

Poultry World

PEKIN DUCKS
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The White Pekin is the "general utility" breed among ducks. It is a good layer of high-grade eggs, a thrifty rapid grower, with valuable feathers. To its discredit only are its noisiness and sturdy appetite.

Among hens, the general utility breed may be said to be the Barred Rock, or perhaps the Rhode Island Red. The White Embden among geese, and the Mammoth Bronze turkeys have similar qualifications.

The claimant to the same class among the duck tribe is surely the White Pekin.

The points of likeness between the White Embden goose and the Pekin are jocularly apparent. Not alone in the color scheme, which they obviously share, but in habits, carriage disposition and dependable qualities, these breeds of two tribes are parallel.

To the Pekin belongs the credit for the impetus given to duck-raising in this country.

ARE NOT SPECTACULAR

Its qualities are not spectacular. The Pekin is not a sensational layer, nor pre-eminently a table fowl, nor a showbird, though its white plumage, yellow shanks and orange bill might well put it in the last-named class. It is simply a dependable breed of honest laying habits, valuable for its large white eggs and its feathers.

Beginning about February, the Pekin lays prolifically till late in summer in favorable environment. The eggs, large and pinkish white, grade higher in market than the dark Pied-duck eggs, and constitute one of the Pekin's points of superiority.

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farm lot may consist of ten ducks and two drakes. The layers are good for two or three years. The flock should have its duck house with nests and be penned each night. The next day at 10 or 11 o'clock, by which time the daily laying is over, they may be turned out for the day. Many eggs are lost by neglecting to hold the flock each morning. I have seen scores of eggs lost on creek shores, due to negligence on the part of owners.

On the other hand, detention of the flock too long shortens their working day and cuts the regular quota of eggs. The season's first eggs should be sold unless one has facilities for protecting the young from unseasonable cold snaps. Ducklings fare ill if confined too closely in one place.

The ducks may be permitted to incubate, hatch and rear their young, but most raisers prefer the more efficient plan of using hens or incubators. This turns the ducks out as egg machines. The sturdiness and independence of the little ones makes it very easy to raise them in houses or coops, in small or large flocks.

HIENS FOR INCUBATORS
The Pekin is a gross feeder, a fact indicated by its shovel-like bill. It requires much food for the development of its clumsy, heavy body, but it willingly supplements its meal-ticket by roving. A flock can attend to its own wants quite capably in

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summer, and even rear a later flock of young ones. Various methods with Pekins prevail as with other poultry. Its disposition renders it a good town or pen, with or without range. One of its star characteristics is its rapidity with which it can be torched. No other fowl can assimilate such quantities of food so successfully, and transmit it with such speed to the young. Large numbers of ducklings may be culled in pens opening from the brooder house. The pens should include a pond with running water if possible. The standard ration is soft mass of bran and meal, separator milk and quantities of grit and sand. In ten weeks they are ready for market. This method reduces labor and hastens marketing, but inevitably forces the feed-bill also. In contrast, other varieties of ducks require more exercise and roughage. They can handle just so much feed. If choice were to be made, they would fare better with a snormal amount. Over-feeding is apt to clog their digestive apparatus, and retard growth. The Pekin's ability to gourmandize continuously is the secret of duck-farm possibilities, where 500 to 10,000 are raised in comparatively small area.

PEKINS HEALTH CHART
Few fowls lay claim with more justification to the title of hardihood than the Pekin. It is not immune to disease, but has apparently great resistance. Pekin waddlers, with reasonable care, after first few weeks when they may easily be drowned, are delightfully independent of anything but a regularly-appearing bucket of mash. Newly-hatched ducks are susceptible to rain and consequent chill. They soon become impervious as they supplement the first down with an oilier coat. No gapes, and colds but seldom trouble their young lives. Their chief concern is plenty of water.

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for drinking and bathing, and much soft feed. The mistake of giving them water in shallow pans should be guarded against. Ducks of any breed should have water of sufficient depth to plunge their bills in to their eyes. This is backed by hygienic reason. Their nostrils become gummed and sealed so that breathing through them is impossible. Whether soft feed is partly responsible is not certain, but they must be able to wash their bills to their hearts' content. Young ducks alternately shovel a mouthful of food then rush to the drinking-cup, not so much to drink as to cleanse their bills.

ARE GREAT QUACKERS

Pekins to the number of six or eight are good backyard fowls if running water is accessible and one's neighbors are sufficiently removed not to be disturbed by their quacking. Pekins are firm believers in voice culture, and give voice regardless of place and hour. They can be raised with less cost on creek and river shores. They have a very good idea of locality, and in their ability to return nightly are real "Homers." Numerous enemies deplete their numbers. Hawks find a yellow fluff ball of a duckling quite as satisfactory as a baby cat or turkey.

WILL BRING GOOD PRICES

Despite the general dependable and likable qualities of Pekins, it is quite sure that less will be raised this year than formerly. It is undeniable that with Pekins it is a case of "spare the feed, spoil the product." Those courageous ones continuing in the business will find good prices. Whether they warrant them in rearing large numbers is hard to prognosticate. Just a few here and there will make a valued accession to our nation's food resources, every pound of which must be conserved for the needs of the world.

BRIGHT STUDENT

"Now," said the professor of chemistry, "under what combination is gold most quickly released?" The student pondered a moment. "I know, sir," he answered. "Marriage."

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SUNDAY AT HOME

AN EVENING PRAYER
Father, with all my heart I thank Thee for to-day, For all its sunshine—all its rain; For strength to toil—for a heart to play. Help me to forget its pain As, with my hand in Thine, I got to rest. That, when the day shall come again, I ask Thyself, all close to Thee May meet my task With love, that maketh all things plain And makes me trust in Thee And never ask But that Thou work continually— That, which for me is best.—Edgar Collins Tullar.

GROWTH IN GRACE

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THE VALUE OF MAN

That man himself may regard himself and his life as he should, and seek those ends that are worthy and eternal—important, he needs more or less to comprehend his own value in the sight of God. That those who are interested in the temporal and spiritual welfare of mankind may rightly be impressed with the necessity and desirability of earnestly prosecuting such lines of endeavor as may result in the salvation of mankind, they need to comprehend with a good deal of clearness the value of man in God's sight. And the voices are not few that speak of the exceeding value of man, notwithstanding his imperfections of heart and life.

There is, for example, the kingly place he occupies in the realm of man. Strive to be like the rush, of nature it is true that man seems

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at times insignificant, and yet God made man nature's king. And though man may not come into the world with the glory of Adam's first estate, he nevertheless does come still as the lord of creation. For man all things have been made; to man all things are subservient; to his sustenance and pleasure all things contribute. The sun in his strength and glory is man's servant; the seas overwhelm him; the mountains and valleys, the trees of the field and the beasts of the forest. Nature animate and inanimate, all are for man's comfort and delight. Then, the peculiar capacities with which he has been endowed, and the unique stewardship with which he has been entrusted, alike proclaim man as of great value.

In kind, though not in degree, man can see what God sees, love what God loves, and do what God does. The Lord has made him after His own kind. We have no right or wish to defy man, but cannot but see in him some trace of Divine likeness. Like His Lord, man is greater than the world in which he dwells. And this because "it is greater to think a world than to be a world." With powers of intellect, heart and will, man moves and lives and has his being in the region of the Divine. His capacities, too, are the promise that his stewardship will be of a nature to proclaim man's value. In this regard man holds priceless jewels in his possession as a steward of God's gifts of mind, heart, will and life—all such things are the precious gifts of God to man, to be used only as man can use them for himself, his fellow-beings and his God. And where the man is Christian, all the more has God privileged him as a steward of His manifold grace. A man in Christ is one who by reason of his additional responsibility and privileges has his value enhanced. It is safe to say that that stewardship marks man as of high estimate in God's love and care. The great and special provision that the Creator has made for man is a witness to the greatness of man's value in God's sight. Food for his body, His

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Sir Robert Hart, speaking of marriage and death customs in the Far East, tells a story of a great Chinese scholar and high official who said that our foreign way of letting the young people fall in love and choose and the Chinese way of first marrying and then making acquaintance reminded him of two kettles of water; the first—the foreign—was taken at the boiling point from the fire by marriage and then grew cooler and cooler, whereas the second—the Chinese—was a kettle of cold water put on the fire by wedlock and ever afterward growing warmer and warmer. "So that," said his friend, "after 50 or 60 years we are made in love with each other!"

EQUALITY

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A Day Dream

"There ought to be a garden out in front," said Mrs. Neyrock suddenly from the depths of the porch hammock. "Bully idea," agreed Neyrock from the steamer chair. "Let's make one." "Let's," agreed Neyrock. They sprang to their feet simultaneously and dashed out through the porch screen door. They Neyrocks always do things that way. Neyrock had said when he came over to his country home for the week-end that he wanted a complete rest, but the garden idea hit him. "Now, let's see," Neyrock mused as he grabbed the rake in one hand and the broom in the other from where they had been left against a tree. "Let's have it rambling and wild instead of formal. There must be winding paths—" "And odd-shaped beds," from Mrs. Neyrock. "You can't dig with a rake, Henry. Get the spade." Neyrock had spaded up quite a bit of earth when Lillimire came along. Lillimire is the sort of summer reporter who dons spotless white flannels and a soft hat, never steps off the walk and fancy that he is getting close to nature. "Hello!" said Lillimire over the front rail fence. "Will you please tell me why you are spilling the grass?" "There isn't any grass," insisted Neyrock. "Only this scrubby stuff. I am making a garden." "You should plan it on paper first," said Lillimire. "Otherwise, how in the world do you know whether you are digging beds or paths?" "That's so," said Mrs. Neyrock. "I'll get some paper."

"You must have a pool in it," added Lillimire as he moved along. "Tilge the galvanized iron tub from the well, said Neyrock at that, and put it down here—this is the pool. 'We might carry the bricks left over

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from the barn foundation," suggested Mrs. Neyrock brightly, "and lay them down to outline roughly the walks and beds."

"Splendid idea," said Neyrock. At once they dropped the rake, the spade, the broom and the paper and pencils and began carrying bricks. They had to scatter them far apart to outline everything. Just as they were finishing the Crayfoots stopped their automobile out in front.

"How do?" said Crayfoot. "I hadn't any idea anyone here was going to start a brickyard. Send me over a lead for my new chicken house, will you?" "It's a garden," explained Mrs. Neyrock rather shortly. She was conscious that her hair was stringy, her dress horribly muddy and her usually white hands a sight from carrying brick.

"Oh!" murmured Mrs. Crayfoot from the machine, with all her exasperating sweetness of one in frilly, fluffy, immaculate attire. "Do you like that sort of thing?" "Cat!" muttered Mrs. Neyrock intensely as the machine plowed on. "She just loved to make me feel like a day laborer! Henry, I can't get the idea of a pool from an empty tub—I'm going to turn the hose into it and fill it!"

"All right," agreed Neyrock. "I think we're getting on splendidly. We probably can't get it all done to-day, but we can sketch it out. There ought to be an arbor at this curve in the walk, with vines over it—" "Get the step ladder and set it there so well remember it's an arbor, then," directed Mrs. Neyrock. "I wish had something to sit on—gardening is hard work."

"Here," said Neyrock, turning over the hose reel. "Sit on this." "I am planning whether to have roses or poppies here," mused Mrs. Neyrock, "or would you advise tulips?" "Do you suppose there would be any room left for a few tomato vines?" enquired her husband.

"I've heard of gardens that had parsley instead of candytuft for borders," said Mrs. Neyrock eagerly. "Hello!" said Bingle from over the fence. "What is the trouble? Has there been a fire, that you've moved everything in the front yard? But why save the bricks?"

"This," said Neyrock, with as much dignity as one can show when there is earth on one's face, when perspiration has soaked one's collar and when one's shoes are covered with mud, "is a garden!" "There will be roses here," explained Mrs. Neyrock, pointing at the spade, "and an arbor there," waving her hand at the step ladder, "and the main walk runs along that rake and I think I'll have nasturtiums here and pink phlox over—" "Fine!" said Bingle. "But of course you realize that you can't start a garden in July! It's months too late!"

There was an appalled silence on the part of the weary Neyrocks as they stared at each other. Then Neyrock threw down the trowel on the only unoccupied spot on the lawn. "Aw, who wants an old garden, anyhow!" he demanded, as he stepped backward—and sat down in the galvanized iron tub which the hose had just filled to the brim.—Chicago News.

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VALUE OF SILENCE

Too Much Talking as the Cause of Failures.

Many of the failures in business and professional as well as social life are due to injudicious talking. A young man of apparently very moderate ability has recently astonished his fellow workers by his noticeable success in business. "Pure luck," it has been called, but a policy or natural habit of silence is the real cause.

In his first position he succeeded a man of long experience and excellent judgment, a circumstance that made his youth and inexperience conspicuous by contrast. He made no apologies and asked little advice. He was courteous to his superiors, considerate of his business inferiors, but absolutely deaf to all the gossip and irresponsible talk so prevalent in every large business office. He had held his position for a year; gossip had it that he had failed, for in that time he had not suggested a single innovation or enlarged his department in any way. But soon it became known that he had proposed a change that would result in an annual saving of \$2,000. Gradually his step became firmer, his manner more assured, and he no longer outstayed the janitor at night. Slowly but surely he gained the confidence of the general manager and the heads of other departments, and it soon became their habit to come to him for advice. At the end of five years, when his former associates were wondering if they could afford to get married, he was admitted to membership in the firm.

In every establishment where a number of persons is employed there is always an undercurrent of gossip. A dissatisfied stenographer talks her troubles over with a bookkeeper. The bookkeeper confides to the telephone operator that he expects to get an increase in salary. The elevator boy explains that he is going to leave soon for a better job. These bits of news are exchanged until they become common property.

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