





# POULTRY

## SUCCESS IN RAISING GEESE

Fowls Subsist Largely on Grass During Growing Season, and Require Little Attention.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Practically all the geese in this country are raised in small flocks on general farms, and few, if any, farms are devoted entirely to raising geese. Geese can be raised successfully in small numbers and at a profit on farms where there is plenty of grass or pasture land with a natural supply of water. The birds, both young and old, are very hardy and are rarely affected by any disease or insect pests. Grass makes up the bulk of the feed for geese, and it is doubtful whether it pays to raise them unless good grass range is available. Geese are the closest known grazers, and both the mature geese and the partially grown goslings will get their entire living from a good pasture so long as the grass remains green.

A body of water where they can swim is considered essential during the breeding season, and is desirable during the rest of the year. If there is no natural pond, an artificial one or tanks may be supplied to advantage. The market for geese is not so general as for chickens; this fact should be considered, poultry specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture say, in undertaking to raise geese. The demand and the price paid for geese are usually good in sections where geese fattening is conducted on a large scale.

Geese are fed a ration to produce eggs during the latter part of the winter (about February 1, in the northeastern section of this country) or so that the goslings will be hatched by the time there is good grass pasture. They are allowed to make nests on the floor of the house, or large boxes, barrels, or shelters are provided for that purpose.

Goslings hatched under hens should be examined for head lice, and a little grease—lard or vaseline—applied with the fingers on the head and neck. Some breeders who hatch with both geese and hens give all the goslings to the geese, which make the best moth-



Geese Grow Rapidly and Are Rarely Affected With Disease.

ers. A few breeders prefer to breed the goslings artificially, keeping them from one to three weeks in the house at night in a covered bushel basket.

To keep a record of their age and breeding the web of the feet of the newly hatched goslings should be punched. Hens with goslings may be confined to the coop and the goslings allowed to range. In mild weather the hens are allowed to brood the goslings from seven to ten days, when the latter are able to take care of themselves. It is very necessary to keep the young goslings dry, so they are usually kept confined in the morning until the dew is dried off, and they should not be allowed to get into water until partly feathered. This occurs when they are from two to four weeks old, depending on the weather and their range. Goslings caught and apparently drowned in a cold rain may sometimes be revived by drying in flannel near a fire.

Good-sized growing coops with board floors should be provided for the goslings, which must be protected from their enemies. When on range, the young bird needs some attention, as they may get lost or caught in post holes and odd corners. Young goslings, if confined, should be given grass yards and the coops removed frequently to fresh grass. It is better to keep the growing goslings separate from the old stock. Shade should be provided in hot weather. If very young goslings are allowed to run with large animals, they are apt to be injured or killed.

## MAKE FOWLS WORK FOR FOOD

Grains Scattered in Litter Compel Hens to Exercise—Green Feed Aids Digestion.

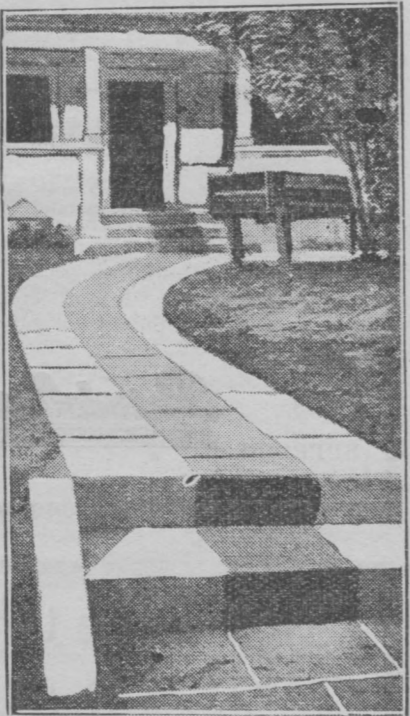
All scratch feed or whole grain should be scattered in the litter, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Hens like to work for their living. Troughs or hoppers should be used for dry mash. They keep this feed always accessible. Noon is the time to provide fresh green food. It aids digestion.

# Home Town Helps

## HAS APPEARANCE OF CARPET

Western Man's Idea In the Use of Cement Could Be Carried Out In Many Ways

An air of perpetual festivity, like that of a reception or wedding, is worn by one residence in a western city as a result of the ingenuity used in laying the cement floor of the front porch and the cement walk from



Permanent "Carpet."

porch to street. In the middle of the walk, first there was laid cement in which green coloring ingredient had been mixed. This strip, about 18 in. wide, was continued up the front steps. On the porch it was broadened out into a rectangle which includes all of the floor save for a white border. The general effect achieved is that of a bright, green carpet and long runner.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## HAPPINESS IN OWNING HOME

Ideal Citizen Is the Man Who Lives Upon and Cares for His Own Small Property.

A correspondent writes: "We need not look far back into history to prove, nor far around us in the world to see, that the deepest contentment and the highest prosperity are ever found where there are the most proprietors of small holdings of land, each owner living upon and caring for his own property. The most stable and ideal governments in the world are those whose citizens in the largest number own and occupy their homes. "The first step in the prevention of anarchy is to secure a home-owning and home-loving people, and the longest step toward peace and prosperity in a nation is the possession of its own home by each family in the state. The fundamental reason for this is in our nature—our intuition demands it—we know, because we are created to know, that the family home is the nearest approach to heaven that this earth affords, and is the source of the deepest contentment the human heart can attain."

### Study of Park Shrubs Helpful.

It is a good plan to have some of the large shrubs in the corner of the lawn, and smaller ones in between should be in an irregular line, with a tall specimen here and there near the front, so the top line will not be too straight. By visiting parks a study can be made of the growing habits of the various shrubs. This will be found helpful in deciding what plants will be best suited for certain locations. You will avoid such mistakes as planting shrubs too close together and planting the wide spreading varieties too near the walk. Close planting may be practiced, but it is usually necessary to take up every other one within a few years. If plants are set near the walk it is often necessary to keep trimming them back every year.

### Get Busy With Paint

"Sadly in need of paint" is the verdict that anyone must pass upon the houses that in an automobile trip he will see along town and country roads while the trees are still bare. The "paint-up and clean-up" weeks that we had before the war we dropped for more urgent business and because of the high price of paint and labor. Now, when prices are a little easier, we should make up for the years of neglect. A house that is bare of pigment and dry of oil is all the time going backwards a little by reason of the assaults of the weather; and the still high cost of building a new house makes it well worth while to preserve an old one.—Youth's Companion.

### Youth and the Motor.

"Are you seeing it that your son's education includes courses of instruction that will help him in the busy affairs of life?"

"Yes, sir," replied Farmer Cornetson. "I told Josh that no matter how fascinatin' his Greek and Latin might be, he must not let 'em interfere with his studyin' the traffic regulations."

## WHY

### Loyalty Is One of the Greatest Human Attributes.

When a man is loyal, he has found the summum bonum of life, writes Nathan Howard Gist in Pennsylvania Grit. More than good, he is good for some thing. His loyalty warms his heart. It wins the confidence of others toward him, whether they love or hate him. His loyalty shines out as the finest of qualities. When a man is loyal, there is no domestic strife so far as he is concerned. When a woman is loyal, her husband trusts her everywhere, and justly so. Loyalty is the antidote for divorces.

When a man is loyal, he has no trouble to speak of in his industrial plant. His employees love him, and every man in his employ would cut off his right arm for him.

When a man is loyal, he gives his employer the best he has. He may find his work distasteful. His hours may be long and badly arranged for him. His general surroundings may be anything but pleasant. But while he is in the employment of that man, he has sense enough not to condemn his employer. His loyalty puts a padlock on his lips, and he frowns on any suggestion at insurgency.

When a man is loyal, he despises the finger of scorn. He places a damper on the devilish gossip that poisons the whole community. He plucks every thistle he sees, and plants a rose in its place.

When a man is loyal, he is the inveterate foe of malice, or friction, of the divisions of opinion that separate men.

When a man is loyal, he is true to his country—in time of war, which is occasional, in times of peace, which is nearly all of the time. His best patriotism is the patriotism of peace.

## COUNTRY'S NEED OF FORESTS

Why Men Who Know Are Protesting Against the Destruction of Our National Resources.

The ruthless destruction of their forests by the Chinese is, according to foresters of the United States Department of Agriculture, one of the reasons why famine and plague today hold this nation in their sinister grasp. Denudation, wherever practiced, leaves naked soil; floods and erosion follow, and when the soil is gone men must also go—and the process does not take long. Forests, it is pointed out, not only play an important part in the distribution of mankind over the earth's surface, but also deeply affect his spiritual, physical, and economic life. A country that recklessly wastes its natural resources faces ultimate poverty and decadence. History is full of such examples.

In the province of Homan, Shensi, and Chihli, China, over an area some 100,000 square miles in extent, several million people are starving. The immediate causes of the famine were disastrous floods followed by long periods of drought, which resulted in the failure of three successive crops.

### Why Many Are Color Blind.

London Quakers and East End Jews are said to be more liable to color blindness than any other people, reports the London News. Prof. Henri M. Leon told the color circle of the International College of Chromatics that this may be because the original Quakers were opposed to brilliant colors, and because of the poor environment in which many Jews have had to live.

Men are more subject to color blindness than women, he said. Four men in every 100 are so afflicted, but only one woman in every 200 is color blind—probably because women are used to brilliantly colored clothes. There is no cure for inherited color blindness.

Professor Leon said there were three kinds of color blindness—failure to distinguish color at all, the confusion of red with green, black and brown and the failure to distinguish shades, such as blue and violet.

### Why Mountains Are Loved.

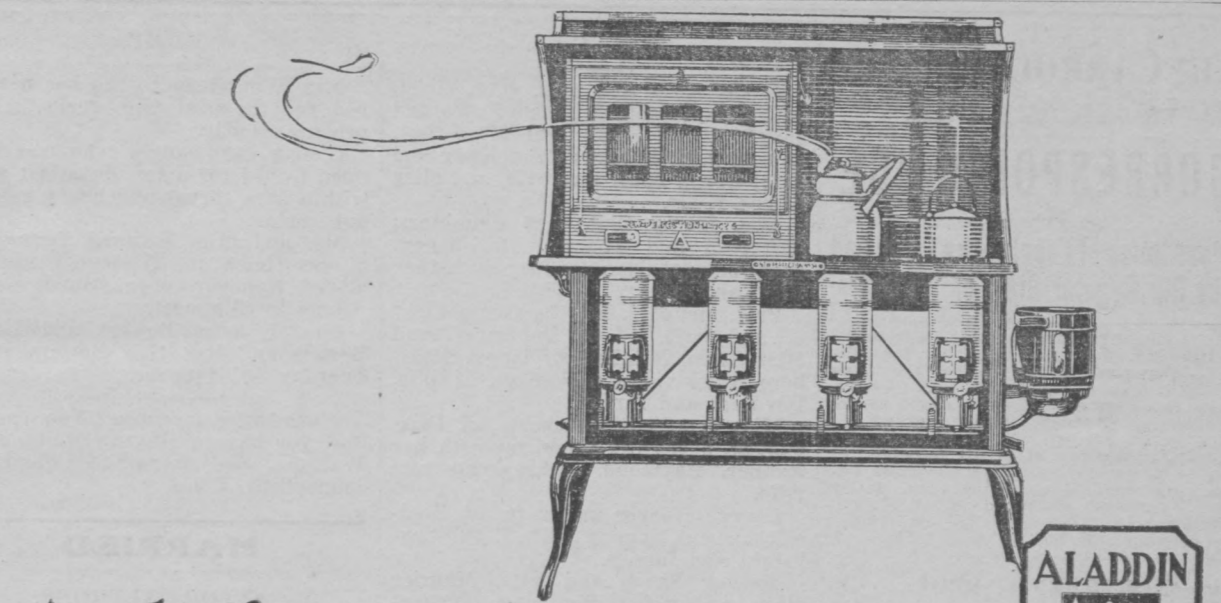
All the world loves the mountains—loves them as color patterns on the blue, as marvels of light and shade, as symbols of peace and purity—loves them, in other words, as one might a picture. That there is a supreme grandeur about the peaks and a great beauty in the lesser hills every one will acknowledge. But the grandeur of the peaks is as hard to capture with the brush as the beauty of the hills with the pen. The landscape-painter and the writer have had very moderate success in portraying them. The great features of nature seem defiant of representation.—John C. Van Dyke.

### Why Thermometers Vary.

Thermometers vary in their indications mainly on account of exposure, assuming that the instruments themselves register similarly under like conditions. The height above ground is an important factor, particularly on still nights, when radiation is quite active near the earth's surface, at which time important differences between thermometers located only short distances apart are recorded. When there is considerable air movement these differences disappear to a great extent.

### Why He Was Let Out.

"What was the trouble with that young man that you let him go? I thought him particularly clever." "That was the trouble. He seemed to have the idea that he was clever enough to hold a job here without any actual physical exertion."



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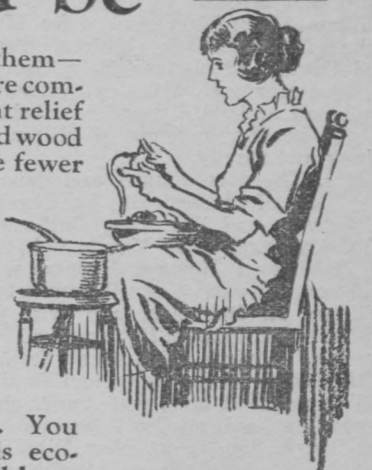
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"Our Old Friend the Moon"

By R. RAY BAKER

Before retiring, Mina Trask stood for a long time at the east window of her room and watched a big, bright disk light up the night.

"How Sylvester used to admire the moon!" Mina whispered giving vent to a deep sigh.

It was five years ago that Sylvester left the little city of Beaver Falls for a course in college.

Now he was to have a genuine vacation of three weeks, and he was coming home, to see his long neglected parents—and Mina.



"Luna is Smiling."

forward to his visit with joy, although this joy was tempered somewhat by the evident change in Sylvester, as indicated by his letters.

Realizing that her status in his regard probably was altered, Mina did not meet the train on which he came.

But what a changed Sylvester! He wore big-rimmed glasses and there were numerous creases on his face.

They sat at a window after Mina's parents had retired and she took pains to select an east window.

"See—there's our old friend, the moon!" she said suddenly, as if surprised at its presence in the sky.

He glanced out the window, but that was all. "Perhaps the inhabitants are looking down on us now!" she breathed,

"The moon inhabited? Ridiculous! We have telescopes that bring that old hulk only forty miles away, and we have wormed all its secrets from it.

"For instance, with the aid of Prof. Michaelson's new measuring device, we have ascertained that the star Betelgeuse (or sun, which it really is) has a diameter of three hundred million miles.

"Yes, how foolish!" sighed Mina, and wished he would get foolish once more.

Sylvester's return to Beaver Falls created quite a social stir, due to the eminence to which he had climbed in scientific realms.

Mina enjoyed herself until a middle-aged guest who was a semi-scientific crank got into conversation with Sylvester and caused the latter to neglect her.

"What is the spiral nebula theory as to the origin of the solar system?" the semi-scientific crank wanted to know.

The picture was of Mina, a snapshot he had taken one summer afternoon five years ago, and she also had been the author of the letters.

As Sylvester read these letters of the past a smile played about his lips and now and then a drop of moisture trickled from his eyes.

When Sylvester finished reading the letters, he replaced the blue ribbon around them, and stood for a moment gazing into the laughing eyes of the photograph.

The semi-scientific crank was waiting to hear about the spiral nebula, but Sylvester gave him slight heed.

He said placing an arm about her and gazing up at the moon. "See, Luna is smiling at us once more.

A college education was deemed worthy of the son of a profiteer, and when he came home for the holidays he was questioned by his fond parent as to the nature of his studies.

"Ah, yes," returned the father joyfully, that's better. Now just tell me the Euclid for 'Good morning!' "

"That so?" "Yes, He taught his wife to drive the car and didn't once lose his temper."

HOW

SCIENCE HAS OVERCOME DREADED POTATO BUG.—The Potato Magazine calls attention to the fact that certain regions of the upper peninsula of Michigan have been virtually freed of that notorious pest, the potato bug, by the operations of a tiny parasitic fly which lays its eggs upon the striped beetle.

That destructive beetle was originally native to mountain districts of Colorado, where it fed on a wild variety of potato plant called the "sand bur."

At that period and for some time afterward much alarm was felt lest the potato would become an extinct vegetable in the United States. But nature has a way of dealing with such mischiefs, and before long parasitic enemies of the beetle multiplied in such numbers as to make possible its control.

The above mentioned fly, which has done such good work in Michigan, will be colonized in other parts of the country, and may solve the potato bug problem for good and all.—Philadelphia Ledger.

ALBERTA'S CLAIMS TO FAME

How Northwestern Canadian Province "Manufactures" Weather for the United States.

The prairie provinces of Canada—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—are not without their bids of fame.

The last of the wild-buffalo herds of America, survivors of the millions of animals which roamed the plains and woodlands of the continent, now range through northwestern Alberta.

And much of the weather of the United States is manufactured in Alberta. This is not an idle fancy. The United States weather bureau recognizes that a large number of what are technically known as "disturbances" originate near the little town of Medicine Hat, a few miles over the Canadian line north of Montana.

War dogs have not been forgotten altogether and a movement is on foot in England to place a monument in Kensington Gardens, London, in memory of the dogs that played important parts in the great war.

"Yes," observed the Lady of the House, "I've taught my canary to use a bath towel."

"Well," answered the Lady of the House, "after taking his bath the canary would nearly break his neck trying to get dry. So I put a couple of pieces of bath towel on the top of the cage. Now as soon as he has taken his bath he hops up on these pieces of towel and rubs himself against them until he is dry."—New York Sun.

The tremendous amount of research work being done in all fields of manufacture to convert waste into wealth is showing gratifying results in the operation of sulphite mills through the recovery of alcohol and solid fuel from waste liquors.

WHY

Few Persons Can Tell Truth About Themselves.

The man who can tell the story of his own life in such a way as to give a picture of the age in which he lives is comparatively rare, "Uncle Dudley" writes in the Boston Globe. To begin with, only a strikingly candid and courageous person can tell the truth about himself at all.

Rousseau's celebrated "Confessions," which left such an imprint on the minds of European thinkers, were undertaken as a deliberate act of intellectual honesty or propagandist fanaticism, according as you care to look at it.

George Meredith once wrote a novel called "The Egoist," in which he explored the secret recesses of male selfishness and vanity to such uttermost confines that no self-respecting male can read the book without flaming blushes at his own image.

"Of course, it is very fine. But was it quite fair of you to make such a liberal use of me in your portrait of an egoist?"

"I did not," said Meredith, with a smile. "The egoist is not you. He is—" and the author tapped his own breast.

Which is a way of saying that the confession of one is, in great measure, the confession of all.

MUST HAVE PERFECT TEETH

Why It is Important for Young Women to Look Well to That Requisite of Beauty.

No less an authority than Dr. Hollister of the dental division of Pennsylvania state department of health, states that "the young woman of today if she wishes to retain the affections of a man must have a gleaming set of perfect teeth, because no young woman whose teeth are crooked and unsightly. Certainly no young woman can make the impression she desires if her teeth are a blemish on an otherwise attractive countenance," said Dr. Hollister.

Scientific methods have made such rapid strides in recent years that the public, ignorant of the difficulties of research work, has come to expect too much.

As a matter of fact, it would require a dozen chemists, working continuously upon the problem for a dozen years, in the best equipped laboratory, and they would use up tons of soup.—Popular Science Monthly.

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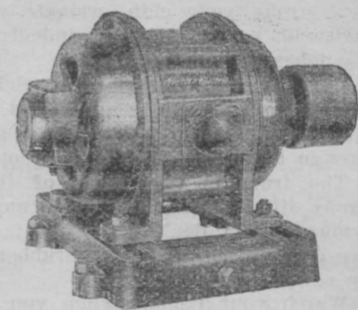
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