

SUFFERED WITH LAME BACK WAS NOT ABLE TO STRAIGHTEN UP

Mr. C. Grace, Hamilton, Ont., writes: "I was suffering with lame back, and for two weeks was not able to straighten up to walk, and hardly able to sit down for the pains in my back, hips and legs. I had used different kinds of pills, plasters, liniments and medicines, without any relief. One day there was a B.B.B. book left at our door, and I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, and I decided to try them. Before I had half a box used I felt a great deal better, and by the time I had used two boxes I was cured. I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills to all suffering as I did, or from any illness arising from diseased kidneys.

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the best for broilers. They can be shipped dressed or alive. I realize the best profit from the dressed ones, packing them in ice when the weather becomes warm. As soon as the hatch is completed I set the incubator, and this continues the whole summer through to November. It costs thirty cents for the oil during one hatch, and that amount or more to warm the chickens in the brooder, and ten cents apiece for their food to raise them to a two-pound broiler.

My first ones bring me sixty cents apiece, the next hatch a little less, and so on down the months.

Keep Pigs Healthy

Pigs are animals that, as a class, are subject to rheumatism and similar troubles, and if you are going to be a successful pig-keeper you must guard against dampness from the very start, especially with the bedding arrangements.

Straw—barley straw in particular—makes capital bedding; and dry bracken, dried grass from the hedges, and similar material may be used. I will assume, of course, that the floor of the sleeping apartment of your sty is of brick, sloped for drainage, and that a warm bed of some kind is provided for the animals. From time to time as it is dirtied this bedding must be changed, and it is a good plan to place it in the forecourt of the sty—if any—till it has become part of the muck, which you will remove for manurial purposes as necessary.

And, if dry quarters are necessary with adult sows and pigs, how much

more so is this the case with the youngsters! At birth they should have clean, sweet straw provided, not in great quantities, or they may be unwittingly lain upon by their mother, or else smothered, but sufficient for dryness and warmth. Then, during their infancy, the quantity may be gradually increased till the usual allowance is arrived at. Needless to say, the straw bedding should be changed almost daily at first, and this is especially the case with a large litter in a somewhat cramped sty.

Prefers Buying Fowls to Eggs

Mrs. J. G. Osborne, Onondaga Co., N. Y. Frequent inquiries are made by those about to embark in the poultry business whether it is better to buy fowls or eggs. My answer invariably is to purchase a pen or even a trio of some favorite breed and the results will be much better than to expend the same amount in eggs. One can usually buy a trio of fowls at a cost varying from \$10 to \$25, according to the quality of the stock. The two hens will lay enough eggs to permit of raising 75 to 100 chicks and half may be pullets, so if the purchaser after disposing of the culls and surplus cockerels should have 25 or 35 pullets it will be a very fair return from the trio besides having the original birds left.

In order to get as good results from eggs he would have to purchase eight or ten dozen. There are many difficulties in procuring eggs shipped safely so as to hatch well. Eggs from the home yards would be absolutely fresh, and therefore surer to hatch. The fall is

the best time to buy fowls of the pure breeds. Prices are much lower than in spring, for the majority of breeders are glad to dispose of many from their breeding yards to make room for the young stock, besides they have more on hand to select from, so can better please and satisfy their customers.

The Stingless Bee

Science is able to take the thorn from the blackberry bush, and now it has learned to take the sting out of the bee. Mr. Burrows, of Essex, England, after two years of experiments, claims to have obtained a species of bee which can be handled by a child in perfect safety. He mated the Cyprian drones and the Italian queens, the result being the production of harmless insects. They are splendid workers, and are said to be less liable to disease than the ordinary honey gatherer.

It appears that the new product has a sting, but it does not hurt, and is useless as a weapon of offence. Yet the bees die when they lose it. As civilization advances the sting will be taken out of men's disposition and lives, and many of the pains that come to men by the stings of misfortune will have been prevented.—The Christian Herald.

Lime as a Limited

L. W. Arny, Bucks County, Pa. How often does our land cry out for lime! And how often do we mistake that cry for one of nitrogen, potash or phosphoric acid! Here on our Bucks county soils with stiff clay and often impervious subsoils that cry is ignored and neglected year after year with oftentimes serious results. I am asked many times what benefit lime is to the plant. It is not taken up directly as food and yet is much talked about and widely advocated. Why? Just as we cannot live in an atmosphere filled with poisonous gases, so a plant cannot live in a soil sour with acids; just as we cannot thrive in crowded conditions, restricted as to air and congenial surroundings, just so a plant cannot thrive under similar conditions. Many soils are rich in plant foods, yet they have so many harmful acids as to make good crops impossible. This condition can be corrected only in the intelligent use of lime.

Often the owners of these lands mistake the real limiting factor of their soil and apply other forms of fertilizers. But let us test our soils. Get a piece of litmus paper and allow it to soak in a soil solution for some time. If you notice the red color coming take it as a danger signal, for to ignore it is to reduce the crop-producing power of the land. There is no other thing which will so improve the mechanical structure of heavy soils as lime, and nothing that will so thoroughly aerate it unless it be good cultivation.

Preliminary to Hatching

During the winter it may be necessary to have undesirable birds in the pens with the breeding stock, but on the approach of the breeding season the flock should be separated, discarding all but those having the requirements it is desired to perpetuate in the flock.

Male birds, should never be allowed to run with the hens at any time other than the time necessary to secure eggs for hatching, writes A. W. Foley, in a Canadian bulletin on poultry keeping. The cockerels should be separated from the pullets during the early fall, and those selected to head the pens should have separate winter quarters and be given special attention to keep them in good condition.

Special attention should be given to the housing of the male birds. Having larger combs than the females, they require warmer quarters. While a bird whose comb has been frozen during the winter may be a good breeder, the chances of securing good stock from such birds are greater when he has not had to suffer the experience of a frozen

Weak Men

I Want to Talk to You

I want to talk to those who have aches and pains, who feel run-down physically, who realize that the old "fire" and energy which was so evident in youth is absent now; men who can't stand the amount of exertion they could years ago.

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