

Classified Page for People's Wants

IF YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL ANYTHING IN THE LINE OF POULTRY, FARM PROPERTY, FARM MACHINERY, OR IF YOU WANT HELP OR EMPLOYMENT, REMEMBER THAT THE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT COLUMNS OF THE WESTERN HOME MONTHLY ARE ALWAYS READY TO HELP YOU ACCOMPLISH YOUR OBJECT. COST 5c. WORD, MINIMUM 50c. CASH WITH ORDER.

Agents Wanted

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF GREAT WAR—400 official Canadian-British photographs, 16 color plates. Author, Professor (Major) Wallace, Toronto University, three years overseas. Send for our sample and convince yourself that ours is superior. Write to-day to John Hertel, Limited, Spadina, Toronto. 2-19

WANTED RELIABLE AGENTS—To sell fruit and ornamental trees, small fruits, seed potatoes, etc. Good pay. Exclusive territory. We grow varieties recommended by Government Experimental Farmers for our Western trade. Nursery of six hundred acres. Reliable stock. Write Pelham Nursery Co., Toronto, Ont. T.F.

Educational

LITTLE STORIES OF PELMANISM—“I find my powers of remembering new faces and places have improved by the Pelman Course,” writes a Regina student after lesson 3. “I am able to concentrate better; feel stronger, physically and mentally,” says a teacher, Waterloo, Ont. “I find I can express myself more readily both in letters and speech, and also take in what I read with greater ease,” testifies a nurse, London, Ont. “My object in taking the Pelman Course was to improve my powers as a debater and public speaker. You have done both,” writes a lady from Victoria, B.C. “I feel a great deal more hopeful and cheerful since starting this course,” is the testimony of a young lady of Duncan, B.C. “I have been able to discard notes in public speaking. My mind acts quicker in reaching a conclusion,” says a clergyman of Saskatchewan. “My memory for faces and names has improved considerably. I notice the most marked improvement in my memory for names,” writes a music teacher of Sackville, N.B. Pelmanism is doing all this and more. It will do it for you. Send for free descriptive booklet: Pelman Institute (Canadian Branch), Department W.H.M., 15 Toronto Street, Toronto, Canada. 2-19

DOLLARS FOR YOUR MINUTES—Spare time study under our guidance will make your minutes earn you dollars later. We teach you at home. Beginner's Course: A thorough grounding in the important elementary subjects. Complete Commercial: A complete training in business subjects. Stenography: Fits you for office work. Civil Service: Full instruction for examination. Engineering: Stationary, gas or gasoline, steam traction, gas tractor, automobile. Prepare you for license. Mechanical Drawing: Covers practical work in designing and drafting machinery. Architectural Course: Planning and preparing for all classes of buildings. Electrical Course: Lightning and power systems. University Matriculation: Full course preparing you for any university, or tuition in any subjects. Teacher's Examination. For any non-professional certificate in any province. Story Writing, Special English, Salesmanship, and many other courses. Ask about anything that interests you. Canadian Correspondence College, Limited, Dept. W.H.M., Toronto, Canada. 2-19

LEARN TO RUN A TRACTOR—Complete, practical course by mail on the construction, operation, care and repair of all kinds of gas and gasoline tractors. You learn at home. Write for circulars. Canadian Correspondence College, Limited, Dept. W.H.M., Toronto, Canada. 2-19

MODERN ARITHMETIC—If backward in this subject, send postal note for 25c for my series of lesson sheets. Harry E. Gooch, Hanover School, Ford, Sask. 7-19

For Sale

FOR SALE—“Heaven and Hell.” Swedenborg's great work on the life after death and a real world beyond; 400 pages, only 25c postpaid. W. G. Law, 486 Euclid Avenue, Toronto, Ont. 3-19

FOR SALE—Silver black and patch foxes. T. R. Lyons, Waterville, Kings Co., N.S. 3-19

Fruit and Farm Lands

BUFFALO LAKE PROPERTY—Mixed farms of any size. Acreage suitable for truck gardening. Ranches with or without stock and equipment. \$20 upwards. Easy terms. Write Mirror Realty Co., Mirror, Alta. 2-19

IF YOU WANT TO SELL OR EXCHANGE YOUR PROPERTY, write me. John J. Black, 14 St., Chippewa Falls, Wis. 2-19

WANTED—To hear from owner of farm or unimproved land for sale. O. K. Hawley, Baldwin, Wisconsin. 2-19

Miscellaneous

DYKE'S AUTOMOBILE AND GASOLINE ENGINE ENCYCLOPEDIA—A standard text of over 900 pages, adopted by the United States Government. Money refunded if dissatisfied. Every automobile and tractor owner should have one. Send \$4.50 for postpaid copy to Dept. M., Dominion Text Book Co., Calgary, Alberta. T.F.

WITH SEVEN TRAPS I trapped 34 coyotes in ten months, all within two miles of my farm. Send one dollar and a promise of secrecy and get my method. It works soft or cold weather, snow or no snow. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. C. N. Anderson, Barrier Lake, Sask. 4-19

DO YOU WANT WATER?—I have an instrument with which I have located over 400 wells in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Registers only on springs, no soaking shown. Terms moderate. This instrument not for sale. E. A. Hobart, Water Expert, Brandon, Man. 4-19

OPERATIONS UNNECESSARY—Gall stones removed. Appendicitis corrected in 24 hours without pain. Not sold by druggists. Mrs. George Almas, 524 4th Avenue, North, Saskatoon, Sask. Sole manufacturer. 2-19

RAZOR STROPS—We manufacture the best razor strop in the world. Keeps razor honed as well as sharpened. Will be sent on receipt of price, \$1.50. Canada Home Co., Wawanesa, Canada. 2-19

A RANCHER'S LIFE IN CANADA—A tale of adventure and success in fruit-growing, poultrykeeping, ducks, geese, turkeys, hares, goats, bees, flowers, etc., 25 cents postpaid by C. H. Provan, Langley Fort, B.C. 2-19

BILLIARD TABLES—For game homes, portable and stationary. The game of kings, \$50 up, easy terms. J. D. Clark Billiard Co., Winnipeg. T.F.

STOCKING FEET PATTERNS—Double heel and toe, all sizes, 15c each; four different sizes, 30c. Industrial Dept., Box 202A, Quebec. 2-19

ALL MAKES SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED—Send machine head only. Needles and parts. (Repair Dept.) Dominion Sewing Machine Co., 300 Notre Dame, Winnipeg. T.F.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in books on New Thought, send for a copy of our catalog. Inland Book Company, 219 Inland Building, Fort Wayne, Ind. 2-19

CABBAGE CUTTER, SIX KNIVES—Slices all vegetables rapidly; excellent for potato chips; prepaid \$1.00; three for \$2.00. Lusher Brothers, Elkhart, Indiana. 7-19

ST-STU-T-T-TERING and Stammering cured at home. Instructive booklet free. Walter McDonnell, 109 Potomac Bank Building, Washington, D.C. 4-19

QUILT PIECES—Three dozen assorted, postpaid 25c; send to-day. Metro Apron Co., Chicago, Ill. 2-19

TRAPPERS—Animal scent, Indian secrets used; 50 and 100 packages, prepaid. Irwin Brandon, Naughton Glen, Alberta. 2-19

CLOVER HONEY, 26c; Dark Honey, 22c; in 10-lb pails; two to six pails in crate; pails free. Wilber Swayze, Dunnville, Ont. 2-19

J. D. A. EVANS—Teacher of English Composition, etc., Crystal City, Man. T.F.

Nursing

TRAINED NURSES earn \$15 to \$25 a week. Learn without leaving home. Send for free booklet. Royal College of Science, Dept. 9, Toronto, Canada. T.F.

Patents

FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO.—The old established firm. Patents everywhere. Head office, Royal Bank Bldg., Toronto; Ottawa office, 5 Elgin St. Offices throughout Canada. Booklet free. T.F.

PATENTS—Trademark copyright. Consulting engineers. Agencies in all foreign countries. Inventors' Adviser sent free on request. Marion & Marion, 164 University Street, Montreal; 918 F Street, Washington, D.C. Over thirty years of continual practice. T.F.

Poultry

SELLING! SELLING!! PURE-BRED STOCK—Large M.B. Turkey Toms, \$8. \$10; hens, \$5. “Guil's strain” Barred Rocks, Rose comb R.I. Reds, Cocks, cockerels, \$3.50. \$5. Black Minorcas, cockerels \$4. \$5; pullets \$2.25. Large Toulouse ganders \$7. White Rock cockerels and pullets. Purple Stock Farm, Crandell, Man. 2-19

MAMMOTH BRONZE EGGS \$4.50, Pekin Ducks \$3, Barred Rocks \$3 and \$5 per sitting, charges paid. J. F. Reason, Penitentiary, B.C. 5-19

HIGH-CLASS Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, Cockerels, \$2.50 up. John Duff, Melton, Man. 3-19

Stamps for Sale

STAMPS—Free package to collectors for 3 cents postage. Offer hundred different foreign stamps, including war issues, hinges, catalogue, 10 cents. We buy stamps. Marks Stamp Company, Toronto. T.F.

Poultry Chat

Written for The Western Home Monthly by H. E. Vialoux

A Writer's Jaunt to the Poultry Plant at the Manitoba Agricultural College

'Twas an ideal sunny day in January when I spent an afternoon seeing the many interesting features and experiments that are being carried on under the supervision of Prof. Herner at St. Vital.

After looking over the egg laying record of 350 trapped Leghorn and Barred Rock pullets, half in laying houses where the electric light is turned on until 10.30 p.m., and the other half in houses without any light. I must confess that the use of electric light in winter increases egg production nearly 50 per cent. No ill results have followed the use of electric light in the poultry houses at the college.

The hens work longer hours, digest another meal and lay more eggs daily. Certainly switching on the light is far ahead of the smoky lantern hanging in the hen house to temper a bitter night, though the light is only used at the Manitoba Agricultural College to lengthen the day for the hen. Some Winnipeg poultry men claim that a rise in temperature of several degrees, 15 to 20 degrees at least, takes place in a small hen house where a powerful electric light is installed. This should tide the hens over many a cold dip in January. Prof. Herner showed me one beautiful Barred Rock pullet that is making a record for herself despite her blue blood and perfect feathering. She has laid pretty steadily since the 8th of September, when she was five months old, producing 67 eggs by New Year.

The White Leghorn pullets have done remarkably well this season, but this pullet has beaten them all. There are about a dozen hens on the plant with a 200 egg record per year, and the professor is keen on increased egg production from utility fowl, but has a vision of raising birds combining fine feathering with heavy egg production. The fowls at the College have produced more eggs than usual all this season though they felt the dreadfully sudden cold days in early January very much and dropped off in laying a good deal, in common with all of our flocks. When the weather gradually turns very cold laying hens do not seem to mind the change, but when the thermometer suddenly drops from 10 above zero to 30 below in 30 hours as it did at New Year's all feathered fowl feel out of sorts at once, and who can blame them.

The experiment that Professor Herner is trying this season in breeding up 150 mongrel hens by mating them with purebred Barred Rock males for five seasons will prove interesting to many farmers I am sure, and induce them to use purebred males in building up the farm flock. This experiment I have tried some years ago in a small way, and in three or four seasons the hens had improved wonderfully and were well barred. The 150 hens should demonstrate the value of good breeding very clearly, and I understand this experiment is the first to be tried in America on a large scale. The 150 mongrels looked fine and were cackling to themselves about winter laying when I saw them in a comfortable laying house of cheap construction, single boarded only.

The idea is that mongrels laying perhaps 75 to 100 eggs annually can be bred up into a good laying strain producing 150 to 200 eggs a year. The method of feeding is the same as other flocks, scratch feed in litter twice a day, dry mash of crushed oats, bran and corn in the hoppers also plenty of cabbage, mangels or other roots, and buttermilk to drink as well as water.

Ducks, turkeys and geese will be hatched and raised more extensively in 1918 than in former years at St. Vital. I am told White Holland turkeys are proving very satisfactory and are not so subject to blackhead as their bronze sisters. Twenty turkey hens are in the

breeding pens and they will no doubt give a good account of themselves during the spring season.

After a pleasant saunter through the poultry plant the hatching room down in the basement was visited. Here there are several makes of incubators in readiness for the hatching season, but the most interesting thing to me was the Mammoth Buckeye incubator which has a capacity of 2440 eggs, and takes up the centre of the hatching room. “Jumbo” is heated by a coal oil stove not by electric power, owing to the uncertainty of the lighting plant at the College. The system of ventilation in the big machine is perfect, fresh air circulates around the egg chamber constantly by means of a sort of electric fan. This machine has turned out a splendid hatcher, over 1300 chicks were hatched in it last summer.

The straw house used a good deal on western farms is in use for experimental work this winter. It is built of bales of straw, has an earthen floor covered with litter of straw and cotton and glass windows. The house is comfortable enough, but much too damp and not as light and cheery as it should be. However, some of the White Leghorns housed in this novel structure are laying at present. The roosts are just poles put up ladder style, and the idea is to clean it only once a year in real farmer fashion. The result of wintering fowls thus will be carefully noted and put on record. Some geese occupy a straw pen also, and they seem to be doing very well, and have laid a couple of eggs already.

“Jumbo” was being made ready for the first hatch to be set on January 17th, so the baby chicks will be on view at the big Winnipeg Poultry Show, February 7th to 15th, at the Industrial Bureau. They will form an interesting exhibit and the wee chicks will be for sale during show week. As usual the exhibit from the College will be large and full of interesting features.

A row of little wire cages or boxes on a shelf in the hatching room turned out to be special receptacles for precious purebred eggs laid by 200-egg record hens that must be kept separate from the ordinary eggs throughout the hatch. When the chicks are hatched tiny leg bands are clasped on their legs as they are let out of their wire prisons to mingle with the common herd of baby chicks. The egg show at the Winnipeg Poultry Show will be larger than usual this year, and poultry entries are pouring into the secretary, Mr. McArthur. The show will be staged in the big auditorium at the Bureau, everything from a bantam to an ostrich will be proudly displayed in this splendid light room.

The Birds' Valentines

By Laura Spencer Portor

The winter day is waning,
The maples all are bare;
I see the snowflakes drifting
Down softly through the air.
The redbird sits there singing
From his bough among the pines:
“These are not snowflakes, deary,
But snowbirds' valentines.
And lest you cannot read them,”
I thought I heard him say,
“These are the words the little birds
Send to their loves to-day:
‘My love for thee none knows!
‘Tis hid in winter snows.
But when the brooks are flowing,
And all the grass is growing,
And chilly winter goes,
Upon the warm earth's bosom
My love shall blossom, blossom
In the violet and the rose.”

OVERSEAS BUYING AGENCY

MANAGER: Harry R. Hart
(Late Daily Mail Overseas Buying Agency)

NOTE: ADDRESS: 64 HAYMARKET, LONDON

Will buy anything for you, save time and money, and make no charge for its service and 20 years' expert knowledge of London markets.

The O.B.A. (W. H. GORE & CO.), 64, Haymarket, London, S.W. Cables “Osbucay, London.”

Personal, Home or Business Purchases—no order is too small. Quotations and Catalogues (when obtainable) furnished free. Write for free Booklet.