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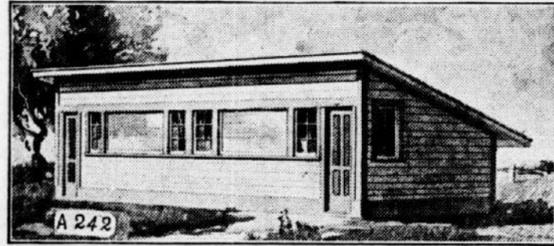
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A poultry house 36 feet long naturally divides into two compartments. This poultry house is only 12 feet from front to back, which is in accordance with the ideas of a great many poultrymen who are anxious to have the sun shine clear back to the far wall during the very early spring weeks when eggs are high in price and the hens need every possible encouragement to supply the demand.

Shed roof poultry houses present the high sides of the buildings to the sun. Poultry houses are always faced in a southerly direction, and they are always closed in tight at the north and west, because the prevailing cold winds usually come from those two directions. The sun shining against the high side of the building during the day usually keeps the house comfortable during part of the night because of the stored up heat. In addition to the warmth a house is much more cheerful on account of admitting considerable bright sunshine.

Shed roof poultry houses are quite common in the eastern states where thousands of farmers keep poultry for profit. Some of them keep poultry only in a small way, but they have studied the needs of laying hens and have provided means to keep them comfortable and to induce them to lay eggs in the winter time.

These shed roof poultry houses are cheaply built and are easily made comfortable for the fowls in all kinds of weather. Usually such houses are made quite low at the back. Some are as low as three feet, being designed for the comfort of the fowls rather than for the convenience of the attendant, because considerable stooping is



required when doing the cleaning in the back part of the house.

When shed roof poultry houses are ventilated by means of cheese-cloth covered openings in front, they are easily provided with fresh air.

The general ground plan is to leave the whole floor space free to be covered with straw several inches deep for scratching purposes. Laying hens must be kept busy to prevent them from getting too fat. In order to manufacture eggs the hens must be well fed. The difference between fat hens and laying hens depends upon the kind of food rather than the quantity, but the element of exercise has a good deal to do with the keeping of laying hens in proper condition.

In these shed roof poultry houses the droppings board usually is placed under the low roof at the back. The roosts are supported a few inches above the droppings board and the nest boxes are suspended underneath. This work is all done in such a way that the whole outfit may be taken out easily and the whole inside of the house may be thoroughly cleaned. The easy cleaning proposition is worked out in connection with all parts of the house. Cleanliness means a great deal in the poultry house.

The plan of this particular design further provides for a closed-in room for brooding coops. This room may be divided by a partition, or it may be made into one room for the use of houses. Some poultrymen use this center room for the nest boxes as well as for broody hens. The laying is principally done in December, January and February and brooding seldom commences before March.

Shed roof poultry houses seem to work out better than any other style of roof when it comes to ventilation. It is not easy to manage a poultry house in such a way as to ventilate it properly. The ventilation in all farm buildings depends on a certain degree of warmth. Large animals, such as cattle and horses, have considerable body warmth, which sets the air in motion. Fowls are so small that their body heat is not sufficient to warm

very much cubic air space. This is one reason for putting the roof of a poultry house low down at the back. Hens require very little head room.

In this plan the manner of placing the droppings board and roosts close up against the low back roof helps splendidly in ventilation, because the fresh air comes in through the thin cotton cloth ventilators in front and takes the place of the warmer heated air around the poultry roosts. The warmer air naturally finds its way up along the sloping roof to the front of the house. In this way a natural circulation of air is kept going all night and all day.

A shed roof poultry house may be built in such a way as to add a good deal to the appearance of the place. As the illustration shows, there should be considerable projection of roof and this calls for a neat finish all around the edge. Also the different door frames and window frames should be painted a different color from the body of the house.

This particular plan calls for wood on siding fitted on the inside with building paper. The paper is put on the studding and is covered over with the siding. The smooth side of the paper is turned in and all 2x4's used for studding are dressed four sides. Also the rafters and girts are dressed all around and finished smooth before being put into place. When finished it has a very neat businesslike appearance and is smooth enough to clear easily.

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He'd Change His Wooing.
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"Yes, I think I would."
"The same girl?"
"Yes, the same girl."
"Then you have no regrets whatever?"
"I wouldn't say that exactly. If I had it to do over again, I shouldn't be so reckless during my courtship days with promises of the things I would buy for her after marriage. I'd have more common sense and fewer electric motors and fur coats and servants and unlimited charge accounts in my wooing."—Detroit Free Press.

Cynical.
Two actors were discussing their ideas of marriage. At the seventh wedding breakfast of the first actor the other, who had himself been married six times, said:
"Well, old man, I thought you had learned by this time that a marriage is nothing but a sentence of hard labor for life."
"Yes," said the other actor, "but it's a sentence that you can get commuted by bad behavior."—Exchange.

We Remember.
Bacon—It is said that tin is used to weight silk to such an extent that many a woman's dress would assay as highly as what often is considered good tin ore. Egbert—Yes, and then the women get a lot of "tin" out of our clothes, too, you must remember.—Yonkers Statesman.

Same Power.
"I have tribute to my powers as an actor. I can draw tears from men and women alike any time by working on their feelings."
"Humph! I can do that too."
"On the stage?"
"No, in my office. I'm a dentist."—New York American.

His Bread and Butter.
"I met Biffers' wife yesterday. Talks all the time, doesn't she?"
"Yes."
"I have never heard Biffers complain about it."
"He'd better not. She supports him by lecturing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Wanted Her to Have the Best.
Nell—Rather conceited, isn't he? Belle—I should say. He said the best was none too good for me, and then he proposed.—Philadelphia Record.

Innocence is better than repentance, an unswayed life better than pardon.—Binney.

In Defense of the Mule.
In what is described by Justice Henry Lamm of the supreme court of Missouri as a "celebrated case" the court handed down a decision exonerating the Missouri mule. Some years ago one Lyman sued one Dale for damages done to the plaintiff's buggy by "the aforesaid wild and unruly mule." After being considered by justices of the peace, one circuit judge, three judges of the court of appeals and four supreme court justices the mule is exonerated by Judge Lamm as follows:
"There are sporadic instances of mules behaving badly. That one that Henry Absalom rode and 'went from under him at a crisis in his fate, for instance, 'The mule don't kick according to no rule,' saith the American negro. His voice has been a matter of derision, and there are those who put their tongue in their cheek when speaking of it.
"However, the faithfulness, surefootedness and good sense of the mule, all matters of common knowledge, may be allowed to stand over against his faults and create a preponderance in the scale in his favor."—New York Sun.

Grief of a Rhinoceros.
A rhinoceros is capable of grief, according to a Paris writer who wrote this anecdote years ago: "The animal had been in the collection at the Jardin des Plantes for twenty-two years, but was of an unsociable and irascible temper, and not even his keepers ventured to take any liberties with him. One day, however, the little lap dog of the wife of the director got into his house by squeezing in between the bars. Instead of killing the intruder, as expected, the rhinoceros allowed the little creature to play with him, scampering over his back, biting his neck and playing off all manner of sportive tricks. The two became great friends, the 'wee doggie' passing several hours each day with his undemonstrative acquaintance, who put up patiently with all its teasings. One day the rhinoceros inadvertently set his foot on his little pet, killing it instantly. The poor brute's grief at the catastrophe was pitiable. For two days he did not eat a particle of food."

A Strange Punishment.
Professor Petrie, the eminent Egyptologist, while exploring about thirty-five miles from Cairo, discovered a tomb of the twelfth dynasty that thieves had broken into thousands of years ago. A tragedy attended the robbery, as Professor Petrie also discovered. The Sunday School Times calls it "a tragedy of providential justice."
"It appears," says Professor Petrie, "that the plunderers removed only a few bricks, so that a man could crawl into the tomb. One of the men entered, opened the coffin, lifted the mummy out and laid it across the coffin, so that he could easily unwind the bandages. He first found a collar of beads, which he passed out into the shaft, where we found it. Then he came to the jewel (a beautiful work of gold and colored gems), and took it from the body. Before he could do anything more the roof apparently fell in and crushed him and the mummy. The other robbers, seeing the fate of their accomplice, abandoned the tomb and fled in the shaft to hide their guilt."
The explorers found the skeleton of the robber beside that of the mummy.

Homemade Barometer.
To make a cheap but effective barometer take eight grams of pulverized camphor, four grams of pulverized nitrate of potassium, two grams of pulverized nitrate of ammonia, and dissolve them all in sixty grams of alcohol. Pour the whole lot in a long and slender bottle, the top of which should be closed with a piece of pig's bladder—which your family butcher will give you gratis—containing a pin hole to admit air. When rain is about to visit you the solid particles of your liquid barometer will tend gradually to mount, little star crystals forming in the liquid, which otherwise would remain clear. Should high winds be approaching your barometer will become thick, as if fermenting, in addition to which a solid film of particles will form on the surface. Fair weather is indicated by the liquid remaining clear, with the solid particles settling into a firm sediment.—London Answers.

Beavers as Engineers.
In "The Romance of the Beaver" A. R. Dugmore, the author, tells how he watched a colony of beavers in Newfoundland building a dam across a swift stream about forty feet wide:
"Before the work was quite finished, so that the dam had not yet settled enough to gain its proper strength, there came a great rain, which continued for several days and flooded the country. The beavers, seeing that their new dam was threatened with immediate destruction, came down during the night and made a large opening by cutting away the sticks. This allowed the water to escape, and so the dam was saved. No sooner had the water resumed its normal level than the little engineers closed the break they had made and continued the structure."

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