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**Choosing the Birds for Production.**  
Now that the pullets are in winter  
quarters and the older hens are  
pretty well through their molt, the  
poultryman should begin making  
observations for the purpose of  
selecting his breeders for the com-  
ing season.  
When laying contests become  
popular many breeders ignored  
everything but fecundity in choosing  
the birds for mating. The result  
was disastrous. The hens, genera-  
tion after generation, steadily dim-  
inished in size and the eggs also be-  
came smaller. Furthermore, both  
fertility and hatchability were lower-  
ed. It is now generally conceded by  
experts that if high egg production  
is to be maintained, and if the eggs  
are to be of the weight demanded  
in the best grades, racial characters  
cannot be ignored. The only safe  
basis of breeding is the record of  
production, plus constitutional vigor.  
In other words, the birds must be  
standard bred and must approximate  
standard weight.

**Maintain Purity of Breed.**  
Unless we are to revert to mon-  
grelism it is essential that the purity  
of the breed or variety be maintain-  
ed. A bird that is so deficient in  
standard qualities as to disqualify  
her for a prize in the show room  
should never, regardless of her egg  
record, be permitted in the breeding  
pen. Neither should the bird that  
lacks type and appearance. The de-  
mand to-day is for the stock of  
breeders that can produce in a year  
12 or more dozen eggs per hen, and  
to which a due place, although not  
an extreme one, has been given to  
externals.  
To sacrifice racial qualities will  
reduce the demand for breeding  
stock. It should be remembered that  
the profitable trade in breeding  
poultry was in the first place due to  
the high merits of breeding stock.  
With the rise of the productive  
aspects of the poultry industry there  
came great rivalry. This is being  
lessened, and the demand now is for  
type, size of body, vigor, and what  
are acknowledged as the distinctive  
characters of each breed as well as  
fecundity.

**Beauty and Productiveness.**  
The aim should be to produce a  
strain that gives specimens that can  
win in the show room or in the lay-  
ing contest. Several of the best


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**Must Not Be Hurried.**  
This selective work cannot be  
satisfactorily done in a hurry. A  
period of several weeks should at  
least be given to it. Once a bird  
makes an impression a note should  
be made of it, and if there are many  
birds in the flock she should be band-  
ed, preferably with a colored band.  
This should be done with each bird  
who so distinguishes herself as to be  
thought desirable. Then these  
should be closely watched to see that  
no mistake has been made.  
A month or so before hatching  
eggs are desired the selected fe-  
males should be placed in a pen by  
themselves, and a male from a high  
producing hen mated with them. It  
is only by these selective methods  
that egg production may be main-  
tained or increased.

**Questions on This Week's Lesson.**  
1. When should the breeders be  
selected?  
2. Which should be given prefer-  
ence in selection, fecundity or racial  
character?  
3. How should untrapped fe-  
males be chosen for breeding?  
4. What characters, other than  
fecundity should be considered es-  
sential in breeders?

**Answers to Last Week's Questions.**  
1. Fowls should be given feeds  
they like because they thus will eat  
more food than they otherwise  
would. Moreover, palatability keeps  
digestibility, and thus more of the  
feed eaten is effectively assimilated.  
2. The groups of feeds, that  
should be found in the laying ration  
of laying hens are grain feeds, ani-  
mal feeds, succulent green feeds  
and mineral feeds.  
3. By feeding wet mash in early  
mornings supplementary to the reg-  
ular ration in July and August,  
molt is delayed and summer pro-  
duction is stimulated. And by adding  
an afternoon feed, making two of  
wet mash daily, egg production may  
be continued for a month or six  
weeks longer.  
4. A fox can scent a man a quarter  
of a mile away, but you must get  
very close to a pole-cat.  
You can always spot a man who  
drinks coffee out of a saucer, be-  
cause he spots himself.  
Somebody stole a horse in New  
York. Maybe they just took it  
home to see what the thing was.

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young man to obtain money for  
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Taylor labored as a boy on his  
father's southern plantation and had  
practically no early educational ad-  
vantages; Millard Fillmore worked as  
a village school teacher and bor-  
rowed the money to enable him to  
study law.  
The early struggles of Abraham  
Lincoln and the disadvantages un-  
der which he became one of the greatest men of  
all time, are known to the world  
over. As a boy Lincoln, "the  
rail-splitter," worked for ten  
years on his father's farm and it  
is said that all of his schooling  
amounted to only one year.  
Andrew Johnson came from a  
poor family in North Carolina  
and as a boy was apprenticed for  
ten years to a tailor, during which  
time he taught himself to read  
and write.  
James A. Garfield had practi-  
cally no educational advantages  
as a young man and was con-

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