



Canadians Should Eat More Eggs.—Certainly Canada Should Produce More! A Few Facts and Comment. Poultry Literature That May be had Free from Ottawa.

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JUST think of us Canadians importing during the year two and a half million eggs from China! And the most of them bad, too, or at least exceedingly stale!

In a country like our good Canada one would think that enough eggs would be produced to satisfy our own needs. But according to Prof. F. C. Elford, the Dominion Poultry Husbandman at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, who has been addressing the recent "Patriotism and Production" farmers' meetings, we in Canada do not produce near enough eggs to satisfy our own home market. If we may judge from his demonstration with the eggs imported from China, which eggs he secured in Montreal, these imported eggs are not such as any self-respecting housewife would ever use—even for cooking. But it would seem that some confectioners are not so acute in point of conscience!

We Canadians do not eat as many eggs as it would be good and economical for us to eat. The English people eat at least two-thirds more eggs per capita, the people of the United States, also, eat more eggs, and yet they produce just about as many eggs as they consume.

RIGHT now, with the hatching season upon us is a very good time to consider the matter of going in more extensively for poultry and perhaps to start keeping at least a few hens—if we have not got them already—even though a back yard in town or city is the only place available for them. While I have not the figures available, I know that tremendous quantities of poultry and unbelievable numbers of eggs are produced year after year in crowded quarters on village, town and city backyards and lots; this all to the advantage of the householders directly concerned, and there need be but little, if any, nuisance or disturbance to the neighbors.

Nowadays when starting in for poultry in a small way it is not necessary to bother borrowing or buying a broody hen or hens. We can escape this trouble and start in with the living chicks, for it is a commercial business to hatch chickens in large incubators and sell them as "baby" chicks.

While it does not seem possible, it is true nevertheless, that baby chicks, newly hatched, and without feed and without water, may be shipped great distances—up to four days and more—without any particular danger to their health or their well-being; in fact, they are likely to be all the better for the trip and the delay in feeding. Nature never intended that a newly hatched chick should have anything particular given it to eat for the first three or four days. Before leaving the shell the chick has enveloped within its body nearly the whole of the yolk and this is sufficient to maintain it for several days; much trouble with young chicks arises from them having been fed too early and too much and thereby upsetting their rather delicate digestive apparatus by going contrary to the plans of nature.

Should you be wishing to get some baby chicks and do not know where to send for them, advise me, c/o Everywoman's World, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope (be sure the war stamp is on!) and I will be very glad to see that you get information from a reliable party with whom you can deal.

THERE is little use of going in for poultry just for their society or company alone. One of course, desires eggs and poultry ultimately at a profit. Therefore we must look forward to buying our baby chicks or hatching the chicks from incubators or by the natural method early in the season and thereby give the stock time to mature, time for the pullets to get ready to lay before next winter sets in, and time for the cockerels to reach a size and development suitable for marketing at a season when good prices are going. This means that we ought to have the chickens all hatched during April, or early May.

SO many good bulletins and so much invaluable information is published and available for free distribution in Canada from the Department of Agriculture relating to poultry, that I have thought it well to name some of these for my readers this month, and have this chat for this month shorter than usual. The officials in charge of the agricultural promotion work for Canada have published a list of publications, available for free distribution from the Department of

Agriculture. This list is free to any one who will write for it. I have noted from this list, the following bulletins, leaflets, and exhibition pamphlets, which I think will be most appreciated by my readers. Any one or all of them may be had absolutely free by addressing the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and it is not necessary even to put a stamp on your letter, simply mark it "O.H.M.S." and it will go all right.

"Rules for the Production and Marketing of New-Laid Eggs," "The Care of Market Eggs," "The Candling of Eggs," "The Organization of Co-operative Egg Circles," "Suggestions for Egg Circle Members," "Winter Egg Production," "Plan of Permanent Laying House for Poultry," "The Payment of Eggs according to Quality," "Artificial Incubation," "Natural Incubation," "The Farmer's Poultry House," "The Farm Flock," "Brooding and Rearing Chicks," "Duck Raising," "The Management of Turkeys," "The Management of Geese."

When there is so much of interest about poultry, and when scraps and waste from the kitchen table can be turned into good eggs and poultry—even in a back lot—and when poultry can be made so much more profitable than any other kind of domesticated live-stock properly handled and cared for, I am sure that thousands of my readers will be glad to avail themselves of this free information on poultry from the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

OUT OF THE WEB

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unconscious girl. Her head had fallen back, her long lashes swept her cheek and her breath came heavily. To Ewing, in whose experience beautiful women were no novelty, she seemed the loveliest thing he had ever seen. There was an appeal about her childish beauty and utter helplessness which struck home to his heart. His varied experience had rendered him cynical; he scoffed at the gentler emotions and he smiled sardonically to find himself thrilled with a yearning tenderness for a young woman of whom he knew nothing further than that her name was Brown.

When they reached The Fonda the young woman's continued unconsciousness necessitated a drive around the block pending which Ewing—refusing to allow the older woman to touch her, ventured gently to chafe her fingers and clumsily endeavor to revive her. Presently she stirred slightly and strove to rouse herself. Fortunately she had not finished the drugged potion and the chill air was reviving her. At length, with an effort, she dragged herself upright and opened her eyes.

"What—why—where are you taking me?" she gasped looking about her a little wildly; Ewing's frank smile was a thing calculated to reassure the most panic-stricken.

"We're taking you home," he said soothingly. See, we're turning into your block now."

"You are wonderfully kind, both of you," the girl said gratefully—her voice completed the havoc her beauty had wrought in Ewing's heart. Then, as her glance fell full upon the face of the woman beside her,—"Why it's the lady who spoke to me in the Park!"

"It was surely good of you to take charge of me. I hope you'll both come in and let my mother thank you in person." The car was, at that moment drawing up at the curb before the entrance to The Fonda.

"We should be glad to," Ewing interposed quickly, "but I'm sorry to say that Mrs. L'Estrange is leaving the city this evening for an indefinite stay and I'm accompanying her to the station"—(which, in a sense, was strictly true). "But, later—if I may have the pleasure of meeting your mother—"

"We shall be happy to see you at any time," the girl assured him as he aided her to alight.

"Then may I say this evening at eight?" "Please do. You see," the soft voice fell to a key too low to be overheard by either of the occupants of the machine, "although I couldn't seem to rouse myself, I haven't been wholly unconscious during our drive, and I learned something of what you've done and how much I owe you. Both Mother and I will want to express our gratitude—though I'm sure I don't know how I can ever thank you sufficiently—"

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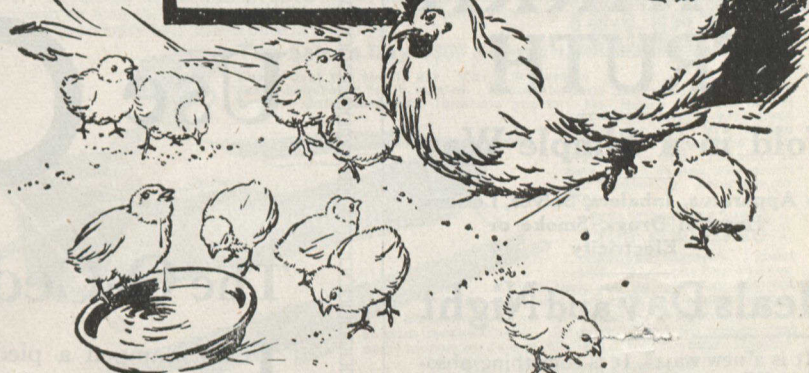
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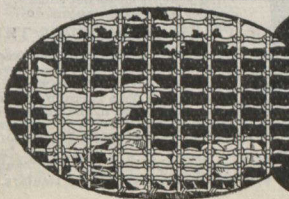


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