

At a Standstill. "Seems to me it's frightfully warm in this room," remarked pa, as he seated in his easy chair. "Johnny, go and look at the thermometer."

Rebuted. "Who was Shylock, Aunt Ethel?" "My dear! and you go to Sunday school, and you don't know that!"—Life.

Two often ceases to be company after they are made one.

The Wherefore of School. Little Herman was a very backward scholar and his teacher frequently lost all patience with him. One day, when he seemed to be more dense than usual, the teacher exclaimed: "It seems you are never able to answer any of my questions, Herman. Why?"

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The Perpetual Round. "What is a man of leisure?" "A man of leisure," replied Miss Cayenne, "is one who puts in the summer worrying about what he will do in the winter and who devotes the winter to worrying about what he will do in the summer."

Sense of Humor. "What is a sense of humor?" "A sense of humor," replied Mr. Growcher, "is what makes you laugh at something that happens to somebody else which would make you mad if it happened to you."

Considerations of Precedence. "Why did that girl marry Mr. Ad-dwell?" "Some idea of precedence, I suppose. She wanted to be among those who head the list in the city directory."

The Style. "Do you think there is ever much sensible conversation in moonlight strolls?" "No; I guess it is mostly rambling talk."

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A Dashing Woman. "Does she exercise her voice very much?" "Why, she makes running comments on everything."—Judge.

Explained. "I have such an itching for office." "Maybe it is because you have to scratch for a living."

A Good Try. "Did Miss Starcrane swoon all right at rehearsal?" "She made a faint attempt."

MAKING SUCCESS IN THE PIGEON LOFT



Excellent Specimen of Homer Pigeon.

(By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.)

A young pigeon, unlike a young chicken, cannot feed itself, but must be fed by the old bird.

Very often squabs do not leave the nest until they are a month old and ready for the market.

Sometimes the old birds will favor one of their offspring and feed it continually, allowing the others to go hungry much of the time. It is not unusual to see one large, plump bird and a half-starved, puny one in the same nest, both having been hatched at the same time.

The male bird sits on the nest at night and the female in the daytime. Some dealers say that this is the only true test of mating.

Vermin is a constant menace to pigeons and must be always fought. Frequent whitewashing, absolute cleanliness, and tobacco-stems placed in the nests will generally keep the birds reasonably clean.

Pigeons must have clean water for bathing, once every day. It should be given them early in the morning. The birds cannot live without it.

The bathing dishes should be emptied immediately after the birds have used it, as it quickly becomes foul and should not be allowed to stand.

The pigeon that goes about with drooping wings is a sick bird.

At the first sign of sickness, the bird should be taken out of the pens and placed by itself. Unless it is very valuable it should be killed at the end of three days if it is not entirely well.

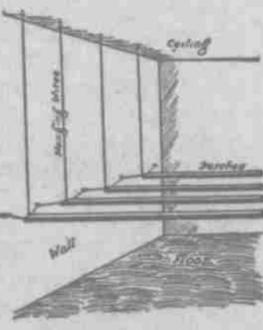
SOMETHING NEW IN PERCHES

Two-by-Two Hung From Ceiling by Use of Wire and Fastened at End Are Excellent.

Many persons use hanging perches for poultry because they are more sanitary. Lice and mites cannot get on them unless they leave the fowls. But I never have seen any perches constructed like mine that were not also swinging perches, writes Horace E. Wolcott of Lubbock county, Texas, in Missouri Valley Farmer. I long ago learned that it prevents much nervousness among the flock at night if the perches do not sway.

It is better economy to make the perches of good material. I find two by two-inch lumber about right, or two by fours ripped in two lengthways. My perches are eight feet long, making them lack a foot of touching at either end, which is about right. Round the two sharp corners on top, and finish smooth. It is much easier for a fowl's foot to curve over a rounded surface not too wide than to grasp a square, sharp edge.

Get some large screw-eyes or barbed-wire staples, and some smooth wire, as small as is possible consistent with



Liceless and Sanitary.

strength. Screw a part of the eyes into the overhead joists or in the ceiling, one eye for each end of each perch. In each eye fasten a wire long enough to hang down to within two and one-half feet of the floor. Put a screw eye near each end of every perch, at the upper edge. Fasten the hanging wires into these, and your perches are hung. The perches should be an equal distance apart, and all on a level.

Next fasten a screw-eye in each end of every perch, and put other screw-eyes in the walls between perches. Fasten a length of wire into the first screw eye on the wall, thread it through the next eye in the wall, continuing alternately until all perches are fastened to each other and to the wall. Then by fastening the perches at the other end, they are complete and will not swing out away.

Squabs are pretty well covered with feathers when they are three weeks old.

Before engaging in the pigeon business go and spend a week or two with some successful pigeon breeder. One can learn more in this way than from three months of reading.

Nobody except a simpleton will buy pigeons whose mating is not absolutely guaranteed. Even then one should not buy except from a dealer with a high reputation, because even if the birds are guaranteed and they prove to be unmated much time will be lost before they can be replaced.

The aim of every pigeon dealer is to produce the largest amount of meat in his bird. For this reason scrub stock should never be used.

No artificial heat is required in pigeon houses, but they must be absolutely tight as drafts are fatal.

Pigeons begin to lay two weeks after mating. They lay two eggs which hatch in about eighteen days.

The old birds stop feeding the young squabs when the next pair hatch. Each pair of birds should be provided with two nests.

Pigeons cannot thrive unless they have a place in which to fly. Confined in houses they will quickly contract consumption and die. Even in the coldest weather they should be allowed to fly outdoors when they please.

The breeding season is from March to September, but extra good breeders will produce young ten months in the year.

Clean out the house at least once a week, use this style of perches, sprinkle the floor every morning with a disinfectant made of sifted ashes mixed with about one-fourth their bulk of salt, the whole moistened with kerosene; whitewash the interior occasionally, and there will be little trouble with vermin. When using this "powder" be careful not to get any in the nests, as the eggs will absorb the odor of the coal oil and the oil will also prevent their hatching. This disinfectant is cheap, and effective.

BALANCED FEEDING FOR HENS

No One Grain Combines the Necessary Proportions of Ingredients to Produce Eggs.

(By W. R. GILBERT.) Balanced feeding is an attempt to provide for all the wants of fowls' bodies so as to enable them to yield the best profits to their owners at a minimum cost.

No one grain, meal or vegetable by itself combines the necessary proportions of ingredients to produce eggs in profitable quantities. Scientific experiments have proved that to keep alive an ordinary hen weighing six pounds, two ounces of dry food per day is required, but these two ounces are not enough to put on flesh or to make eggs.

They are only enough to keep up the wear and tear of existence. More food has to be supplied for egg making and if this food is richly charged with the component parts of an egg the greater and easier will be the production.

The only chemical properties of food that we need trouble about are the flesh and muscle-making principles known as albumenoids and the heat and fat-making principles known as carbohydrates.

The ration that both science and experiments have decreed to be the best is 4% to 5 parts of fat or heat-making foods to one part of flesh-making food and the total amount of food requirement for the keeping of a hen in laying condition is from 25 to 24 ounces per week, according to her size.

Juiciness of Fowls.

A great deal is written about the superior "juiciness" of this breed or that breed of fowls. The truth is, the juiciness, or the lack of it, is chiefly the work of the cook. The flesh of fowls should be judged by flavor and tenderness, and these, too, are largely in the hands of the cook.

Diseases of Ducks.

Ducks are subject to very few diseases. They do not have cholera, roup, gapes, but they do occasionally die from spinal meningitis and paralysis. Cold water is the general cause of cramps in young ducks.

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WISDOM IN HIS JUDGMENT

Rabbi's Decision Worthy of Any of Those That Have Been Credited to Solon.

Many of the best stories among the Jews are told about rabbis who were called in to render decision in difficult disputes. These decisions are at times as crafty as those of the ancient Solon.

A rich Jew, lying on his deathbed, sent for his brother.

"Brother," he said, "I am dying. I leave \$50,000, and I desire you to dispose of my fortune as I instruct you. Give my wife as much as you want and keep the remainder for yourself."

He died soon after, and after dividing the fortune the brother kept \$40,000 and gave the remaining \$10,000 to the widow and her children.

The widow, not satisfied with this amount, complained to the rabbi (who always appears in the role of the widow's protector). The rabbi ordered the brother to appear before him.

"You have disobeyed your brother's dying wish," said the rabbi.

"Not at all," replied the brother. "He told me to give his widow as much as I want and to keep the rest for myself."

"Precisely," responded the rabbi. "You took \$40,000 and gave the widow \$10,000. Therefore, you wanted \$40,000. Did not your brother say, 'Give my wife as much as you want?' Therefore, I order that you give her \$40,000. Furthermore, did not your brother say: 'Keep the remainder?' Therefore I order you take \$10,000. I have judged. Begone!"

There Are Chances and Chances.

Walter L. Hall, a Muncie attorney, former state senator, says that one day when he was in his early law practice he was called on to look after the defense of a negro client. Not desiring his efforts to be entirely wasted, he asked of his client: "What do you think my services are worth?" "Well, they're worth just as much as my chances of getting away," was the reply.—Indianapolis News.

The Diet.

"Men are what they eat." "Then I suppose critics live chiefly on roasts."

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Moral—If they don't get you for what you've done, they'll get you for something else.

Advancement.

"Have you been making any progress since my last visit to Crimmon Gulch?" asked the serious stranger. "Yes. Ever since some whist players struck the town we have been more refined. They didn't last long, but their influence lingers. Every time a player says he can open a jackpot everybody around the table says, 'Pray do.'"

Acrobatic Feat.

"Percy gets along all right at these afternoon teas."

"Does, eh?"

"Yes; he can hold a plate of salad in one hand, a cup of coffee in the other, and balance a dish of ice cream on his left shoulder."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Grounds for Belief.

"Do you believe that time is money?"

"I do. I am a clerk in a police magistrate's office."

"What difference does that make?"

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