

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

POULTRY KEEPING AND INCUBATORS.

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To the Editor of FARMING:

Would like to ask, through your esteemed journal, some questions re poultry.

Which is better for an amateur to keep, White or S. Laced Wyandottes? It has been claimed that the White are so much easier kept, and true to color. (Now, I think that objectionable because enough trouble will not be taken to get good stock to breed from.)

Is an incubator reliable to depend upon for hatching? A firm who handle other poultry supplies have said "that it is of no more use, except in theory, than a milking machine." This kind of thing shakes our faith, and we would like to be put right by a disinterested party.

We appreciate FARMING very much, and all are pleased to see it come into their homes. Have purchased a Vessot subsoil lance, and all who have seen it work think it fine. We could see to the row where it was used.

Yours respectfully,

JAS. H. PETERS.

Answered by A. G. Gilbert, Superintendent Poultry Department, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

(1) White Wyandottes are the better if you prefer them. They are easier to breed and true to color. Strain has much to do with egg-laying. Get birds from a prolific egg-laying strain, or eggs from such.

(2) Incubators are indispensable to the expert who breeds for a high-priced market. Incubators are used by many large poultry concerns with great success. Don't pay attention to all you read. A market gardener has to use hot-beds to force his early green-stuff. An expert poultry-keeper uses incubators to bring his early chicks to early maturity. There are several reliable incubators on the market.

BUTTER-MAKING CONTESTS.

To the Editor of FARMING.

Some months ago I noticed an item in FARMING about a butter-making contest at some of the agricultural fairs. Can you give information now the contest was conducted? Did the contestants do the milking, separate the cream and make the butter? Was cream allowed time to ripen? etc., etc.

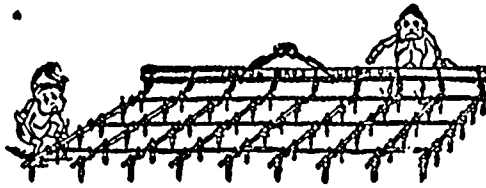
Would it be a fair contest for a farmer's son or daughter of fourteen to twenty years of age to compete with some of those running large creameries or how could the contest be most satisfactorily arranged to get the young folks of the farm to take a hand? It seems to me it would be much better to get up such a contest and offer liberal premiums than spending the money on some of the crazy patchwork or similar exhibits.

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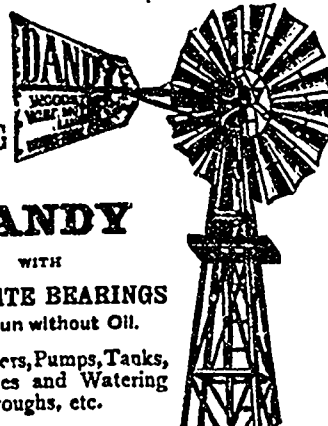
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