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EARLY MATING BEST. If that early bird gets the worm, early mated fowls beget best offspring and their bustling owner gets the top notch price. So get busy.

Geese, to insure fertility, if strangers to the place, should be mated the fall before. Otherwise, like humans, they get homesick and neglect business. Geese, turkeys and ducks often lay and hatch very early, so let them go to housekeeping early and avoid the rush. Hens and roosters must be hatched up in plenty of time before natural breeding season.

Large breeds, like Cochins, so slow to mature, should be mated early in February. March settings are all right for Rocks, Dottes and Reds. Birds of the Leghorn type are all right for April and May.

To win at fall shows chicks should be out in January. To fill the place of hens that knock off laying in molt pullets must be hatched in January and



Photo by C. M. Barnitz.

A JANUARY MATING. February, but such pullets make poor winter layers, as they molt after egg debut.

Vigorous adult stock that has not been inbred nor forced for winter eggs is best, and birds should be studied well before mating so no change need be made, as mates become greatly attached to each other and a separation and new mating often result in infertility.

Know your birds individually. Know your breed's characteristics. Mate for an ideal.

Mating birds with same defect increases it in the offspring. A slight de-



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A FEBRUARY BREEDING PEN. defect in one may be offset with a perfection in that respect in another, but a good bird cannot eradicate a gross defect in the other.

The larger the breed the longer for eggs to become fertile, ten days mating being generally sufficient.

The proportion of females to male in pen depends on breed. Birds of Leghorn style, fifteen to twenty-five; American and English breeds, ten to fifteen; Asiatics, eight to ten.

DON'TS.

Don't let the merchant mix your eggs with others and sell them all for yours.

Don't let hens make their nests under the buildings or in the horse stable.

Don't allow visiting during laying hours. Hens knock off laying when excited.

Don't mark your poultry with paint when a toe punch is better and mark can't come off.

Don't keep eggs in a tight vessel. Spread on a tray in a well ventilated, clean, cool room and market early.

Don't neglect to change water often if feeding dry mash, as particles of mash from birds' bills sour the water.

Don't use open water vessels. Hens dip their combs and wattles in them, they freeze and the hens knock off laying.

Don't use an old silt corner that is a food supply depot for mice and hens when heavy wire is cheap and guards the grain.

Don't have rotten eggs in your possession. It's conclusive evidence in certain states that you are in the rot and spot business.

THE MEANEST SOUND THAT'S HEARD.

How oft within the stilly night That tomcat yells from the back fence; I throw a brickbat at his skull. Consign him quick to hades hence! He quiets, then, like Caesar's ghost, He will not down; but, with a yowl, He snorts and hisses, cat-a-wauls And makes of night a hideous howl.

And there's the hound that never sleeps, A cavernous moving mouth is he. "How-wow! Ki-yi!" I fire a gun. He how-wows back; he thinks its fun. I throw the bed slats at his head, I swear till all is lurid red, I yell till I'm exhausted quite, Yet that hound howls till morning light.

But what are such to human woes, The crouchy glooms that growl around? The pessimist with mournful mouth, The knocker with his rasping sound— Beside such cats are nightingales; Beside such Towlers' a sweet bird. Yes, pessimistic, knocking cuss, You make the meanest sound that's heard.

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THE PERIOD OF INCUBATION.

Broody Biddy is apt to fool us by hatching her eggs before or after the date set. Though a hen generally finishes her hatch the twenty-first day, the condition of hen or eggs or weather may vary the time. We have known eggs to hatch the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first and even on the twenty-fourth day. A hot brooded hen that sits tight on strongly fertilized fresh eggs often finishes on the eighteenth. A hen of low hatching heat hatches late, and though the eggs are strong her chicks may be weak. A fussy hen that goes off and on and neglects her eggs may retard her chicks to the twenty-fourth. Extremes of temperature often affect the time of hatching, heat hastening, cold retarding the chick. We believe incubation may be suspended without injuring the germ.

English fanciers guarantee all eggs in a setting fertile. They place them under heat just long enough to see the germ, test out infertiles, then ship. We have reset eggs deserted by hens for several days, and they hatched well. Through accident to an incubator 200 eggs were away from hatching heat for thirty hours. They were kept covered, reset and 160 chicks hatched one day behind time.

We mention this so you may not rush to throw out eggs that do not hatch on the minute. Though circumstances may cause occasional variation, each breed of fowls has its period of incubation, the following table being considered standard for the species mentioned:

Table with 2 columns: Species and Days. Includes Chicken, Turkey, Guinea, Peafowl, Goose, Pheasant, Duck, Partridge.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

Duck yards should be scraped often. Wet weather soaks them up and the white ducks puddle, and how filthy they get and, oh, what a smell! "Nuf sed."

Aniline dye instead of eggs is being used in Philadelphia to give cakes that pretty yellow color. Yes; the fools and the deep dyed villains aren't all dead yet.

Butter and eggs naturally go together, and poultry and dairy go so well together that many are combining the two. With bees and fruit added there's a hoodle bonanza.

A butcher of San Francisco swallowed fifty-four eggs in 186 seconds and won \$100. Then he took two drinks of whisky and resumed his butchering. That sure beats the Old Nick.

Cock fights, dog fights and bull fights are now under the ban in the Panama canal zone. Think of \$50 fine or jail for fighting roosters! This new law spoils another good market for game-cock breeders.

There are some markets where there are but few calls for ducks. It's not wise to dress a whole stack of ducks and then have to haul them back home. Better take a crate of live ducks to market and test the demand.

Cuba and South America are the market for gamecocks. Enthusiasts find it pays much better to breed and ship these fighting birds than to fight fights in this country and get fined and have their names in the newspapers.

In buying that new gobble don't go to a neighbor, but buy far away from home. On many farms turkeys are related unknown to their owners. They travel so far and are often out of sight so long and often there is a general mixup.

The appetite is the signboard to digestion both in man and hen, and the quantity to feed a flock must be judged by the way the hens go for the feed. Breeds differ in the quantity they eat, and the same flock on different days does not always require the same quantity.

We asked a farmer's wife who was dressing a hen how she could tell a healthy chicken. She replied that she always kills the hen that's laying—that it is always healthy. This is not always true, and if it was, killing layers is bad policy, for "the hen that lays is the hen that pays."

When a York (Pa.) heltry was entered it was found almost filled with sparrows' nests, and almost a wagon load was thrown out, and, oh, the feathers! Those measly little sparrows had gathered up pounds and pounds of feathers that wasteful people had thrown out. Go thou and do likewise.

A black and white Homing pigeon, band numbered 017,759, was captured in a Bristol (Pa.) yard where it alighted for rest. An old cluck, mistaking the pigeon for a hawk, was fighting the tired bird when it was rescued. Stray fowls should always be advertised. It's brotherly and also the law.

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WINK COSTS HIM JOB

How "Lefty" George Lost Out With Manager Wallace.

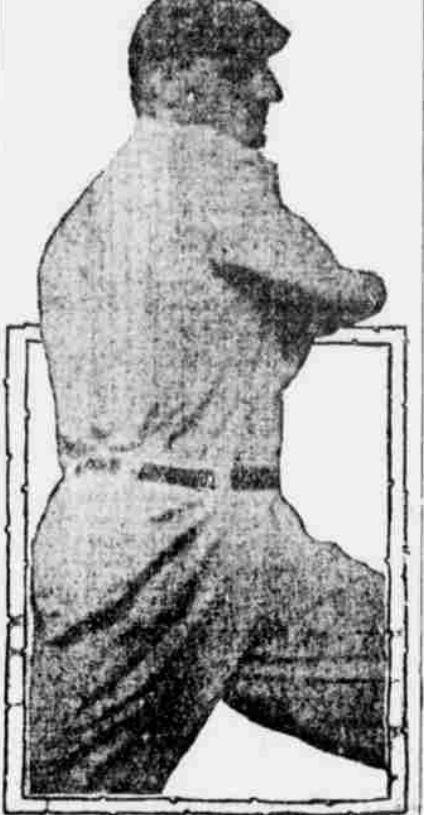
Leader of St. Louis Browns Winked of Those Eyes That "Just Couldn't Behave," and Traded Pitcher to Cleveland.

Lefty George, who cross fires with the left fin, winked himself out of a job with Manager Wallace of the Browns.

That's the whole, unadulterated truth, hot off the bat from Manager Wallace, and sworn to and attested by Doc Lawler, who ministers unto the sick and wounded in the Browns' camp.

George, everybody will remember, was recently traded to the Naps for George Stovall, ex-manager, who assays about 90 per cent pure as a first sacker. When this trade was pulled by Colonel Hedges, a howl went up from Kennebunk, Me., to Frisco, Cal. "Cleveland gold-bricked again," shouted the calamity howlers.

Well, there are two persons who think that Cleveland got an even break in this deal. Those two are Manager Harry Davis and Owner Charles Somers of the Naps, the men who engineered the trade, aided and abetted by Col. Robert L. Hedges, who is foolish like a little red fox. Every-



Manager Wallace.

body else in this land figured that Cleveland crawled out the short of the horn on that deal.

"How did you slip that one over on Davis?" Wallace was asked.

"I didn't slip anything over on Davis," snapped Wallace. "Why, do you know I still would have George if he hadn't been winking at me all season."

Somebody gave the manager the equine guffaw. Then Doc Lawler came to Wallace's rescue.

"What Wallace says is the gospel truth," quoth Lawler. "Lefty was the world's champion winker. He could give the cutest, most knowing little wink with either lamp, and before the season was over we voted him first honors in the world's open winking tournament."

"I'll never forget a day in Boston," chirped Wallace, unwilling to let Lawler tell his story. "I sent George in to pitch and told him for the love of his wife and child and his future in the profession to uncork a good game. He said he'd try. He went along swimmingly until the fifth inning. Then he inaugurated his famous 'walk' balk. He filled the bases on passes. I chased out on the diamond and Lefty stopped me with that wink one of those long, deliberate, total-eclipse winks. He had me hypnotized for a minute. Finally he walked the fourth man, forcing home a run."

"I started out on the diamond again, and Lefty came through with another coy little wink—this time a quick, just-a-minute-Bob-I'll-get-him-this-time wink."

"I snatched the ball from him and told him to get in to the bench and wink at Lawler. He did, and Lawler hasn't won a game of Kelley pool since; neither has Lefty pitched for the Browns."

"As a winker, Lefty has it on Christy Mathewson like Jack Johnson lays it over Kid Peppers; as a pitcher—well, he's with Cleveland now."

Hartzell as Run Producer.

Roy Hartzell of the Yanks is and will be for some time in a class by himself as a run producer on account of a little stunt which he pulled off in a game against the Browns July 12 when, single handed, he biffed an octet of runners across the pan. A feat which may be put in the next best class was a pinch hit by Lajoie, a double off Baker of Chicago, on July 1, which sent three tallies over and won the game, 5 to 2.

Mortell Goes to Cincinnati.

Cincinnati has bought infielder Mortell from Chattanooga. In exchange the Reds will give a couple of pitchers and cash. Mortell is a youngster who contracted malaria last season and did not report, but played independent ball at his home in Kankakee.

Ready For Business.

The best rubber story is the latest, says a London paper, reserved for the telling by the secretary of state for the colonies. Mr. Harcourt at the British North Borneo dinner said that a city friend of his was approached with a view to floating a rubber company. His friend was quite ready.

"How many trees have you?" he asked. "We have not got any trees," was the answer. "How much land have you got?" "We have no land." "What, then, have you got?" "I have a bag of seeds."

No Fortune in Her Face.

Jones, newly married, was walking proudly along the road when he met his friend Brown.

"Well, old chap, how are you?" asked the latter, extending the right hand of friendship. "How do you like married life?" "Oh, we are getting along all right," replied Jones. "But I say, old man, I got such a fright on my wedding day!" "Yes," said Brown; "I was awfully sorry for you."

"What, have you heard about it?" "No, but I saw it."—Boston Transcript.

Judicious Diagnosis.

"How is it that Cholly Cupon takes that little doctor society never heard about before out everywhere on his yacht and lends him his automobile?" "Because the doctor flattered him in a way he has never got over."

"How so?" "By some accident Cholly had occasion to consult him, and the doctor told him he had brain fag."—Baltimore American.

Nowadays.

Drummer—See here; I want an investigation at once! Some one went through my grip, ransacked my books and turned my clothes inside out last night. It's a plain case of robbery.

Hotel Clerk—Robbery nothing! The boys just wanted to find out if you had a membership card in the Ant-tipping league.—Judge.

Too Much Wealth In One Basket.

"Officer, would you mind walking a block or two with me? I have to pass a dark alley a little way ahead." "Got too much money wid ye?" "Money nothing. I've got a pound of butter, four eggs and six slices of bacon."—Chicago Tribune.

Precarious Enterprise.

"What happens to a man who carries water on both shoulders?" asked the youth who is learning politics. "Well," replied his preceptor, "I hate to use slang; but, as a rule, he gets soaked."—Washington Star.

Completing Her Work.

Knicker—How long does the cook promise to stay? Mrs. Knicker—She says she will finish breaking this set of china.—N.Y.

APPRAISEMENTS.—Notice is given that appraisement of \$300 to the widows of the following named decedents have been filed in the Orphans' Court of Wayne county, and will be presented for approval on Monday, June 17, 1912—viz: John Loercher, Honesdale; Real. John Kuhbach, Honesdale; Personal. Henry Soltzman, Texas township; Personal.

Appraisement to Hattie M. Barnes as guardian of Willis, Gerald and Lewis Barnes, Mt. Pleasant; Personal. W. J. BARNES, Clerk. Honesdale, May 21, 1912.

COURT PROCLAMATION.—Whereas, the Judge of the several Courts of the County of Wayne has issued his precept for holding a Court of Quarter Sessions, Oyer and Terminer, and General Jail Delivery in and for said County, at the Court House, to begin on

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1912, and to continue one week; And directing that a Grand Jury for the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer be summoned to meet on Monday, June 10, 1912, at 2 p. m. Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroner and Justices of the Peace, and Constables of the County of Wayne, that they be then and there in their proper persons, at said Court House, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said 10th day of June, 1912, with their records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices appertain to be done, and those who are bound by recognizance or otherwise to prosecute the prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of Wayne County, be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

Given under my hand, at Honesdale, this 15th day of May, 1912, and in the 13th year of the Independence of the United States FRANK C. KIMBLE, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Honesdale, May 15, 1912. 40w4

WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS

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D. & H. CO. TIME TABLE---HONESDALE BRANCH. Table with columns for stations (Albany, Binghamton, Philadelphia, etc.) and times for various routes.

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