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## POULTRY YARD

## Green Food Essential

Broiler chicks suffer considerably in health and growth for want of sufficient green food, and there are few of those who rear chickens who seem to be fully aware of the benefits such growing birds derive from a regular and unfailing supply of this necessary article of diet. Observation teaches us that chicks are exceedingly fond of green stuff in every form, and that it is good for them there can be little doubt. If the broiler is moved from ground upon which it has stood for a day or two to a fresh patch of short green grass, it will be seen that the chicks at once proceed to devour the tender shoots with avidity, until they have made their run quite bare. This is sufficient evidence that chicks relish green stuff, and the rearer should not be so lazy to move the brooder once or twice a day, and thus allow them as much as they can consume.

When grass is scarce or has become parched and withered with the advance of the year, green foods in other forms should be freely supplied, and such things as the weedings and thinnings of the garden may be utilized to advantage. Spare green vegetables, such as lettuce, leeks, chloards, etc., may also be fed either whole or chopped finely and mixed with the soft foods.

## What to do for Roup

A white Leghorn rooster was found with a white eye-lash. We washed his head in warm water and sweet cream, and he did not improve so we killed him. A Plymouth Rock hen has now contracted the same trouble. Her eyes are weak, water comes from the head and she does not eat. What is the trouble and what shall we do?—L. M. W., Prince Edward Co., Ont.

From the symptoms described we believe that the trouble with your poultry is ophthalmia or roup. A cure may be effected in the beginning by simply bathing the eyes of the affected bird with a solution of five per cent. sulphide of copper (bluestone) in water. The food should be warm mash, milk and vegetables in plenty.

This disease is generally caused by filthy, damp or ill-ventilated poultry houses. In many cases the trouble is done away with permanently by adopting the open front style of poultry house. The diseased birds should be separated from the rest of the flock.

## Feed Chickens Early

Now that the days are so long one of the most important items in one's routine is getting up early to feed the younger chickens. At the first streak of dawn the youngsters begin to move about to look for food. They are ravenously hungry, and the longer they are left without something to eat the worse the matter becomes. All poultry-keepers know how disastrous it is to allow water vessels to run dry, for when a fresh supply is given the birds, young or old, drink to excess, and disease follows. It is the same with food. Let the birds undergo a long fast, and when food is put before them they gorge themselves so that indigestion and other troubles set in.

Chickens, too, it must be remembered, cannot eat sufficient food to sustain them as long as the adults; it passes through their systems more quickly, and hunger to them means more than it does to the older stock. Whatever the system of feeding may be, and there are many good ones, the plan of giving dry-feed for the

last meal at night and something soft and easily assimilated the first thing in the morning cannot be improved upon. And, so long as it does not encourage idleness—that weakness to which poor humanity is subject—if a few grains of dry-feed are put in the brooder after closing-up time at night, so that the chickens can find something directly they awake, growth and health will be promoted.—Irish Homestead.

## Original and Otherwise

If breeders would learn to cull closer, success would come much quicker.

Clover hay cut in short lengths, cooked and mixed with the morning mash, is good for fowls and promotes digestion and largely assists the elements for egg production.

Keep pure-bred poultry; they look better, sell better and are more easily kept.

Wheat bran is good for chicks, good for layers and makes a good bone and true builder.

Learn how and what to feed, get acquainted with the needs of the hen, provide her a variety and you will not worry.

Fowls must have several kinds of food. No one grain or food will so relished by fowls if made an exclusive diet.

Pure cold water is what poultry need. See that they have plenty of it.

A mixture of equal parts kerosene oil and lard, mixed and well rubbed into scaly legs and feet, after a few applications, will affect a cure.

Poultry air-slacked time around the poultry quarters on a rainy day.

Poultry that is to be sold on the market should be fat when sold. Such is better flavored, sells better and is just what buyers want.

It isn't strange how much people will expect of their fowls, yet how little they do for them.

Corn for laying hens isn't so valuable as wheat.

By all means keep but one breed until you are well acquainted with its standard requirements. You, as a breeder, will appeal to people wanting eggs or stock quicker.

Grit, shell and charcoal are essential at all times.

The over-fat hen isn't dependable for fertile eggs nor is the half fed one.

Don't ask yourself, what would I do if I only had money enough to start a large business, but ask the question, how must I manage what I have to make it better.

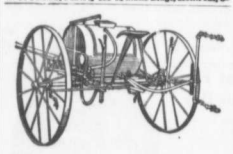
## Population and Prosperity

It is sometimes argued that the growth of great cities is beneficial to the farmer, in that they afford a ready market, which he would not otherwise have, for his produce. But if the population, now concentrated in the cities, were spread out over the country, there would be just as many mouths to feed; the produce of the farm would be equally in demand; and at the same time, the increase of the rural population would bring a great increment of value to the land. The great mercantile houses of the cities would sell just as many goods, also, or more.

So the so-called "boosters" of the cities are making a mistake, so far as the general welfare of the State is concerned, in their seeking to draw manufacturing and other enterprises requiring many "hands" to their several centres. The growth of the cities, as well as of the State at large, is more wholesome if such enterprises are located in the country towns. "Build country, build town!" is the motto which leads to general prosperity.—C. R. Barnes.

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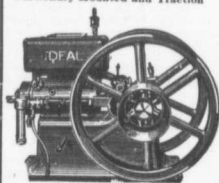
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