the base of the tail to the abdomen upwards. The body should be compact, broad and deep, especially in abdo-

men, giving plenty of room for vital organs, plenty of room to carry and assimilate food and large development of eggs. Good width between the pelvic bones and good distance between rear joint of keel bone and pelvic arch are desirable qualities. A long keel tapering up to a full, well rounded breast will give room for large lung capacity and for organs of digestion, making it possible for the bird to convert large quantities of raw foodstuffs into eggs. She should stand on a pair of medium length legs, set wide apart and upon spread feet.

If possible she should be a descendant from a hen with a large egg production record and her sire should have been one of a heavy producing hen.

Trap Nesting for Breeders
When the pullets have been mated they should be trap nested in order to determine the number of eggs and the quality of chicks produced. Any pullet which has proven itself an exceptional layer and when her eggs are hatched the chicks are of the vigorous kind she should be held for the following season. If by a special marking system it is found that these pullets were not only mothers of vigorous chicks, but when her pullets have also proven themselves exceptional layers these hens should be kept as breeders as long as they produce vigorous chicks.

When hatching from high producing hens select eggs which are first laid after the resting period, which follows the moult. The first eggs laid after this resting period are popularly supposed to be the strongest in general fertility power. The breeding hens should not be forced for egg production, but food of a higher nutritive value should be fed to insure fertility.
The breeding male is one-half of the future flock and, if he fulfills his destiny, should stamp his individuality upon his progeny to a very great extent. It is absolutely necessary that he be a descendant from birds which possessed exceptional vigor.

As a rule the male bird stamps his color, shape and carriage on his progeny and if the females in the breeding pen be deficient in any particular it is well to have this point accentuated in the male.
According to experiments made at the Maine Agricultural Station it was found that hens with high egg production records were more likely to transmit the high propensity through their sons rather than through their daughters. From this experiment it would show that the male to be used in the breeding flock should be a son of a hen with a large egg laying record.
As an individual the male bird selected to head the breeding flock should have a decided masculine appearance, of moderate size, stand upon well spread feet, strong legs of medium length, placed wide apart.
He should have a broad flat head surmounted with a bright red comb of good size, the strong, which will protruding, which seems to be always alert. A broad long back, a deep body and full breast are as essential to the male as to the female. A neck which does not measure up to these standards should be rejected as breeders. By close application to these principles it is possible to breed the men and women which conform to the shape and plumage of the standard and develop into prolific layers, which will insure large profits and be a credit to the poultry industry.

Study of Flock For Winter Eggs

Winter egg production depends upon a variety of things. It is not alone breeding, housing and feeding. It results from the proper handling of the fowls throughout their egg-producing period.
Sometimes it is an individual study of the flock. Feeds, too, have to be changed according to season. The kinds of foods for different breeds are also to be considered. In other words, the cut-and-dried method of raising and caring for a flock designed for layers can be given. Certain general rules will be outlined in next week's article.
Look for it appearing exclusively in the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Next week James P. Hopkins will contribute an article on "Study of Flock for Winter Egg Production." The illustration by Louis Paul Graham will show "Fekin Ducks."

BARN AND TOBACCO SHED BURNED
Special to The Telegraph
Cedar Grove, Dec. 19.—Fire, caused by an overheated stove, last night totally destroyed the barn, tobacco shed and contents on the farm of J. O. Hart, near here. The men and women were in the tobacco cellar stripping tobacco when the blaze was discovered, and it had gained too much headway to be extinguished.

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