

## When Biddy Takes Her Holidays

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overlooked, however, that there is a possibility of the egg supply being manipulated to enhance prices. If this were carried to the extent which it is claimed has been done in connection with the potato trade and large amounts destroyed, a crime would be committed against society that nothing but a penitentiary term for the perpetrators could expiate. Large numbers of eggs, it is rumored, have this winter found their way to the crematory. Whether this has been due to improper methods of storage by which eggs have spoiled on their dealers' hands; to holding the eggs too long, or to a deliberate attempt to enhance prices by destroying wholesome food supplies, has not been determined. The professor seems to have substantiated his claim that the boycott is ineffectual and government

regulation of prices impracticable. The government, however, has a duty to perform. That is, to see that the freest competition exists in the egg trade, that no monopoly of cold storage facilities is allowed to develop, and that no wholesome eggs are destroyed. Rigid inspection is necessary to insure that the eggs are kept under such conditions that they will not spoil, and that prices are not set so high that storage supplies are not used up before the spring eggs come in. The holding of eggs over a summer season is indefensible. The function of government appears to be a wise supervision, allowing for the full play of ordinary business principles in connection with the trade.

Enrich the garden plot with the poultry droppings.

Always practise absolute cleanliness in feeding.

## Feeding Chicks Satisfactorily

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WE keep a large flock of hens and yearly raise a large number of chickens. During the first few weeks we keep the chickens apart from the flock, so we can give them the extra careful attention they require. Later they are allowed free run; but still they need special care and frequent feeding, and it was always a source of great annoyance to feed them, as hens were surely around to snatch the choice morsels not meant for them.

This year we devised a simple plan, by means of which chicks can eat leisurely without any interference. We took empty salt barrels, and over the tops of them tacked coarse poultry wire. We then laid barrels on their sides in the hen yard and put in feed. After a time or two the chicks caught on to the racket, and it is

amusing to watch them run into their barrels, which to be sanitary, should be dusted out daily. Turn barrel on end and give it a slight hammering on sides and bottom, and nothing will adhere to it to amount to anything.

## A Poultry Pointer

GROW sunflowers, not only for their gorgeous beauty, but as food for the hens. In the autumn the sunflower seed is a healthy stimulant and assists biddy in repairing her wardrobe, and clothing her for her winter duties. It is good exercise also for the hens to pick the seeds from the heads. There is a pitchy substance throughout the whole plant, which, when the stalks and heads are dry, makes good fuel, so that no part of the plant need be wasted.—A.A.F.

A smooth plumage indicates health.

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