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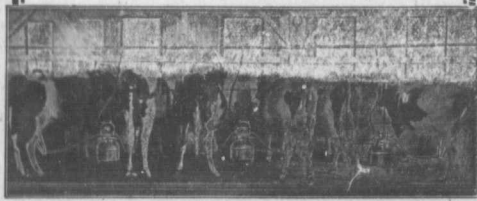
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### The Stately Goose

H. Percy Blanchard, Hants Co., N. S.

IN your "Poultry Number" is the picture of this stately bird; beloved of the Goddess Venus, the saviour of Rome, the central feature of our Christmas dinner. To the mythologist, it is of interest how these apparently diverse features of this feathery biped are co-related.

I, too, once upon a time kept geese. You see, there has been from time immemorial a goose-pond on this farm. But for years it was such a pond only in name. It seemed unnecessary and fitting to complement the pond with a goose. Just as incongruous would it be to have a bicycle cap and no bicycle, or wear a khaki coat and not be a soldier, as to have a goose-pond and no goose. So I bought four "birds." Some were geese and some were ganders; but which was which I cannot say to this day. One of them set and brought out one lonely gosling. I have my suspicions that this setter was a female. I am not sure; I know it had a very tart temper. Of my trials and tribulations with those four birds I will tell you some other time, when I get over the grip. Just now I think of that one lonely gosling, and your assertion that the stately goose has occasionally helped to pay the mortgage. And yet such in a manner was the case with Mr. Maloney, for:

Once a man named Mike Maloney Had a Sable Island pony,

And it used to kick its heels up like the deuce,

So he gave the thing away,

As he said it didn't pay;

And instead, he bought a dollar's worth of goose.

How the neighbors laughed, they say, When they saw the gander lay,

His nose against the ground, and scare the cat;

But, when fourteen eggs hatched out The Maloneys gave a shout;

For they saw the money in it after that.

So they raised the goslings then, Hatched some more out with a hen;

And they pastured them where gooseberries grow wild;

And each morn Maloney's daughter Drove a hundred geese to water;

It was then indeed that old Maloney smiled.

In the market with the rest, Maloney's geese were always best,

And the feathers off to London would be sent.

So Maloney sat at ease, It was "Mister" if you please;

And his geese would go themselves and pay the rent.

Now it might be noticed as a sad reflection upon the trifling circumstances that change the whole tenor of a man's life; that, from the rhymer's standpoint at least, if the Irish gentleman in question had been other than he was, his first, though unfortunate, investment in live stock

would not have been a pony; for it was essential that his investment, namely, in this case a "pony" must rhyme with the gentleman's name. Then, again, it was necessary to introduce a mild swear word to describe the pony's bad behaviour, otherwise Mr. Maloney would have had to invest secondarily in something else, or spoil the poetry, and no true Irishman would do the latter. A more vigorous swear word would have put him in competition with Mary, who bought a little lamb. Or by referring not to the pony's bad behaviour, but to its value as "cheap," it would have helped the gentleman; as then he would be compelled to buy a sheep instead of a wee lamb. Or, again, had we hedged a little on our swear word, and said "like the Dickens," Mr. Maloney would still have to enter the poultry business, only it would be hens, not geese. These things are bad not so much in exaggeration of the use of profane language; as in a way to illustrate how a man's whole future destiny hangs balanced upon a word. Many a man who goes into stock raising and at first makes a failure of it, has not the courage of Mr. Maloney. The latter gentleman weighed the matter, pro and con, and finally coming to a definite conclusion, got out that line even at a loss. More than that, he was bold enough to begin again. True, he began on a small scale; but he resolutely kept on, until at last he arrived at the top.

It is well also to note the enthusiasm of Mr. Maloney's family in his new venture when they realized its wisdom. No doubt this enthusiasm encouraged him. The enthusiasm of the members of his household proffered was highly valuable; and it is possible that only by their aid and maintenance was he enabled to reach the dizzy heights of affluence to which he ultimately attained.

### Artificial Fertilization

THE artificial fertilization of mares although for a long time the object of research, has only lately attained practical importance through the work of Dr. Ivanhoff, the chief of the physiologic department of the veterinary service in Petrograd. This investigator fertilized no less than 879 mares with natural spermatozoa between 1899-1910, and obtained excellent results. Most of the offspring of these mares have proved useful animals; the results from a stud of Russian trotters have been successful on race courses and in mounts and draught animals have also done well.

Ivanhoff's method has the advantage of not injuring the reproductive organs and is easy to carry out. It has also been adopted with much success at the Hungarian State Stud, Kiser, by Dr. Treisz. The latter however used somewhat differently constructed instruments in his experiments, and only disinfect them in boiling water. Further, the spermatic fluid was not diluted with milk, but injected pure into the uterus, 5cc. being used at a time, while Ivanoff prescribed 10cc. The results obtained at Kiser showed that 5cc should be amply sufficient to fertilize one animal.

So far, the experiments in Hungary have been carried out on five half-blood mares, which Treisz fertilized with the spermatic fluid of an English import thoroughbred. The mares, which were always kept separate from the stallion, gave birth a short time ago to five completely healthy foals. As the experiments have proven so successful in Hungary they will be continued.—Bulletin of Foreign Agricultural Intelligence.



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