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As indicated. "Yes," said the parson, "straws show which way the wind blows." "And in the hands of a small boy, remarked the old farmer, "they show which the elder barrel is."

PROSPERITY IN WESTERN CANADA

900 Million Dollars in New Wealth Added in 1915.

Canada as a whole has enjoyed wonderful prosperity in 1915, from the products of the farm, the orchard and the center of industry. No country wrote a brighter page of history in agricultural and industrial development during 1915 than Canada.

When Western Canada was faced with her enormous harvest last fall the military authorities decided that soldiers in Canada could give the Empire no better service for the time being than to assist in harvesting the crops.

The necessity for increasing the agricultural production is commanding even more attention in 1916, and it is now announced that soldiers in Canada may obtain leave of absence from their military duties in the spring for a certain length of time to enable them to plant the seed for the crops in every Province of the Dominion.

The fact that the Government recognizes the seeding and harvesting of Canada's crops as being of the first importance is perhaps the best evidence that conscription or any increase of taxes which would reduce the agricultural activity of Canada will never be considered by the authorities.

Owing to the number who have enlisted for overseas service it has been found necessary to secure farm labor in the United States. It is hoped that fifty thousand can be secured.—Advertisement.

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GALLSTONES FREE

FOLLOW NATURE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE



Shutter Front Poultry House.

It is not the easiest thing in the world to so feed young chickens as to bring them to an early and perfect maturity and then to continue feeding them to produce eggs and meat in the greatest quantities.

The natural food of fowls is meat, seeds and grain. The meat they find in bugs and worms and the dry feed in the seeds of grass and grain of the range.

It is extremely dangerous to give fowls too much of any concentrated food as it only renders them ravenous and unsatisfied, and in the end results in disease and death.

As to the quantity to be fed there can be no fixed rule. The safe way is to feed liberally—all that the flock will eat up clean.

To persons who are obliged to buy all the feed for their flocks the question is one of great importance and many people who have raised poultry for years without keeping account of expenses, and then turned to a sensible system of accounts, have been surprised to learn that it cost them more to keep their flocks than they received from them.

Of course in addition to grain and meat fowls must have plenty of grit. Granulated bone or wood charcoal at all times. Green food in the shape of chopped alfalfa leaves or clover is essential, particularly in the winter when the birds do not have access to the range.

Grit is absolutely necessary because chickens cannot digest the food in their crops without it. For this purpose ground oyster shells, coarse sand or ground rock may be used.

BALANCED RATION FOR EGGS

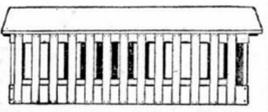
Wheat, Oats and Corn Make Good Scratching Feed in Litter—Don't Overlook Green Feed.

Overfat hens cannot lay fertile eggs. If they lay eggs at all. Corn is used as the principal feed by many farmers. They do not stop to think that corn is twelve parts fat-producing and one part bone and muscle-producing.

As weather warms up reduce the corn and with bran as the basis of a mash feed each day you will have your rations well balanced, with the exception of the meat and green foods, which must be looked after by each individual.

at large chickens supply their own grit and it is not necessary to keep it before them except when they are confined.

The difficulty of keeping the feed clean and dry during continued exposure is nearly overcome by using troughs with slatted sides and broad, detachable roofs.



Chicken Feed Trough Accessible From Both Sides With Cover On.

inches at the sides and effectually keep out the rain except when high winds prevail. The roof is very easily removed by lifting one end and sliding it down the trough.

DANGEROUS FOOD FOR CHICKS

Practice of Feeding Salt to Cause Early Molt Should Be Avoided Unless Well Understood.

Doubtless thousands of persons who keep a few fowls and depend upon the scraps from the kitchen constituting the greater portion of the food required to sustain them, are unaware of the danger there is in feeding salt food to poultry.

A very little salt is known to be healthful for fowls, but if they receive more than a very small portion, such as might be found in oversalted victuals, or in scraps into which some accidentally spilled salt had been thrown, it will cause the hens to die, or if not sufficient to cause death, they will be apt to molt and lose their feathers out of season.

Some poultrykeepers who understand just the quantity a hen can stand without damage, will feed a little salt early in autumn to cause the hens to molt early, so as to insure eggs during the early winter months when eggs are scarce.

FEEDING THE SITTING HEN

Besides Grain, Water, Grit, Etc., Fowl Must Be Kept Entirely Free From All Vermin.

Grain and water should be placed close to the nests of sitting hens, so that they can be induced to feed regularly. And exercise the greatest care in keeping down lice.

Use insecticides liberally and regularly. Lousy hens will mean lousy and dead chicks.

Reason for Few Eggs.

One reason why eggs are not laid in the winter months, even where there are pullets, is that the summer supply of worms, bugs and insects is cut off, and no meat substitute is given to take their place.

Droppings Lose Ammonia.

When wood ashes are strewn over the henhouse floor the manure will lose much of the ammonia by the mixture.

Place for Dusting Box.

If you have a scratching shed keep your dusting box in it rather than in the roosting house. The dust will settle more quickly. Fine road dust is about the best. Remember the dust must be fine in order that the lice on the chickens may be smothered. Keep the dust box clean, too.

Provide for Sunlight.

The roof of the poultry building should have enough slant that the direct sunlight can reach the back of the building.

Common Sense is Best.

Science in the poultry yard is all right, but common sense is better.

Encouraging Roup.

Roup often accompanies the damp and dark poultry house.

NO WAR WITH U. S.

CHANCELLOR ASSERTS THAT GERMANY IS FIGHTING FOR LIFE AGAINST FOE.

OFFERED PEACE TO ALLIES

Von Bethmann-Hollweg in Speech in Reichstag Declares Poland Will Not Be Restored to Russia—Cannot Crush Military Power.

Berlin, (By wireless to Sayville, L. I.), April 7.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg indicated in his speech in the reichstag on Wednesday that any suggestions of peace on the basis of destruction of Prussian military power would make possible only one answer—the German sword.

The chancellor protested vigorously against the report that Germany now or in the future contemplated aggression against the United States. The chancellor said: "The latest offspring of the calumniating campaign directed against us is a report that we, after the end of this war, shall rush against the American continent, and that we shall attempt to conquer Canada."

The chancellor insisted that the conflict must be fought out to a finish and that guarantees of peace in Europe must be forthcoming after this conflict is over.

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, beginning with a review of the military situation, said:

"Reports of the enemy that Germany's forces have been used up are proved false by what is now happening at Verdun, where operations were prepared with profound foresight and where the bravery of German troops obtain one advantage after another."

"I recognize that living conditions in Germany are not easy," said the chancellor, "but the difficulties are being borne in admirable fashion by the whole nation, especially by the poorer classes. Winter crops are good. In fact, it has been many years since reports were so hopeful."

"The American note of November 5 last gave an exact description of English violations of the law of nations, but so far as I know that note has never been answered."

"No even-minded neutral, no matter whether he favors us or not, can doubt our right to defend ourselves against this war of starvation which is contrary to international law. No one can ask us to allow our arms of defense to be wrested from us. We have them and we must use them."

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg declared there must be a new Belgium. At the same time he said that it must not be expected that Germany could ever again deliver into Russian hands the Polish provinces captured by the Teutons.

SPANISH SHIP SUNK; 8 DIE

Commander of Submarine Refused to Give Crew Time to Leave Vessel Before Firing Torpedo.

Gibraltar, April 7.—Eight of the crew of the Spanish steamer Vigo, torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay, were drowned through the refusal of the German submarine commander to allow boats to be lowered before the ship was torpedoed.

London, April 7.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamer Bendow, from Liverpool, with a loss of one of the crew.

Two other vessels have been sent down by submarines in the last twenty-four hours. The Norwegian steamer Arena was sunk and brought to Ymuiden by the trawler Claire.

MISSOURI MOB BURNS NEGRO

Slayer of Sheriff Trapped in Barn by 500 Men and Boys and Slain.

St. Charles, Mo., April 7.—Lafayette Chandler, thirty-five years old, the negro who shot and killed Sheriff John H. Dieker of St. Charles county, was trapped in a barn seven miles from St. Charles on Wednesday and slain by a posse of more than 500 men and boys.

British Rout Turk Force. London, April 7.—A victory for the British over the Turks on the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara has been reported by General Lake. The Turkish entrenched position at Umm-el-Henna was attacked and carried.

German General Is Killed.

Amsterdam, April 7.—According to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, Lieut. Gen. Gottlieb Ferdinand von Dorrer of the German army died of wounds received on the battle field in the Verdun region.

Gives Thanks for Relief.

New York, April 6.—Elizabeth, queen of the Belgians, has sent a cablegram of appreciation to the Daughters of the American Revolution for their appeal to the country to raise \$1,000,000 for Belgian relief next Saturday.

Queen of Spain Ill.

Madrid, April 6.—Queen Victoria of Spain is seriously ill. She was compelled to take to her bed several days ago, but was thought to be recovering when she suffered a relapse. King Alfonso concealed all his engagements

FASHIONS' EDICTS

INSTRUCTIONS AND ADVICE BY JULIA BOTTOMLEY



THE LITTLE FLOWER GIRL

Quite unconscious of her importance and wholly captivating, the little flower girl precedes the bride in the wedding procession. She usually takes her duties seriously and performs her part with the grace of childhood, to the delight of everybody.

She is no minor detail in the most beautiful of all processions and great costumes give her frock due consideration; also her hat and the other details of her trinity. With what lovely results her clothes are thought out appears in the picture above. This little maid with pale gold curls wears a model by Becker made of shell pink taffeta, in a design that transforms the little wearer into an animated flower.

Nothing could be simpler or more original. The frock is of shell pink taffeta with a long pointed waist and short puffs for sleeves. The full skirt flares and is made to stand out at the bottom by a cording covered

with the silk. It is merely a deep ruffle.

The floppy hat has a crown of pink taffeta edged with a ruffle of pink hair braid and is wreathed with little pink and blue forget-me-nots. It is worn at a saucy angle. Short silk stockings and delicate pink slippers finish the dainty costume. Among the blossoms in the rustic basket appear some like those which the bride chooses for floral decorations, in this case marigolds, pink roses and orange blossoms.

Another frock from the same designer and made for the same purpose, is of fine soft batiste. It has a scalloped edge at the bottom with small flower pattern above. The waist is very short and decorated with eyelet embroidery. The sleeves are small puffs with scalloped ruffles of the batiste having fine val lace set under the ruffles in a frill. This frock is worn over a pink silk slip and adorned with a big rosette of narrow pink ribbon at the left side of the waist.



FORERUNNERS OF SUMMER

If you ask the milliner that important question which has been called upon to answer so often: "What are they wearing?" she may answer "everything," and speak the truth. If there was ever anything in the way of materials or trimmings used in headwear, that has not reappeared in spring showings, let it be hoped no one will recall it. Not a thing is conspicuous by its absence, and the seeker after new millinery has too many things to choose among.

These hats large and hats small and they have arrived to stay until the close of the season. These are hats in between. But the wise milliner might hint that there is less distinction in medium than in extreme sizes. She will be safe in recommending wide brimmed hats for either street or dressy wear. And she should warn you against buying anything simple unless it be a sports hat, for the modes demand elaboration.

Two midsummer hats with flounces of georgette crepe over their brims are pictured here. They are destined to win over the severest taste to their elaborate and fine style. The hat at the left is made entirely of crepe over a frame with brim wider at the back than in front. It would be quite complete as a hat, without its ruffles. But fashion says flounces, so there are two of them that softly embrace the brim.

Chocolate Set.

Color has run riot in a chocolate set which is made of ecrú colored poplin. Japanese red, which you see so frequently on Japanese vases and pottery, is applied in waterproof color around the outer portion of the centerpieces and the little dollies. Over the red pinkish drawn by Japanese men arched bridges and drooping Japanese trees are embroidered in black. The effect is stunning. Instead of the edges of the various pieces being scalloped they are left

bow at the front. This would be the prettiest thing about the hat if it were not for a bouquet of violets and roses at the back.

The hat at the right is a leghorn with facing of crepe chiffon. Flounces of crepe veil the upper brim and a monture of roses and buds springs from the crown. Just to show that she can add something more in trimming without having a bit too much the designer has looped narrow ribbon over the brim at the front and back and midway between.

Choose Becoming Styles.

The thing that impressed me in a recent shopping tour was that the latest fashions were worn by the old and young, thin and fat, blonde and brunette. There was not a note of individuality in the dress of the women.

To this day I wonder at the sheep-like acceptance of the women when it comes to style. I would think every woman would realize that the suit, dress or wrap most becoming to one looks hideous on another; the color which will brighten the eyes, add a luster to the hair, and transparency to the skin for one woman will kill the same points in another.

Individuality is the keynote of the well-dressed woman's wardrobe. I do not mean to wear freakish clothes so different from the fashion that they attract attention. I mean clothes that harmonize in color and line with the disposition, temperament and build of the wearer, which follow the trend of fashion, but are not mere fashion plates from some designer's pen.

Fringe on Parasols.

Fringe-trimmed parasols are being shown among the new things for spring, the fringe being of silk or worsted, fully four inches wide and in matching or brilliantly contrasting colors.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be but a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at your druggist's from the store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.—Adv.

A Circus Union. "Married above him, you say?" "Yes. He's a ringmaster. She performs on the flying trapeze."

THE MOST POPULAR KIDNEY REMEDY IN OKLAHOMA

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MRS. J. GRUBBS, Henretta, Okla. Box No. 371. State of Oklahoma, County of Oklahoma. Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29th day of March, 1916. BIRDIE MORGAN, Notary Public.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, kidney and bladder disorder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

Hire Woman Detective.

A woman detective has received an appointment from the Bristol authorities. There is nothing amateurish about the Bristol appointment. The new officer has received special training in police work, and although her duties will chiefly concern women and children her services will be utilized in solving all classes of crime and mystery. "Women," an authority explained, "are particularly adapted for work which comes outside the scope of the ordinary detective, but unfortunately it is sometimes unsafe to trust a woman with an important investigation where young men are concerned. They are swayed by emotion. They can't help it; it is their nature. They have been known to fall in love with the man they have been set to watch."

As It Occurred to Him.

"Advertising," remarked the thoughtful thinker, "is a good deal like making love to a widow." "What's the answer?" queried the party of the dense part. "It's impossible to overdo it," replied the t. t.

Ever notice how many females of the species wear hair that looks as if it had been nailed on by a carpenter?

The church with the highest steeple isn't always the nearest heaven.

HANDY HUSBAND Knew How to Get Part of the Breakfast.

"I know one dish I can prepare for breakfast as well as any cook on earth," said my husband one morning when the cook was ill and he had volunteered to help get breakfast. He appeared with his dish and I discovered it was Grape-Nuts which, of course, was easy to prepare for it was perfectly cooked at the factory, but it was a good illustration of the convenience of having Grape-Nuts about.

"We took up Grape-Nuts immediately after returning from a five years' sojourn in a hot country. Our stomachs were in bad condition and we were in poor health generally.

"In a day or two we liked Grape-Nuts better than any other kind of food on the table. We both gained steadily in health and strength, and this was caused by Grape-Nuts and Postum.

"A friend of ours had a similar experience. She was seriously ill with indigestion and could find nothing to eat that would not give her heartburn and palpitation, especially at night.

"She found that a small dish of Grape-Nuts with cream made her a satisfactory supper and gave her a comfortable night's rest. In a short time she gained several pounds in weight."

"There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.