

Poultry Chat

Written for The Western Home Monthly by Helen Vialoux, Charleswood

JUNE is the month of roses, the poet tells us, and it is a pleasure indeed to go about attending to the practical work in connection with our growing flocks of chicks, and turks and ducks, with the beautiful wild roses of our fair land running riot in every nook and corner about the grounds. Roses are so deep in color, and luxuriant, in a chicken run, owing, no doubt, to the droppings spread broadcast among the bushes by the chicks. Incubators should be cleaned and disinfected when the season's hatches are taken off, then stored in a dry place. Too often expensive machines are left in the open or thrown aside where the wood gets warped and next spring the wood is not up to the mark as a hatcher. The boxes where the broody hens have set need looking after also, they are liable to have red mites in every crack, and should be put out of the fowl house or stable, sprinkled with coal oil or kerosene, and stacked outside. The growing flocks, now fairly past the tender stage of chickendom, should claim our attention in June and July. The hopper of dry mash should be always available for the chicks and they will not eat too much of it. Made of equal parts of bran, shorts, crushed oats or barley, some corn meal and a cupful of granulated charcoal, some beef scrap may be added, and this is the best way to feed beef scrap or meat. I prefer using milk in some form rather than giving meat at all. Buttermilk is a perfectly safe food, or sour milk may be used. Young birds fed on meat often develop bad habits, picking at each other's toes or tails, causing wounds—plenty of green food, lettuce, young grass or a large grass run will prevent this vice, and grain spaded into a corner of the yard keeps them out of mischief.

The late June hatched chicks have such ideal weather conditions, coupled with green grass, and garden produce, they often grow more quickly than April and May chicks. Give them plenty of shade on hot days, and keep a watchful eye on mites and vermin of all kinds. The mother hens begin to lay again in June, leaving their broods to fend for themselves at a month old. Care should be taken that the feathering chicks are comfortable at night. Teach them to roost, safe from rats and cats. I found a small wooden house very useful, using a shelf like roosting board on the level, with some cut straw on it. Another method is to tack a flat board a few inches from the floor of a common coop, for the little ones to roost on. Train them to go onto the roost after dark when you will find them huddled up in a corner or under the board. A couple of lessons will get them into the habit of roosting, instead of crowding together, in a little heap, where the weaklings get trampled upon. Once again we must "swat the rooster" when the breeding season is over, and produce only infertile eggs on the farm during the hot months, when eggs deteriorate in quality so quickly. Valuable birds can be penned of course, and the ordinary male bird kept in a coop 10 days to fatten up, when he makes a good dinner at any time.

I advise selling off the surplus cockerels, also, as broilers, in July, as the price is good, and all grain feeds higher in price than ever before. The pullets develop and make better growth when separated from the cockerels. At three months of age the pullets can be housed in a colony or wooden house which will accommodate 50 birds nicely at night, and during the day give them free range if possible. This method of rearing pullets will produce a fine flock of winter layers. The egg laying contests in Canada and the United States have created a great deal of interest, and the hen seems to be improving each year in egg production. For instance, at Storrs, Connecticut, where egg laying contests have been conducted for several years. In the past five years the hens at Storrs have averaged 42.9 per cent of their annual yield during the first six months. On this

basis the 1,000 hens in the contest will lay 166,733 this year. This will be 3,000 more eggs than the best yearly record ever made by them. These hens have laid 71,546 eggs in 184 days, an average of 71½ eggs each. The three utility breeds, Barred Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, and White Wyandottes have led in the Storrs contest.

Western hens are holding their own with the best of them, however, as the record at the Brandon contest is a splendid one. The leading pen at Ottawa, 10 Barred Rocks, owned by J. E. Rhoades of Ottawa, laid 898 eggs in 25 weeks. Second in Canada is a pen at Brandon, owned by W. Howe of Winnipeg, Anconas with a total of 882 eggs in 25 weeks. Manitoba hens hold second, third and fourth place in all the Canadian egg laying contests held at five different points east and west. White Wyandottes, Barred Rocks and Rhode Island Reds are going strong with Mr. Howe's Anconas making a wonderful record for themselves, and the Canadian average per hen is fully as high as the American. The grant given by the government for poultry products raised by the boys' and girls' club, has been cut down a good deal this season of 1920. The same percentage, 60 per cent of actual prizes given, is granted on chickens, but all other fowl, turkeys, ducks and geese, etc., have been cut off in Manitoba. This seems regrettable, but, no doubt, the woman's institute or some other club will help the boys and girls and encourage them to raise all kinds of poultry. Flower growing receives no grant from the Manitoba government either this season, but here again it is hoped that the children's interest will not flag, but they will "carry on" and make their farm gardens a thing of beauty as well as utility by growing plenty of lovely flowers. When country homes are made beautiful our young people will feel encouraged to live at home instead of rushing off to town.

The government grants given to boys and girls in the form of a bounty on the destruction of gophers, crows, hawks, etc., has also been withdrawn this season. The municipalities, in some cases, may be giving grants, as the matter has been left to them to consider on a local basis, but I fear all the "varmints" will increase and cover the earth during the summer, and much good work in destroying pests be left undone in Manitoba owing to this policy.

THE AVIATOR

I have lain at early morning
On the lowland;
Watched the rising sun adorning
The peaks on either hand;
And have seen, beyond the crags, the
beetling crags,
Bathed in the morning light,
An eagle wing his flight,
Higher and still higher,
As a beaming point of fire,
As a thought, a winged desire,
Soar and circle as he lags
Above the height.
And as I have watched him gliding
On in flight,
Or have paused to watch his riding
Upon the silver cloud,
My heart has called aloud
In a wish to be as free
In a land of light as he;
So to bid the world adieu
For a glorious hour or two;
So to sail the heavens lone,
Over mountain, over foam,
And at eve come circling home
To an eyrie of my own.
And again my heart has shouted, "Could
it be?"

So desire has bred a passion,
And the passion clothed a thought,
Aiding man to shape and fashion
The instrument he sought.
So to circle and to soar
So to glide above the mountain
Free as eagle, aye and more,
Blither than the bubbling fountain.

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Casting off the chains of race,
To the skies I turn my face,
And I soar,
More and more;
Top the peak
And climb the thunder,
Circle onward toward the sun,
Till the screaming eagles wonder
At their wildest dreams outdone;
Till the ocean, as a streak,
Through the cloud-floor glimmers dim;
And I view the farther glories
Toward the planet's outer rim;
Till I feel at last the bounds of space
are won.

I have paled their boldest stories
As I sailed above the cloud-rack,
Till the very thunders rumbled far
below;
And I bid them take their shroud back,
For I look into the sunset, and I know
That on an eve, through heaven's burn-
ing,
To allay a passion's yearning,
I shall sail into a sunset-golden star.
Out above the purple ocean,
With a gentle gliding motion,
Out beyond the harbour bar
Shall I go.
To the sun my face be set;
Out beyond the farthest West
Past the ancient realms of rest,
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MISCELLANEOUS

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English As She Is Spoke

Americans who are coming to the British Isles in great numbers are supposed to speak the English language, says Tit Bits, but we sometimes find it a little difficult to understand them. But it must be much more difficult for them to understand the different dialects that are spoken in this country. Lancashire furnishes a good example. What would an American make of "Tint oan ee!" or "Wheer ta baan?" or "Tse lip-pin on yo?" three phrases that are commonly heard in that country. Translated into modern English, they mean, "Shut one eye!" "Where are you going?" "I shall depend upon you," or "shall expect you."

A young man from the United States went into Scotland Yard, on his way to the hospital, to report his change of residence, and the sergeant in charge, a cockney, asked:

"Are you going to die?"
The startled American said he hoped not, but that if he did he hoped that they would ship his body back to the States, and turned to go.

A laughing clerk called him back and explained that the cockney sergeant only meant, "Are you going to-day?" Quite another thing!