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POULTRY POINTERS.

Some Good Hints for Poultry Keepers by a
Writer in Farmer's Advocate.

Mr. Felch is in favor of the scratching pen. So are all practical poultry men. No matter what the style of a house may be, it is not complete until a pen for the fowls to exercise in is added. Exercise makes hens lay. Exercise stimulates growth in the young stock. Exercise makes fowls healthy, and keeps them so. Look at the houses of the man who complains that his hens do not lay, and see if he has scratching pens. Examine the premises of the person seeking cure for sick fowls, and note if there are any scratching pens. It is a fact that the fowls will not stay in the roosting houses during the day time, no matter how bad the weather may be outside, and it is another fact that they will not be at work in the scratching pens, even during nice weather. Get to work now, and put up such pens, if you have not gotten them already.

KEEPS THEM BEST.
While scratching pens are necessary, the fact remains that they will only be ornamental unless you keep the floor of them well littered with chaff or leaves. You must give them something to scratch. Bed the floor about six inches, and scatter wheat bran and meal on it. Turn them back and wash. It won't be long before you see every fowl busy at work. They will scratch long after the last kernel of wheat has been found. If you have it so arranged that they can get into this litter in the morning before you get out of bed, or as soon as they leave the roosts, you will find them busy at work in this litter long before you have their breakfast prepared. The man who is studying the egg problem, soon learns that this is the only way to get eggs in winter.

PULLETS FOR EGGS.
If you hatched out a lot of pullets last April or May, and you now have them yarded alone, with or without a male, and feed them good laying material, you will have eggs, and plenty of them, now, and the supply should keep up all winter. Past experience has proven that the only way to make poultry profitable, is to rely on the pullets and the two-year-old hens. The pullets can be sold for profit in the fall and winter, and the two-year-olds can be sold for winter layers, but after that there will be more or less trouble to have winter eggs, as the older fowls in the later she will moult, and the later she will moult, the less are her chances for laying before spring. If these facts would be generally minded by the poultryman, more reliance put in the pullets than is now done, there would be more money for them.

CHANGING THE GRAINS.
Experience has proven that wheat and oats are the best egg-producing grains, yet it is not well to confine the birds to these grains alone. There should be several changes during the week. Wheat, oats, buckwheat and barley would be a bill of fare. They should be given, say, wheat on Monday, on Tuesday, buckwheat on Wednesday, wheat on Thursday, barley on Friday, and oats on Saturday. Or, they could be changed about, supposing that the above bill was made for evening feed, so that one kind would be given for noon feeding, and one kind for night. In addition to these whole grain diets, the morning mash must not be forgotten.

THE MORNING MASHES.
There are some poultry editors and writers, who think the smartest thing they can do to attack the advice of some well-known writer, and declare that such and such opinions are "all theoretical," and "the writers are working on salary." One of the latest attacks is made on the morning mashes. They declare that it is all foolishness to mix up the ground grains, and that the good results obtained by this method are due to the fact that the feed, there is one thing certain, those who oppose mashes never speak from experience. They may keep a few fowls for fancy, but they never run an egg or a general poultry farm. During the past few months, the whole grain diet, and the inquiry into the poultry condition of all the writers who oppose the morning mashes, and with one exception, none of them keep poultry. That exception was the writer had a few broods on a town lot. Morning mashes reach the point quicker than the whole grain, and they present a combination of feeds in a proper state of assimilation. If you want eggs in winter, you must have a warm mash in the morning, and grain must be strewn among the litter at noon, and grain again at night, and grain food all the time.

CARE OF MANURE.
The proper management of the manure pile, is one of the most important subjects for farmers. Much of the value of manure made by the stock is lost, and its original value is not so great as it should be. To make a better quality of manure and to put it on the land with least loss, are the two questions that are most important. Prof. U. C. Georegon, of the Kansas Experiment station, writes on the subject in the Kansas Farmer, and we summarize his more important conclusions:
The best way to use manure, is to draw and spread as made. That avoids all difficulties and all losses. If the larn is arranged so that wagons can be driven in behind the stock in the stables, and their droppings be loaded each day to be drawn to the fields, all extra handling of manure is saved. This however, is only practicable for very large farms, where at least enough stock is kept to make a wagon load of droppings each day.
If manure cannot be hauled out each day, it must be stored. The problem is, how to do this with least loss. Throwing the manure in heaps in the open yard, is needless expensive. It heats, and when it rains, its soluble portions are washed away and lost. There is also considerable loss by the ammonia from these heaps in the air.
A third way is to leave the manure to be tramped down by cattle as it falls. This is practiced on some dairy farms in Denmark, where the stables are made of brick or stone and are very roomy. The manure is made of iron, plenty of bedding is given, and as the manure accumulates, the fattening and feeding racks are raised. This plan is only practicable where cattle are fed in large, loose boxes. It is quite commonly used, however, in fattening sheep, the animals accumulating a pile of manure, from two to three feet in depth during a single winter. The manure is kept tramped, so that it does not ferment, and this plan preserves all the liquid element, which contains usually more fertilizing elements than the solids.

BRITISH TROOPS FIRED ON.

French Forces in Senegambia Made a Grave Mistake.

London, Jan. 6.—Col. A. B. Nellis, of the West India regiment, has telegraphed to the right hon. H. Campbell-Bannerman, secretary of state for war, the despatch being dated Warina, Dec. 23, as follows: Before day-break this morning our camp was suddenly attacked by a strong force of natives, several of whom were armed with rifles. For forty minutes there was a hot fire. The enemies used trees for cover. The killed of the West India regiment are lieutenant, second lieutenant, Wroughton, sergeant Carragher and four privates. The killed of the constabulary were captain Lundy and two privates. The West India regiment were sergeant Field and fourteen privates of the constabulary. The fire slackening, we advanced and found seven magazine rifles and eight chassapots. Shortly after a wounded private reported that we had been attacked by lieutenant Moritz of the French army 32 Senegalese sharpshooters and 1,200 Kaffir natives. The prisoner stated that lieutenant Moritz had left Warina with this force against the Sofas at the end of September. Lieutenant Moritz had left Warina, fifty miles north-west of Warina. Lieutenant Moritz, hearing that there was war in the Conneh district, believed it was being carried off by the Sofas under Asorokari, a Sofas chief, who was trying to escape from the British and the Senegals. Lieutenant Moritz left Warina on the morning of Dec. 21, and on Dec. 22 was fifteen miles north-east of our camp. He left this point at midnight under a full moon and attacked us believing us to be Sofas.

THE SICILIAN REVOLUTION.

It is Predicted That it Will Spread to Rome.

LONDON, January 8.—Premier Cripps, of Italy, has a live subject to look after just now, and it is dangerous, too. Sicily is fairly in revolution, and the peril of constitutional government in Italy is very grave. Such information as the telegraph has been permitted to give of the events on the island and of the situation in Italy itself, presents an adequate idea of the nature of the crisis. A Rome correspondent forwards by mail to London, important details of the events of the last few days. The military governor of the island notified the government some time ago that the thirty thousand troops at his command were far too few to deal with the emergency. Several thousands more are en route, but the government is fearful of a similar uprising at home, and hesitates to send a great force. The trouble began at Mozara, a town of fourteen thousand inhabitants. The system of local taxation, which is the grievance of the masses throughout Italy, exists in Sicily. The rich escape through corruption, and the poor carry the burden. The people met in mass meetings, and voted to abolish the municipal taxes. The authorities, after pretending to yield, sent for troops. The mob was enraged and burned all the public buildings. The troops attacked them, but were overwhelmed, and unable to return to their barracks. They tried to bivouac in the square. The mob renewed the attack, and this battle lasted all night, and many were killed on both sides. In the morning the people went home, and more troops came, and prevented a renewal of the hostility. Then the people of Salerni followed the example of Mazarza. The officials had warning, and garrisoned the public buildings. When the mob attacked them, it was at first repulsed, but the rebels turned their attention to other buildings and houses. The rich half of the town was destroyed, and much loss of life occurred before the troops gained control. At Castelvetrano, a mob of seven thousand attacked the garrison, freed the prisoners, and then held a meeting and voted to lynch the tax collector and dismiss the municipal officials. Both resolutions were duly executed. The president of the workmen's league was installed as mayor or syndic. The inhabitants of Pietrapergina demanded upon the local authorities, which were refused, and the troops were called out. After a bloody battle, in which many fell, the troops retreated. The mob burned all the public buildings and houses of the wealthy. Only the government quarters of the town remained. These were repeated at Valguarnera, Marina, Canicatti, Trapani, Santa Nefi, and other places. The report is freely circulated that the French soldiers are inciting the revolt in order to weaken Italy. This is not credited in Rome. Signor De Falco, chief of the workmen's league, and member of parliament, told a reporter that his organization was in no way responsible for the uprising, and added that when the six hundred thousand members of the league take up arms, Italy will be compelled to mobilize her whole army.

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