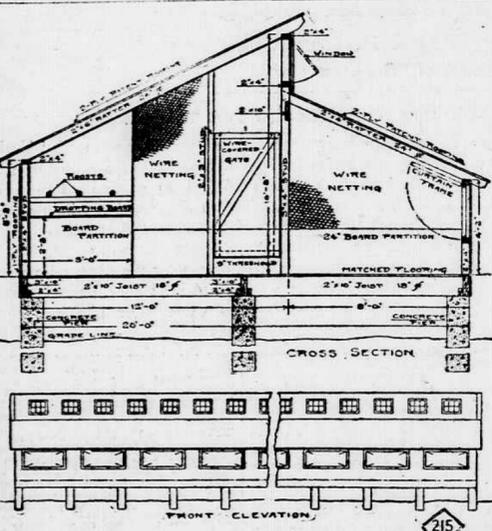


FIELD, FARM AND FOREST PROBLEMS

Pointers for Poultrymen, Gardeners, Stock Raisers, Orchardists and Farmers—Information Gleaned From Researches of Experts.

POULTRY YARD NOTES.

ALL AROUND THE PLACE.



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work is constructed mainly from 2 by 4 inch lumber, including the rafters on the front slope of the roof which is also a short span. The rafters on the rear slope are of 6 inch stuff, spaced 24 inches on centers.

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Experts who have studied the habits of growth of the new everbearing strawberries say this is the proper time of year to set out new beds or to enlarge existing beds of this prolific member of the strawberry family.

There are several varieties of the berries of everbearing strawberries, all of which have an unusually vigorous habit of growth, throwing out many runners during the season, and invariably rooting these runners at several points along their length.

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WINCHESTER, Va., September 30.—The first death since the outbreak of smallpox at Stephens City, eight miles south of Winchester, occurred a few days since, when Mrs. Thomas Potter, about thirty-five years old, died. Her funeral was held privately the following morning. Rev. C. Sydenstricker of the Southern Methodist Church conducted a short ceremony, after which the body was buried in Green Hill cemetery. Just one week ago Mrs. Potter became the mother of a child, which was born with the disease. The infant is reported to have a good chance of recovery.

May Buy Resort Property. Agents representing financial interests of Washington, Baltimore, Virginia and West Virginia have obtained an option on the Capon Springs resort property belonging to the estate of the late Capt. William H. Nelson, who was for many years owner and manager of the famous Capon Springs summer resort, which is situated in the mountains of Maryland.

Court Hears Suffragist. The circuit court of Clarke county, at Berryville, was adjourned several days ago for an hour and a half, by consent of both parties, for the purpose of hearing the case of Mrs. B. B. Valentine of Richmond to deliver an address in behalf of equal suffrage.

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New Machinery Ordered. New boilers and engines have been ordered for the Winchester mill of the American Strawboard Company, to take the place of machinery that has been in use for many years.

Richmond, Va., September 30.—Gov. Stuart has signed the papers required to have Israel Legum extradited and returned to this state from Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mad Dog Bites Nine. Danville has a remarkable case of victims of a mad dog. The animal, which belonged to Dr. R. B. James, suddenly went mad and sank its teeth in all victims in a short time.

Stanton, Va.—Henry Thaine, civil war veteran of New Market, was a visitor at the Staunton fair and looked up an old comrade in arms. Of the Staunton Artillery are three surviving members, according to J. M. Blackburn, who keeps the records of the Stonewall Jackson Camp.

Hagerstown, Md.—Twenty-three suits, aggregating \$119,500, have been filed in the circuit court here against twenty-two insurance companies including concerns in Europe, by J. W. Myers & Co., wholesale grocers of Hagerstown and Chambersburg, Pa.

Richmond, Va.—John T. W. Curtis and Allyn B. Curtis have been named as game commissioners for the city of Richmond. Commissioner Parsons also announced the following appointments for the cities of the state.

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Winchester, Va.—Up to Saturday County Clerk J. V. Bell had issued 1,602 licenses to hunters and fishermen under the provision of the West Virginia game laws.

Annapolis, Md.—The Maryland and Virginia authorities have placed markers in Tangier, Poconoke sound for definite location of the boundary line between the two states.

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