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When I first knew that man, said the observant writer, "he couldn't have been making more than \$1,000 a year. Now he's making \$10,000 now."



FARM FURROWS

FARM NOTES.

It is very often beneficial to pull both the light and tall feathers that are slow in molting. It seems to have a magical effect in changing the condition of the bird.

At this time of the year the best of attention should be given the stock. Mating is often the stumbling block for the young fancier, due to the lack of proper care.

The bath must not be forgotten; it is probably more necessary now than at any other time.

It is a good plan to add a few drops of tincture of iron to the drinking water.

To stop breeding during the molting period, separate the sexes this month.

No better time than now to give the loft a good coat of whitewash.

Be kind and gentle in handling stock.

Mix common sense with your methods, and you will save much trouble.

Keep the pigeons from worrying. Regularity in feeding will prevent it.

Fresh water in filthy drinking vessels does not improve matters much.

Take pride in keeping things tidy, and do everything in a systematic manner.

The good qualities of birds are demonstrated by the amount of attention and care given them.

Have every fixture of the loft movable, so that it can be readily cleaned from lice and dirt.

Study and care, not luck and large talk, are the elements of success in the pigeon loft.

Don't crowd fifty pairs of birds where twenty-five pairs can scarcely live.

We prefer a good roofing paper to shingles for the roofs of pigeon houses.—From "Pigeons for Profit," in the Farm Journal.

MOST POPULAR BREED

Plymouth Rocks have of late years become very popular. Partly the result of their good qualities, judiciously advertised, and partly because they are an American bird.

These birds are good Americans—have the true Yankee spirit, taking care of No. 1. Having plenty of go-ahead activities, they are great foragers, being good eaters, and will often intrude where they are not wanted.

It is amusing how an old cock of this breed will dodge around and watch to steal a few bites from the young chicks when you feed them.

Their stealing propensity is equal to a southern colored "nigger," and their begging capacity can only be equaled by a third term brass band trumpet.

The hens are good average layers of nice large eggs, make excellent mothers, but are a little heavy for hatching and brooding quite young chicks.

The young grow rapidly, making good poultry for summer and early fall demand, being a nice, plump, clean, yellow-legged bird.

Their color is good, but for breeding they must be mated judiciously; and even with the best of mating many specimens do not come true in feather.

They are hardy and vigorous birds and with good care and protection will repay the labor spent upon them.—W. B. LITT, in the American Cultivator.

PULLETS DYING.

I have lost several fine pullets. The symptoms are dysentery, disinclination to eat, apparent sleepiness, sitting with head tucked under wing most of time, seldom opening the eyes, even when head is raised.

SELF-DENYING LOYALTY.

Long-Continued Sacrifice of a Fine Old Gentleman.

"The first of the season, from our garden," said Mr. Brower, presenting a basket of strawberries to Julie. "I've divided the morning harvest with you."

"How delicious they look with the dew still on them!" exclaimed Julie. "Thank you so much! Now I won't have to make the pudding I was just going to stir up."

"You are getting famous, Miss Julie, for your cooking. Mrs. Brower tells me your pies and cakes were the most delicious of any served at the missionary lunch party. When I heard about them I was sorry that I didn't belong to the Ladies' Guild myself."

"I wish you did," said Julie, laughing. "We need some men to live up to the meetings."

As she watched the courtly old gentleman cross the lawn to his garden she said to herself, "Bless his heart, he shall have a chance this very day to test my cookery!" Then straightway she set about making a lemon-cream pie, and before supper carried it to her neighbor's house; and in its delicacy of color and symmetry of form it seemed a real work of art to the girlish cook.

"For Mr. Brower," she said, as she handed the confection in at the door and then ran away, modestly wishing to escape the enthusiastic thanks she proudly thought due for such a beautiful production.

The next morning Mrs. Brower called and expressed the appreciation of Mr. Brower and herself for the gift in what appeared to Julie a somewhat perfunctory manner.

"Did you eat it at tea last night? That kind of dessert is always better if fresh."

"I ate some, but Mr. Brower—you see—well, June, I didn't mean to tell, but he doesn't eat lemon pie." Mrs. Brower laughed, and Julie joined her, although it was a disappointment to know that her offering was not acceptable to her old friend.

Later in the day Mr. Brower strolled over and sat down on the kitchen porch beside June, who was shelling peas.

"I was awfully sorry to hear that you didn't eat any of the lemon pie," she began at once, "for I wanted to give you something especially nice, and all the family say that is the best thing I make."

A whimsical smile spread over Mr. Brower's kindly face.

"I didn't have an opportunity to taste it. It looked most inviting, and I should have liked to try it."

Julie looked mystified, and Mr. Brower went on drily:

"My dear Miss Julie, I am going to tell you a secret, and you must never betray my confidence. When Mrs. Brower and I first went to house-keeping she surprised me with a lemon pie. O Julie, such a pie! I tried to eat it, but I couldn't, and when she assumed that my dislike was not particular, but general, I couldn't bear to hurt her feelings, so I allowed her to believe that I didn't like any lemon pie, and for forty years I have never eaten a mouthful of that most toothsome dessert. So far as lemon pie is concerned, my life has been one long self-denial. You see what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

Julie's laugh rang out merrily.

"Come into the house now and have a piece. I made two yesterday, and part of one is still left. I do want you to understand when I say it wouldn't seem loyal to the dear lady over the way."

He bowed over Julie's hand and took his leave, and she watched him go with shining eyes.—Youth's Companion.

Tramp's Good Samaritan.
Last week a man was locked up in the holdover at police headquarters on the west side on a petty charge, says the Kansas City Star. It was a cold night. As there is no place provided where people who apply for a night's lodging can sleep, the police allow those who wish to do so to sleep in the big cell-room. While the man was locked up a tramp came in and discovered he had lost his pipe.

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