

## MAIL ORDER HOUSES

### Some Strong Points Against Their Patronage.

The following article taken from last week's issue of the McKenzie Banner and is well worth reading:

Editor Banner:—I am a farmer, and for some time have been thinking of writing for publication, protesting against our people patronizing mail order houses. We have known people to save the best they could in order to get a few dollars ahead so they could patronize a mail order house, and then go to their home merchant and ask for credit. Those home merchants are their best friends; they take their barter often when it is practically worthless, simply because the man is a customer. Will a mail order house do this? No. It takes the dollar. During the summer when you want credit why don't you go to Sears, Roebuck? No, it takes the dollar.

Usually, the article that you pay a mail order house \$1.98 for can be bought from your home merchant for \$2.00, and the article that you pay a mail order house \$4.98 for can be bought from the home merchant for \$5.00, and you do not have to pay the freight or express, or even the correspondence; the article is at home for your inspection before you make the purchase. Again, how much state and county tax do Sears & Roebuck pay in your home county; how much city tax do they pay; do they pay any merchant's license; are they interested in your home church or country school; when you or your family are sick do you go to Sears & Roebuck for assistance? No, it takes the dollar. You have had a neighbor that was burned—his household goods went up in the flame—he was a poor man but honest and respected. You started out to render him some assistance and among those to whom you went were your home merchants, and they responded nobly. Why did you not go to Sears & Roebuck? Ah, it takes the dollar.

We have a statement from the Chicago Tribune of Jan. 30, 1912, that Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s gross earnings for the year 1911 was \$64,112,194, the largest in history. We know that their city tax must be a large amount, and you, by patronizing them, assist in paying the streets of Chicago which you may never see.

We think that if our home merchants would use a little more printers' ink and give the price of different articles in dollars and cents, their prices would compare favorably with a mail order house.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The above article sent to the Banner by one of its subscribers is a very pointed and convincing one, and the figures as shown in the report of Sears, Roebuck & Co. for the year 1911 is almost appalling. The enormous business that just one of the mail order houses has built up makes the enormity still more appalling, for it must be remembered that Sears, Roebuck & Co. is only one of many drawing their trade from the country and as our friend "Sub-

scriber" says "it takes the dollar"—a strictly cash business.

Our friend "Subscriber" sees fit, in closing his article, to give a kindly suggestion to the home merchant, who he champions throughout. He suggests letting the country folks know that they are not compelled to send away for their needed articles; that they can be bought right here at home and at just as reasonable prices. The only trouble is this: the home merchant and country folks are strangers, so speaking. They know through the mail order advertising what they can get; where they can get it and what the article will cost them—the three essentials to making a sale. Let us all awaken to our farmer friend's advice, get out of the old rut and join efforts to keep the mail-order-dollars at home. We need them.—McKenzie Banner.

### Almost a Miracle.

One of the most startling changes ever seen in any man, according to W. B. Holsclaw, Clarendon, Texas, was effected years ago in his brother. "He had such a dreadful cough," he writes, "that all our family thought he was going into consumption, but he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, and was completely cured by ten bottles. Now he is sound and well and weighs 218 pounds. For many years our family has used this wonderful remedy for coughs and colds with excellent results." It's quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Patrick Drug Co.

### Case Reversed.

The case of W. O. Taylor vs. the state in the supreme court at Jackson, sent up from Carroll county, was passed upon by that body last Saturday. The case was reversed and sent back for a new trial. This is the case in which Taylor, who lives in Weakley county, was charged with taking some bridle reins, etc., worth, it was estimated, about \$1.25. The case has been pending in the court here some time. Taylor, together with some other young men, came to the county fair loaded up on whisky and while in that condition, it is alleged, they took some bridles, buggy reins, etc. The trials have always attracted much interest, large crowds attending from Weakley county.

### The Danger After Grip

lies often in a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the glorious tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering try them. Only 50 cents. Sold and perfect satisfaction guaranteed by Patrick Drug Co.

Try a 50c. bottle of "Germol" and make life worth living.

## PURE BRED FOWLS FAVORED

They Will Realize Good Profits if Properly Cared For—Insuring Work for Farmer.

If, in writing on the old, old subject of the advantages of raising pure-bred fowls I can influence even one farmer of the southern or eastern territory to discard the old flocks and in its place raise stock which will be a credit to himself and the section of the country in which he lives, I will indeed feel that I have not wasted time and space, says a writer in the Atlantic Poultry Journal.

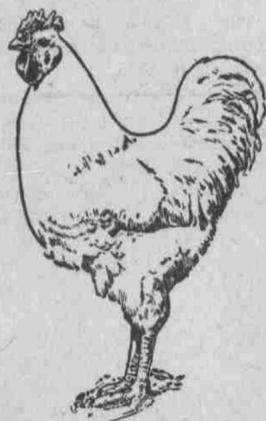
There is no doubt as to the stability of the poultry industry. The tendency in all of the large cities is toward suburban homes and the pursuit of rustic labors as a pastime. Poultry forms one of the most pleasant diversions for these small farmers, and the initial stock must constantly be supplied.

Any man who produces birds good enough to take premiums at the fall and winter shows and then advertises eggs and stock for sale, will meet with little difficulty in disposing of them.

Any business, by careful attention and intelligent management can be made successful and the poultry industry is no exception.

With a little careful reading any farmer can learn how to improve his stock and profits, and he will soon find that poultry raising is a very interesting part of the farm work, as well as one which amply repays for the amount of labor and money expended.

The slow steady growth of a flock of poultry is more to be desired than a large investment in fancy stock without previous experience. Study just what line of the poultry business is best suited to your local environment and then get to work and see what can be done with the proposi-



White Plymouth Rock.

tion. A mongrel hen might, in an occasional instance, lay as many eggs as one that is pure-bred; but the flock will not live up to the standard set by the pure-bred fowls.

### Pure Breeds.

We keep all the way from 150 to 250 chickens, divided into six flocks. We prefer a pure breed to a cross or mongrel, says a writer in an exchange. There is more money in them, and a flock uniform in color adds very much to the appearance of a farm. Our breeds are Buff Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns.

### A Convenient Roost.

A good roost is a 2x4 scantling, placed broadside over two 12-inch boards. These two boards form a platform which catch the droppings, and these are worth from 75 cents to a dollar a barrel. Do not place the roosts too high, for the hens will jump, and in so doing will have leg weakness or perhaps bumblefoot.

## POULTRY NOTES

Young chicks may be kept dry and warm.

The early broilers always command the best market.

Little chicks will not thrive if penned in a small enclosure.

A hen needs nearly seven times more fresh air in proportion to her size than does the horse.

Selecting the hens according to their laying qualities is to some poultrymen a hard proposition.

Any one keeping poultry must, of course, have houses to protect them from cold or stormy weather.

Fowls intended for market should be cooped for a week or two and fed all the rich food they will eat.

Fine gravel is not the proper grit for poultry. They want a sharp material with which to grind their food.

The incubator should be located in a room where the temperature does not vary much during the day or night.

Eggs will become fertile in from four to six days after mating. The effect of mating will continue several months.

It is necessary to feed the breeding ducks liberally, yet at the same time feed so as to keep them active and healthy.

Poultry houses which have cracks in their sides or leaky roofs should be covered with some kind of prepared roofing on both roof and sides.

Chicks sheltered from the weather and given plenty of good water will find much of their feed, and prove the most profitable crop on the farm.

Remember that the early broods must at all times have a dry place and room to exercise when the weather will not permit them to go outdoors.

## ANSWER IT HONESTLY

Are the Statements of Huntingdon Citizens Not More Reliable than Those of Utter Strangers?

This is a vital question.

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### Cloudburst at Milan.

Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock a heavy cloudburst occurred at Milan. The business section of South Main street was flooded, the water extending back to Third street some three to four feet deep. Great damage was done. Wolf creek and the Obion river spreading from hill to hill, washing away bridges and fences. Several of the early gardens that were planted last week were ruined by the overflow of water.

Germol is for indigestion and tomache trouble. It relieves where others fail.

## Attention, Veterans.

Headquarters for the Forrest Cavalry Corps at our next General Reunion, will be rooms 108 and 110 Hotel Lanier, Macon, Ga. All members of the corps are requested to call and register and secure badges. They are requested to make it their social headquarters, for meeting and fighting battles over with the comrades they meet.

And you are especially requested to be present at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, May 8th, 1912, and unite in the election of a new commander and the transaction of any business of the corps.

H. A. Tyler, Lt. Gen'l Com'dg. The Forrest Cavalry Corps.

### A Texas Wonder.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder trouble, removes gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism, and all irregularity of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Tennessee testimonials, Dr. E. W. Huff, 2926 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by all druggists.

### Heavy Fruit Crop.

Pear, peach, plum and apple trees are in full bloom over this section and unless a very hard cold spell comes the fruit crop promises to be a record breaker. The blossoms are said to be richer and have more in them than usual. It is claimed in some sections that the prospects have not been better in twenty years for a fine fruit crop. We certainly hope the weather will remain favorable and that we will have a fine yield this year.

For earache, toothache, pains, burns, scalds, sore throat, try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, a splendid remedy for emergencies.

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A. G. PEARMAN

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## THE Democrat

Huntingdon, Tennessee

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Our Northern friends come here through our individual correspondence and expense and we never misrepresent facts to attain an end. Neither do we "whack up" with any little fellows to break deals for any one. Even disregarding the question of moral decency we realize the necessity of the strict adherence to an observance of the uncompromising code of honor and courtesies as laid down by business men of all professions. We will expect no commission unless we or you sell your property to one of our correspondents.

### GARVER & GARVER

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