

Looking For the Best Breeds.

"The quest of the best breed" goes on merrily. Some have found it and do not hesitate to say so, writes J. H. Davis in the "Inter-State Poultryman."

So with fowls. When a person gets a bird that suits; a breed that he likes, he is pretty apt to stick to it, because, for him, it is the best breed he knows of.

Often receive letters from interested beginners asking which is the best variety, which is the best incubator, and which is the best brooder.

and bring me more clear profit than any other breed I ever tried. No, they are not great layers, but I want meat, and the Cochins furnish it, as you see by these carcasses.

As this farmer raised from 800 to 1,000 Cochins a year, the income was quite handsome added to his vegetable account.

Is there, then, no best general purpose fowls? No, not in America. There may be in Africa, but not on this side of the ocean.

Langshans and Cochins.

A Black Cochin, like any other Cochin, requires plenty of time for maturity, often not laying until fully grown, while the Langshan hen may begin to lay when but little over six months old.

It looks as if Rhode Island Reds were going to become quite popular and there is big money in breeding them. Good pullets bring from \$5 to \$25 each.

Charcoal For Indigestion.

As a corrective of injudicious overfeeding, as a remedy in bowel troubles and as a preventive of indigestion charcoal has no equal. Feed every other day, making it about the size of corn for fowls and the size of wheat for chicks.

NEW IRISH LEADER.

John E. Redmond, Well-Known in This Country, Elected Chairman of the Nationalists.

John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, member of parliament for Waterford City, was unanimously elected chairman of the United Irish nationalist party at a meeting held in a committee room of the house of commons the other day.



JOHN E. REDMOND, Chairman of the United Irish Nationalist Party.

and of gauging his earnestness. He visited the United States in 1896 and made a tour of the principal cities with his lecture on "Fifteen Years in the British Parliament."

Mr. Redmond's speeches in parliament have ever an attentive and often a thrilled audience. He is a tactician who knows the value of obstructing business and who realizes just when and how to do it.

The new chairman of the Irish party is 44 years old and a Wexford man. He was educated altogether in Ireland. He stepped almost directly from the University of Dublin, whence he was graduated, into the house of commons as representative of the borough of New Ross, and was afterward elected for Wexford, but since 1891 he has sat for the city of Wexford.

In 1884 Mr. Redmond made a tour of Australia and visited America on his way home, landing at San Francisco, and seeing most of the cities of America on his journey to New York.

COWS WEAR SPECTACLES.

To Protect Them from the Terrible Glare of the Snow on the Vast Steppes of Russia.

The enormous steppes of Russia, on which range great herds of cattle, are covered with snow for at least six months out of every year. The cattle live upon the tall bunches of grass which project above the snow.



STEER WEARING SPECTACLES. (A Common Sight on the Vast Steppes of the Russian Empire.)

long continued glare from these snow fields, it has been found, makes the animals blind, in which condition they are with difficulty able to find the necessary amount of food.

Big Maple Sugar Factory. More Vermont maple sugar is made every year in Davenport, Ia., from cheap yellow sugar flavored with vegetable extracts than can be produced from all the maple trees in the whole state of Vermont.

He Believes in Luck. The German emperor is a believer in the luck attending horse-shoes, never passes one by, and was once seen walking home through the streets of Berlin carrying a huge shoe in his left hand.

HAS LARGE FAMILY

Heber Z. Ricks is the Father of Sixty-Six Children.

Married Five Times on His Journey to the Promised Land of the Mormons and Seven Times After Having Reached It.

In the valley of the Snake river, near where that stream forms the boundary line between Wyoming and Idaho, lives the father of the largest family on the American continent, and probably in the world. The owner of this unique distinction is Heber Z. Ricks, one of the faithful followers in religion and practices of the late Brigham Young.

The members of the Ricks family are scattered over a stretch of country 14 miles long by two miles wide. Heber Ricks has an even dozen ranches, which, with those of the sons and daughters, make quite a good-sized settlement.



HEBER Z. RICKS. (As He Appeared on the Old Laramie Trail in 1849.)

faith. In case of the absence of the "bishop," as the head of the family is known in the settlement, as is frequently the case when he makes a visit to one of his wives living in the extreme upper or lower ends of the colony, one of the sons will fill the pulpit and preach the doctrine of his father.

Heber Z. Ricks is a giant in form and strength, although he is 77 years old. Little or nothing is known of his boyhood, except that he was reared on a farm in western New York. He has never been known to say much about his early life, other than that he landed in St. Louis in 1842. From that city he went to a small settlement in the vicinity of where Independence, Mo., now stands, where he joined the Mormon church. A little band of Mormons, with Ricks at their head, left the place early in the spring of 1848 and turned their faces toward Utah.

When Ricks left Missouri, it is said, he was a single man, but when he and his party reached Salt Lake valley he was the possessor of five better halves. Settling near Salt Lake, Ricks continued to take unto himself additional wives until he had ten. Early in the year 1869, with the number of his wives increased to 12, Ricks pulled up stakes and moved across the mountains through eastern Idaho to the valley of Snake river. There, upon one of the most fertile spots to be found on the continent, he established himself.

While the population in the vicinity of this settlement is distinctly Ricks, there are a large number of families of other names, says the Chicago Inter Ocean. The settlement does not differ in this respect or in any other from any Mormon settlement in Utah, Wyoming or Idaho, and a visitor, were he not familiar with the history of the Ricks family, would never suspect that Heber Z. Ricks is the father of so many children.

German Juvenile Criminals. The alarming increase of juvenile criminals in Germany is puzzling the legislators. In 1855 the juvenile offenders numbered 30,704, the total rising to 45,504 in 1894, and to 47,973 in 1898.

SAVE YOUR STAR TIN TAGS. "Star" tin tags (showing small stars printed on under side of tag). "Horse Shoe," "J. T.," "Good Luck," "Cross Bow," and "Drummond" Natural Leaf Tin Tags are of equal value in securing presents mentioned below, and may be assorted. Every man, woman and child can find something on the list that they would like to have, and can have FREE!

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