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FARM POULTRY

DISCOURAGE A SITTER

Necessary to Keep Up Earning
Capacity of Hens.

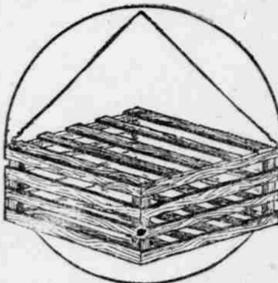
Slat Coops Not So Immediately Effec-
tive as Old Treatment of Placing
Under Barrel, but They
Don't Hurt Fowls.

Just as long as the broody hen is
permitted to sit in the nest and keep
herself warm she will persist in sit-
ting. So long as her body is in a
state of considerable heat she instinc-
tively fights to remain on the
nest.

It is nature trying to help the hen
carry out the purpose for which she
was created.

There are some weeks in the year
when it seems to me that every hen
on the place is trying to sit. Tur-
keys, geese, chickens, ducks and
guineas follow the same instinctive
lines at about the same time, to the
utter distraction of the poultry keep-
er and the great dropping off in egg
production. They simply must be
"broken up" or the whole profits of
the poultry sheds will slump down to
nothing through the broody summer
months.

I once shut the hens up in the dark-
est place I could find and kept them
there for two or three days, feeding
them little or nothing, says a writer in



Slat coop for broody hens. Suspend
it so it will swing easily. This swing-
ing motion creates a current of air
which cools the fevered condition of
a broody hen.

the Farm Progress. It was effective
all right, but it injured the hens' lay-
ing powers, and general thriftiness to
be starved for a few days.

Putting them in the darkness is al-
ways very effective. I still carry out
that part of the treatment, but I have
abandoned the plan of sticking them
under barrels, boxes and other un-
ventilated places since I smothered
four of my best hens to death one
night.

I am using an inexpensive set of
coops now for the purpose of discou-
raging the broody hen. The coops are
not so immediately effective as
the old, under the barrel or box
treatment, but they do not injure
the hens as much as under the old
method.

They get more air in the new way,
and by putting them in a dark side
room of the poultry house they are
rather easily bluffed. The coops cost
but a few cents each, as they are
made of lumber picked up about the
place and from light pine laths used
by plasterers.

These coops have slatted bottoms
so the hens cannot drop down and
brood themselves warm while con-
fined. By taking these coops, plac-
ing them inside a darkened shed and
lifting them off the ground a few
inches, even the most determined old
sitter will soon give it up as a bad
job.

FEW POINTS ABOUT GUINEAS

Habit of Changing Nest Makes It Dif-
ficult to Say How Many Eggs
They Will Lay.

The guineas are good layers, but
owing to their habit of hiding their
nests and their habit of changing their
nest if it is disturbed, it is hard to
say how many eggs they will lay, pos-
sibly 50 to 100. Guineas are inclined
to be monogamous, that is, to have
but one mate, but a male will mate
with two females. Poor hatches
usually result if more females are
placed with a male.

Young guineas are fed like young
turkeys, with curds, bread and milk or
boiled eggs and bread crumbs the
first week, always mixing once a day
with sand, and for every meal making
one-third of the meal green food,
chopped onion or dandelion tops.
Finely chopped lettuce is good when
plentiful. Unless they have a good
run they should have animal food for
some time, but if they have plowed
fields to roam over this is not neces-
sary. When they are large enough
to be given free range they will pick
up most of their living, but should
always be fed at night, to give them
the habit of returning home.

Grading of Eggs.

Eggs may be graded on the market
for size, color, cleanliness, freedom
from cracks and the actual condition
of the egg content. This latter factor
is of great importance, particularly
during the later summer months.

ANCIENT FARM PLAN

Agricultural Co-operation as
Practiced in Italy.

Merchants Near Florence Are Still the
Landowners and Peasants Work
on Shares—Landlord Sustains
His Tenants.

Florence, Italy.—At the beginning
of its investigation of co-operative
banking societies the American com-
mission on agricultural co-operation,
assembled by the Southern Commer-
cial congress, had the advantageous
experience of first visiting a part of
Europe where co-operative banks had
not made much headway.

Agricultural co-operation is prac-
ticed in only one form in the country
about Florence—societies for the pur-
chase of agricultural machinery, fer-
tilizer, seeds, etc. This is chiefly due
to the fact that in the early days the
merchants of Florence were the land-
owners, and their estates were farmed
on a share basis by the peasants.

If crops were bad the landlord fur-
nished food for the peasant farmer
until the next harvest. This system
of land tenure still prevails, and study
of the systems near Florence has
shown the commission that co-opera-
tive credit institutions are only possi-
ble where the need is great.

Comparing Italian conditions with
American, one of the Florentine ex-
perts who appeared before the com-
mission suggested that in the United
States the solution of the problem of
farm finance might be found in an en-
largement of the operations of exist-
ing banks. Sig. Martelli, president of
the Savings bank of Florence, de-
scribed a practice common with banks
about Florence whereby the farmer
gives a mortgage to a bank and re-
ceives in return an open account for a
certain amount of credit. Thus a
farmer who considers that he needs
a credit of \$10,000 to operate his farm
gives a mortgage for that amount to
the bank. As he needs the money
he draws on the bank. He pays inter-
est only on the amount on which he
borrows.

For the long-time loans of the farm-
ers the savings banks are allowed to
invest up to 30 per cent. of their de-
posits in farm mortgages. These mort-
gages are of two classes—for periods
up to ten years and for periods of
from 10 to 30 years.

The shorter-term mortgage loans are
repaid by the borrowers in one lump
sum, as in the United States, but the
longer-term loans are repaid by
amortization—that is, small annual
payments made upon the principal of
the loan. The banks are only per-
mitted to charge borrowers one-half
per cent. more than they are required
to pay depositors. At the present
time the prevalent rate is five per
cent., though generally it is four per
cent. Money is only loaned up to 50
per cent. of the appraised value of
the land.

There is also a mortgage bank in
Florence, the Monte di Paschi, found-
ed by one of the early dukes of Flo-
rence. This bank issues mortgage de-
bentures at three and one-half, four
and one-half and five per cent. Most
of the debentures now outstanding
are at five per cent. They sell a
trifle under par, which is the usual
condition in Italy, and their market
price compares favorably with govern-
ment bonds.

The co-operative societies for pur-
chasing among the land owners have
been successful. The farmers them-
selves do not belong to these soci-
eties, but the landowners do all pur-
chasing of farm machinery and fertil-
izer. These societies are also active
in educational work, and maintain ag-
ricultural experts, who travel about
from village to village instructing the
farmers in scientific agricultural
methods.

EMPEROR MADE GUESTS PAY

Old German Ruler Set Example of
Strictest Economy—Put Out
Lights Himself.

Berlin.—Those who have just as-
sisted at the brilliant festivities which
marked the imperial wedding and who
remembered the court of Berlin in the
past cannot but have been struck with
the extraordinary difference between
the strict simplicity of that day and its
present regal state. So ingrained were
the habits of economy with the old Em-
peror William that even after he had
assumed the imperial crown they never
deserted him. The emperor gave the
example. He always extinguished
the candles himself and lowered the
lamps before he left any room. When
at Ems or Baden guests invited to join
the emperor at dinner at some restau-
rant were often embarrassed at the
end of the meal to discover that it was
a "pay party."

TAKE AN ANTI-TREAT PLEDGE

Democratic Candidates in George-
town, Ky., Promise Not to Use
Money in Campaign.

Georgetown, Ky.—All of the twenty-
five Democratic candidates for offices
in Scott county assembled here and
pledged themselves in resolutions
neither to "treat" nor to use money
in efforts to influence the voters in
their favor at the primary to be held
in August. They agreed to meet
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Trains Arrive

No.	FROM	Time
34	Atlanta, Ga., Daily	5:31 am
134	Lexington, Ky., Daily	5:18 am
29	Cynthiana, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:35 am
7	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:38 am
10	Rowland, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:40 am
40	Lexington, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:23 am
37	Cincinnati, O., Daily	9:50 am
12	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	10:20 am
13	Lexington, Ky., Daily	10:15 am
33	Cincinnati, O., Daily	10:24 am
26	Lexington, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	12:00 m
25	Cynthiana, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	3:10 pm
9	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	3:15 pm
138	Lexington, Ky., Daily	3:33 pm
38	Knoxville, Tenn., Daily	3:25 pm
5	Maysville, Ky., Daily	5:35 pm
39	Cincinnati, O., Daily Except Sunday	5:50 pm
30	Lexington, Ky., Daily	6:06 pm
8	Louisville & Frankfort, Daily Except Sunday	5:50 am
32	Jacksonville, Fla., Daily	6:18 pm
3	Jacksonville, Fla., Daily	10:50 pm

Trains Depart

No.	TO	Time
34	Cincinnati, O., Daily	5:28 am
4	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	5:35 am
29	Lexington, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:47 am
40	Cincinnati, O., Daily Except Sunday	7:50 am
10	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:50 am
137	Lexington, Ky., Daily	9:57 am
37	Knoxville, Tenn., Daily	9:55 am
33	Jacksonville, Fla., Daily	10:30 am
133	Lexington, Ky., Daily	10:29 am
6	Maysville, Ky., Daily	12:05 pm
26	Cynthiana, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	12:04 am
25	Lexington, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	3:33 pm
33	Cincinnati, O., Daily	3:40 pm
34	Cincinnati, O., Daily	5:56 pm
9	Rowland, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	5:58 pm
39	Lexington, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	6:23 pm
32	Cincinnati, O., Daily	6:20 pm
8	Maysville, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	6:35 pm
30	Cynthiana, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	6:35 pm
31	Lexington, Ky., Daily	10:05 pm
31	Lexington, Ky., Daily	10:57 pm

F & C. TIME-TABLE

IN EFFECT OCTOBER, 3, 1911.

Trains Arrive

No.	FROM	Time
2	Frankfort, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	7:44 am
4	Frankfort, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	3:30 pm
5	Louisville & Frankfort, Daily Except Sunday	5:50 pm

Trains Depart

No.	TO	Time
37	Frankfort & Louisville, Daily Except Sunday	7:44 am
1	Frankfort, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	9:53 am
1	Frankfort, Ky., Daily Except Sunday	5:54 pm

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