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## GOOD POULTRY YARDS CAN BE EASILY MADE

Proper Hanging of Good Wire Netting is Most Essential in Controlling Your Flocks.

(By Robert Armstrong.)

Wire netting plays an important part in every poultry operation. It affects boundaries, partitions and lim-It itations. It is the means by which flocks are controlled. It is indispensable. Also, it is contrary material to work, frequently attended by difficulties, particularly if the operator works single-handed and without pre-Vious experience

If the following suggestions are borne in mind, the task will be greatly simplified: In purchasing poultry netting, even the best grades, it somo-times happens that one selvege is slightly longer than the other. This accounts for no end of trouble, unless proper precautions are taken. Netting having uneven edges should

always be hung with the shortest selvage at the top. Otherwise, if the longest salvage is place at the top, the upper section of the netting, after it is hung, will sag between the posts in apite of every effort to remedy it.

There is one exception to this rule, which will explain the principle of it: If a fence is to be erected on ground which is rolling, and the con-tour of the grade is uch that the highest ground is in the centre of the curve, grading away uniformly on each side, it is quite likely that this curve will conform to the curve in the netting, in which case the wire may be hung with the longest edge upper

EXAMINE NETTING FIRST

To ascertain if a roll of netting is straight, unroll the wire on a level stretch of ground, and if instead of lying in a straight line, the netting describes a slight curve, it is becaus one edge of selvage is longer than the other, perhaps but a few inches, enough to cause an unsatisfactory lowed. The selvage on the inside of the curve is the shortest side; the out-side of the curve is the longest sal-

This point is unimportant with netbecause any variation is easily taken up in the hanging. It applies to wider sizes, especially the six-foot netting, where there is no top rail to the fence from which the wire can be stretchthe bale or roll, and the better grades galvanized after the netting is

A yard or run should never be constructed with a rail at the top, un-less the top is to be covered with netting, also, or unless the fence is built unusually high. Rails invite the birds to fly and alight on them, and once they form this habit the entire flock will be given to yard-breaking, hence the purpose of the fence is de-

Top rails consisting of 2x4-inch lumber make a neat finish to the yard, but they are expensive and unnecessary. Let the wire netting form the top of the fence, and you will not be bothered by high-flying because it offers no perch for the birds to fly upon, and they seldom attempt flying clear over a fence. The plain netting is a mysterious barrier to them. Keep it so.

BASEBOARDS AND POSTS.

Baseboards, 12 inches wide, securely Baseboards, 12 inches wide, securely nailed to the fence posts, made an excellent bottom for a fence, and assist greatly in lining up the posts and stretching the netting, but they are likewise expensive, very much so if large areas are to be enclosed. They are not absolutely essential. Good results can be easily obtained by the fol-

way of grates, to take the strain or in way of grates, to take the strain of stretching the wire. Then commencing at a corner, unroll the bale of netting for its entire length, or for the length of a particular side of the fence, keeping the netting as close to the post as possible. Start to hang the netting by the top selvage at the exact height from the ground, driving one staple—no more—in each post until the entire length is hung, all the while stretching the selvage away from the starting point.

Be careful not to walk on the netting unnecessarily, or to handle it in such a way that it develops bulges on sagged places, and do not attempt to stretch the middle of the netting at this time. It is also a bad plan to try and carry the netting around a corner without cutting it and making a new place of beginning, especially if the posts are round.

When the netting is hung by a single staple at each post, commence at the middle of the length of wire and secure the bottom selvage at each post at the ground line or an inch below working each way from the place of beginning, and being careful not to stretch the netting beyond the distance illotted to it by each post interval. This method apportions the correct amount of netting over the correct area, whereupon it is then a simple matter to return and staple the wire to each post individually, stretching slightly here and there as required.

STAKE DOWN BOTTOM.

To hold the bottom of the netting in place and make it hug the ground colsely drive stakes at intervals of three or four feet—two stakes between the posts are generally sufficient, and secure them to the netting by a staple Discarded wooden fence palings are splendid for this purpose, especially if they are tapered. Drive the largest end in the ground for a distance of about eighteen inches, and they are not likely to heave upward by frost

The life of these stakes will be prolonged, as will the fence posts, if they are first dipped or soaked in a wood preservative, or else charred.

By the use of stakes in this manna it is possible to sink the netting into the ground without difficulty, and with a little practice one soon develops the "trick" of being able to drive the stakes with just enough tension on the netting to stretch it perfectly flat and

For repairs to foundations of buildings, walls, piers and so on, there is no better material than concrete, which further commends itself to the execute a satisfactory concrete job.

And most of the tools required are
these used for every-day work about a farm, such as a wheelbarrow, hoe, water buckets, water barrel and

SUGGESTIONS FOR CONCRETE Walls for light buildings should be about eight inches thick and carried far enough into the ground to insure a solid foundation, without risk of up-heaval by frost. Excavate about six inches below the point intended to be the bottom of the wall, and fill in this space with broken stone, cinders or any other hard, porous material that will obtain good drainage. Never use ashes. Tamp pound this founda-tion to a solid bed, and it is then tion to a solid bed, ready for the concrete.

The following formula is recommended for general concrete work; 1 part cement, 2 1-2 parts sand, and 5 parts crushed stone, coarse pebbles or cinders. Measure the ingredients. Don't guess at them. And mix them lowing method:

The fence posts should be well planted in the ground, from 10 to 11 to have the materials well mixed, folfeet apart, and braced at the corners lowing which the mixture should be

sible, before the cement starts to take its initial set.

To estimate the quantities required for a job, first figure the cubical contents of the work, in other words, multiply the length by the width by the depth. This product will equal the amount of c.ushed stone needed. And if the formula is as above, 1—21-2—5, the necessary sand will be one-half the quantity of the crushed stone, and the cement one-fifth the qualitity of the stone.

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of the stone.

The sand must be clean, sharp and coarse, and the crushed stone or cinders must be free from loam, clay or organic matter, otherwise the concrete will be soft and crumbly.

OVERHAULING THE ROOFS

By all means look after the roofs By all means look after the roofs of poultry houses. Nothing is more troublesome than a leasy roof. It means cold, wet living quarters for the flock, and mucky, filthy litter, which will soon convert the otherwise ideal house into a death trap.

If there are any shingles off, or any unsound of torn spots in the patent roofing, repair them before they grow serious and cause the framing timbers and sheathing lumber to warp and rot.

Patent roofings are commonly us poultry buildings, especially on is of low pitch, and as soon as the outer coating on these roofings com-mences to, wear, the roof should be painted. Don't delay, or the fabric will be impaired. If these roofs are paint-ed once a year they will last almost indefinitely. Asphalt paint and simi-lar preparations are specially made lar preparations are specially made for this work; they are not expensive, like oil paint. Use a large flat brush, such as a whitewash brush, mounted on a handle and large area NOTES.

The off-shelled egg is due to either overfat or lack of lime in the ration; ometimes both. Where the attention of the male be-comes a perfect harassment, the ner-

vous derangement may decrease the egg product. The first few eggs of the brown-egg layer are rich in color, but as laying

continues they become more pale. This is due to a certain pigment from which the coloring comes, and which in its first strength is of good color.

The shortage of labor and the tremendous increase in feed prices make it imperative that only the very best producers should be kept. Stock that would return a substantial profit in pre-war times, when feed was cheap, will now, under the changed conditions, show a loss. This probably applies more strongly to poultry than to any other class of live stock, as the securing of suitable feed is becoming

more and more difficult. Mercurial ointment is effective in exterminating head lice. This material is also sold as blue ointment or "blue butter," but mercurial ointment, which contains 50 per cent. of metallic mer-cury, is cheaper at present prices, on the basis of mercury contained, than the other form. Since it is stiff and difficult to apply by itself, it is best mixed with vaseline, lanolin or a similar substance in the proportion of one part of the ointment to two of the ingredient used, and is then fully as effective. The material is applied by taking a lump of it about the size of pea and rubbing it thoroughly a the base of the feathers about the head. Head lice rest mainly upon the feathers, usually at the point where the barbs begin.

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# P-O-E-M-S

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THE WIDOW MALONE. Did you hear of the Widow Malone. Who lived in the town of Athlone?

Oh! she melted the hearts Of the swains in them parts— So lovely the Widow Malone, Ohone!

So lovely the Widow Malone Of lovers she had a full score

Or more; And fortunes they all had galore, In store: From the minister down To the clerk of the crown,
All were courting the Widow Malo

But so modest was Mistress Malone, 'Twas known That no one could see her alone,

Let them ogle and sigh,

So bashful the Widow Malone.

Till one Mr. O'Brien, from Clare-How quare! It's little for blushing they care

Down there— Put his arm round her waist, Gave ten kisses at laste—
"Oh,' says he, "you're my Molly Malone."

And the widow they all thought so

shy, My eye! Ne'er thought of a simper or sigh-

For why?
But -ucius," says she,
"Since you've not made so free You may marry your Mary Malone,

You may marry your Mary Malone." There's a moral contained in my sons.

Not wrong.
And, one comfort, it's not very long, But strong; If for widows you die

Learn to kiss, not to sigh,
For they're all like sweet Mistress Ohone!

Oh! they're all like sweet Mistress

-Charles Lever

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(From an Invocation.) We are what sun and winds and waters make us;

itains are our sponsors, and the rills Fashion and win their nursling with their smiles.
But wheer the land is dim from tyr-

There tiny of fabled fairies, when the sun goes

Trip o'er the grass where wrestlers strove by day.

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MOSTLY THAT. Asker: "Didn't your wife inherit omething from her mother?" Stuckley: "Yes, a good deal" Asker: "What was the nature of Asker:

Stuckley: "Mostly temper."

#### The History of Your Name

· STEWART.

VARIATIONS-Stuart, Stewart, Stew ardson, Stewartson.
RACIAL ORIGIN—Norman-French.

SOURCE-A title of office. It is one of the tricks of history that this family name, which is dis tinctly of Norman-French origin, should have become chiefly represent ative of Scots, and should have become the name of that Scottish clan who history is virtually the history of Scotland from the twelfth century on, the clan which has furnished so many of the kings of both Scotland and England.

There are, of course, many instance of the title of "steward," an import-ant one under the Norman-French feudal system, growing into a family name in England, but whereas the English formed their family names individually, the Scottish and the Irish formed them on the wholesale lasis,

an entire clan adopting a name.

The Scottish Stewards trace back to one of the first Norman barons ngland, who obtained from Wilof England, who obtained from whi-liam the Conqueror the barony of Os-westry in Shropshire. One of his sons, Walter, sought his fortunes in Scotand about the middle of the twelfth century was made by him "Steward of the Royal Household," and given large estates. The office of "High Steward" was later made hereditary, and in the course of a very few gen-erations the followers who gathered about the standard of the "High Steward" after the Scottish custem. naturally welded themselves into a clan, adopting the name of Stewart. It was in 1370 that the first Stewart to become king succeeded his uncle. David II., and was crowned as Robert

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As a result of the Great War and the defection of Russia a separate gov-ernment has been established at Kaz-an by the Tatars, and the basin of the Volga has seen much fighting. As a result of a thousand years of colonization, almost seven-tenths of the present inhabitants of the basin are present inhabitants of the basin are Great Russians, although in the new-ly formed Kazah-Tatars, or There has also been a large German emigration from Westphalia, Bayaria and Saxony into this area. Agricul-ture, forestry, fishing and hunting are the chief occupations of the people of the Volga Basin, although there is some mining and industrial expansion.

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Scientists For Centuries "I am eighty-three years old and I doo "I am eighty-three years old and I dectored for rheumatism ever since I came
sut of the army, over fifty years ago,"
writes J. B. Ashelman. "Like many
others, I spent money freely for so-called
'cures, and I have read about 'Urio
Acid' util I could almost taste it. I
could not sleep nights or walk without
pain; my hands were so sore and stiff I
could not hold a pen. But now, as if
by magic, I am again in active business
and can walk with ease or write all
day with comfort. Friends are surprised
at the change."

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at the change."

At the change."

HOW IT HAPPENED.

Mr. Ashelman is only one of thousands who suffered for years owing to the general belief in the old false theory that "Uric Acid" causes rheumatism. This erroneous belief induced him and legions of unfortunate men and women to take wrong treatments. You might just as well attempt to put out a fire with old as to try and get rid of your rheumatism, neuritis and like cominematism, neuritis and like cominematism, neuritis and like cominematism, by taking treatments; suippos-

just as well attempt to put out a fire with oil as to try and get rid of your rheumatism, neuritis and like comi plaints, by taking tretatmientst suitpposed to trive Uri eAcid out of tyour blood and bodty. Many physicians and scientists now know that Urie Acid never did, never can and never will cause rheumatism; that it is a natural and necessary constituent of the blood; that it is found in every new-born babe; and that without it we could not live!

These statements may seem strange to some folks, who have all along been led to belief in the old "Uric Acid" humbug. It took Mr. Ashelman fifty years to find out this truth. He learned how to get rid of the true cause of his rheumatism, other disorders, and recover his strength from "The Inner Mysteries," a remarkable book now being distributed free by an authority who devoted over twenty years to the scientific study of this particular trouble. NOTE: If any reader of this paper wishes the book that reveals these facts regarding the true cause and cure of rheumatism, facts that were overlooked by doctors and scientists for centuries past, simply send a post card or letter to H. P. Cyearwater, No. 555-L Street. Hallowell, Maine, and it will be send by return mail without any charge whatever. Cut out this notice lest you forget! If not a sufferer yourself hand this good news to some afflicted friend.

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