

Women AND THEIR Interests

"Their Married Life"

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The ride was long and the air grew warmer and warmer in the car. Even the river seemed to make very little difference, and the people began to get restless. Helen was glad when they finally reached the station.

"I won't, I promise that," and Helen went down the hall with a song on her lips. Cool and glowing with the water, she hurried back into the room and began to dress leisurely.

"You look very well, Mrs. Curtis," she decided, nodding at herself in the glass, and then she leaned far out of the window and picked some pink rambles which she fastened into her belt.

It looked inviting, but just now she wanted to get out into the swing and bask in the cool scentedness of the porch. The little woman came out as she stood there and went up to her immediately.

Warren is Amusing Himself on the Porch

"Are you looking for your husband?" she queried. "He is out on the porch this way," and she threw open another door and went down a little hall to the porch.

At the other end two elderly women sat and rocked slowly and a man of about Warren's age was playing with a dog out on the grass. It was a cozy scene and Helen, with a sense of well being born of being physically comfortable, dropped into the swing contentedly.

"Supper is ready," announced Mrs. Perkins. "The eating porch is around at the other side, and if you come right away we won't have to light the candles."

The meal was excellent. There was a chicken pie, asparagus cut up in cream, biscuits and cinnamon rusks, ice-cold milk in a blue pitcher, a salad made with fruit, and cucumbers, peaches and real country cream and cake that Warren said put everything in the shade that he had ever heard of.

Afterward they sat on the porch while the stars came out. The two old ladies had disappeared and only one other couple sat out on the steps and hummed negro melodies softly.

Her eyes began to droop and she half slept and half thought as she swung herself lazily.

The last thing she remembered was Warren asking her what she supposed they would have for breakfast, and this so amused her that she laughed the sleep away. Warren was in the best of humors when he talked about food, but certainly that supper was worth talking about.

Another incident in this interesting series will appear on this page soon.

HOUSE WITH CURTAIN FRONT FOR POULTRY FRONT HARD TO BUILD

By H. ARMSTRONG ROBERTS Practical Poultryman. COPYRIGHT, 1915.

In this article Mr. Roberts gives plans and directions for constructing an economical, convenient poultry-house of the semi-open front or curtain-front type, 14x16 feet, that will accommodate fifty large or twenty small fowls. This type of house is used by many of the most successful commercial poultry farms. It embodies the latest improvements and conveniences that have been approved by practical poultrymen.

MANY who raise poultry appear to think that a semi-open front or derelict outbuilding which has outlived its original purpose may be made to prolong its age of usefulness by being converted into a chicken coop. Therefore such it usually is—a coop in every sense of the dictionary's definition: "Box or inclosure for small animals, poultry; to continue in a narrow compass; to crowd, to imprison."

Chickens will live in quarters of this kind, but they will not be contented and comfortable and hence seldom profitable. It is unreasonable for us to expect good results from a flock of fowls unless their abode is:

Comparatively spacious, allowing about five square feet to a bird of the Plymouth Rock type and three square feet to a Leghorn.

Well ventilated and yet free from direct draughts.

Dr. exposed to sunlight and sanitary.

Evils are sure to result from lack of these elements, especially from lack of sanitation, and yet it is almost impossible to maintain cleanliness in a shack. The attendant is usually too cramped to do his work easily and conditions are such that he seldom takes an interest in their improvement.

There is no reason why a "coop" should not be designed and built with sufficient character and attractions to discard the opprobrium associated with "coop" and earn for itself the dignity of poultryhouse, or henhouse, and at the same time not overtax the builder's pocketbook.

Cost of House 14x16 Feet. The accompanying sketches illustrate a type of house, 14x16 feet, that embodies all the requisite conditions; it is an economical method of construction; unobtrusive to the eye, and has a capacity of fifty large fowls, or about seventy Leghorns. Following is a list of the material required, and its cost, together with an approximate idea of the labor cost, based on a carpenter's wage of 50 cents an hour.

Table with 2 columns: Material, Cost. Includes items like 250 board feet matching floor, 250 board feet sheathing, 25 pieces 3x10 joist, 16, etc.

The foundation of this house is four concrete piers, or it may rest on wood posts. In localities where the soil is a sandy loam and well drained, an earth floor may be substituted for boards; but care should be taken that this natural floor is higher than the outside ground level, and free from dampness. The sills are of 3x10 inches material, floor joists of 2x10 inches, spaced 24 inches apart, and covered with a fair quality of matched flooring. Ends, back wall, roof and scid portions of the front are of an ordinary grade of sheathing or fencing, secured by 2x4 inches studding and 2x6 inches rafters. The material need not necessarily be free from knots, for it is to be covered with prepared roofing. A good grade of roofing should be used, the two-ply or medium weight put on both the roof and side walls. Such use of prepared roofing permits of most economical construction. Shingle or weather boards will add greatly to the appearance of the house, and also to the expense, but it will not increase to any appreciable extent the efficiency of the roofing, which, if of the highest grade, will give many years of service.

Three Feet Open For Curtains. The front wall is solid to a point 24 inches above the floor line, and then left open for a distance of 35 inches for two curtain frames. These may be hinged at the top and made to swing outward, or they may be portable and secured in place by wooden buttons. The latter method is preferable, inasmuch as the frames are in use for only about four months of the year, and at other seasons may be stored elsewhere for safe keeping. A medium weight, unbleached muslin is the proper material for covering the frames, as this covering should be porous and permit circulation of fresh air without draught.

The four windows located above the curtain frames should be hinged at the top, and when swung outward will act as a shield against driving rains. Above the windows, which is the highest point in the building, there is a ventilator across the entire front, made by extending the rafters six inches beyond the sill plate and covering them on the projected end by an 8-inch board. This open space allows all foul air to pass out, without fear of rain driving in. On the inside of the window and curtain frame openings, a close mesh wire netting should be stretched as a safeguard against rats, weasels or other nocturnal marauders.

The roosts are located in the rear of the house and are made from 2x3-inch material, stood on edge, with the top slightly rounded. They run the long way of the house, and are held in position by a wood cleat at either end and a brace at the center. A smaller perch is inadvisable. Drooping boards are erected below the roosts at a convenient height for cleaning.

Care of Poultry in Moulting Season

Next week Prof. A. C. Smith, of the University of Minnesota, will write on the care of poultry during the moulting season. He will show how poultrymen can secure more eggs and have their fowls in better condition by feeding and caring for them correctly during this period. Prof. Smith's article will be of value to both experienced poultrymen and amateurs. Watch for it exclusively in the Telegraph next Saturday.

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POULTRY HOUSE FOR FIFTY FOWLS. This semi-curtain front poultry house will comfortably house fifty large fowls. Economy and simplicity of construction recommend this house to any amateur poultry raiser. The drawing at the top shows the arrangement of the curtains, which give fresh air without draughts. The side elevation, below, shows the arrangement of roosts, nests, doors, etc. The entire house, both roof and sides, is to be covered with prepared roofing. front wall as a means of egress for the fowls, and fitted with a door sliding vertically in two grooved cleats. The main door, located at the end of the building, is of general proportions, to admit a wheelbarrow or pushcart for cleaning, replenishing the litter, and other chores. Experience will prove there is only inconvenience in a small door. If the house is built on concrete piers or on brick piers, as shown in the diagram, the space underneath will be found of value to fowls, and will greatly increase their yard space. It is an excellent shelter in winter and offers a cool retreat in summer.

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