

### POULTRY PELLETS BEFORE LAYING

Putting Them in Winter Quarters Early, Results in Larger Egg Production.

### SELECT ONLY THE HEALTHY

Best Methods of Cleaning and Disinfecting the House—How Must Be Protected From Drafts, but Ventilation is Necessary.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. To get good results from a flock of poultry during the winter all houses and coops should be in good condition, only healthy fowls placed in them, buildings and good care given to the poultry. As it takes about two weeks for hens or pullets to settle down to their new quarters they should be moved early. The moving should be done before they begin to lay, for a shift after egg production begins may set them back for a month to six weeks. Moving pullets around from one house to another is the best means of holding back egg production if they are developing too fast. The United States Department of Agriculture points out that it is highly desirable to bring the pullets in from the range before they begin to lay.

Prepare Houses for the Winter. The houses should be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected, and made tight for the winter. It is much easier to do this work while they are empty than after they are filled with fowls. If the house has a dirt floor, it is well to remove the top 3 or 4 inches and replace this with dry gravel or sand.



Bring the Pullets in From the Range Before They Begin to Lay, for Moving Them Retards Egg Production Two to Four Weeks.

If it has a cement or wooden floor, remove all litter and dirt and put in 4 or 5 inches of fresh straw or litter.

Remove the roosts and scrape the droppings boards, wetting them down if necessary to loosen refuse which has caked and dried on. Sweep the walls and ceiling with a broom, and clean out all old nesting material. The house is now ready to be disinfected. Mix up a batch of whitewash or other disinfectant. Put a peck or more of fresh-burned lime in a tub or barrel and pour on it enough water to start slaking. Stir occasionally and add more water to prevent burning. Keep the vessel covered with an old sack to retain the heat. After the lime is thoroughly slaked dilute it to the proper consistency and strain it if it is to be applied with a spray pump. Add a quart of crude carbolic acid to each bucketful of wash. Other effective disinfectants are lime-sulphur mixture used for spraying fruit trees, coal-tar preparations, or the approved cattle dips.

With a whitewash brush or spray pump apply thoroughly to the inside of the house—walls, ceiling, floor, droppings boards, and nests, as well as the roosts, which should be placed out of doors in the sun for a few days. Allow the house to dry out before putting in fresh litter. Rye straw makes excellent litter, because it is tough and does not break up easily, but wheat or oats straw, cornstalks, dry leaves, or coarse hay are all usable.

Make Houses Free From Drafts. Be sure that the house is tight on three sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike the hens. If a hen roost or are placed in a draft during the fall and winter, colds are sure to develop, which may result in roup and other troubles. From one-third to one-half of the south side, or front, of the poultry house may be made of curtains and windows, but should be under control, so that the openings may be closed gradually as the weather becomes cold. Have muslin curtains in the front of the house or leave a window partly open, even on the coldest nights, to allow some ventilation in the house. Fowls will stand considerable exposure to cold air provided it is dry, and ventilation will keep the air in the house dry.

Before the pullets are mixed with the older fowls be sure that the hens are banded or that the web of the foot is punched in some way, so that you can distinguish between the pullets and the hens. This plan permits the older stock to be culled out whenever desirable, and the young hens to be kept for further laying. For egg production do not keep hens over two years, but some of the best hens may be kept for breeders until three or four years old.

The pullets that mature early in the fall and that molt into the next year are usually the best layers and should be culled out carefully which are brought into the laying house, and fatten and market all which are small, poorly developed, or in poor condition. These small, poorly-developed chickens are apt to catch cold if put in with the other poultry and develop diseases which quickly spread through the flock.

Clean the droppings boards of litter once a week, and spray the inside of the house with disinfectant.

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### ONE FARM IN THREE HAS AN AUTOMOBILE

Iowa Leads in Number and Nebraska in Percentage.

There Are Motortrucks on Two Farms in Every Hundred, and the Telephones and Water-piped Houses Are Numerous.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. Nearly every third farm in the United States had at least one automobile on the first day of last year. Of the 6,448,308 farms in the United States, 1,970,504, or 30.7 per cent reported having automobiles to the number of 2,148,512. Although Iowa led all other states in the number of automobiles on farms, having 177,558, Nebraska, with 104,453, showed the highest percentage in relation to the number of farms, heading the list with 75.6 per cent.

Motortrucks were reported on 131,551 farms in 1920 or about 2 farms out of every 100 in the United States as a whole. The number of motortrucks on these farms was 139,169. The states leading in the number of motortrucks on farms are: Pennsylvania, with 9,872; New York, with 9,259; Iowa, with 8,910; Ohio, with 7,319; Nebraska, with 6,548; California, with 6,416; and Illinois, with 6,154.

Three and six-tenths per cent of the farms in the country were reported as having tractors on January 1, 1920. This is about one farm out of every 23. The 229,334 farms thus represented had a total of 246,139 tractors.

Telephones were reported on 2,508,002 farms, or 38.9 per cent of all farms in the United States, in 1920. More than one-half of the farms in the following states had telephones: Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Oregon. Iowa, with 183,852, showed the largest number.

Farms reporting water piped into the house in 1920 numbered 644,088, or about one farm out of every 10. The percentage was highest in the New England states and in California. The



One American Farm in Fifty Has a Motortruck.

states leading in numbers were as follows: California, 65,928; Pennsylvania, 46,402; New York, 45,487; Ohio, 41,531; and Texas, 38,590. Gas or electric light was reported on 452,900 farms, or 1 per cent of all farms in the United States.

These figures, gathered by the bureau of the census, are being studied by the United States Department of Agriculture in connection with its work along these lines.

### RAISE CLOVER IN NEBRASKA

Spring is Most Popular Time for Sowing Crop for Pasture and Improvement of Soil.

Recent information collected by the Nebraska College of Agriculture from Nebraska farmers who grow sweet clover indicates that spring is the most popular time for sowing it. Forty-nine out of 86 farmers seeded it in April, 16 in March, eight in February and nine in May. Only six seeded in the fall. Sixty-seven were growing sweet clover for pasture, 34 for soil improvement, 24 for hay, 16 for seed and nine for bees.

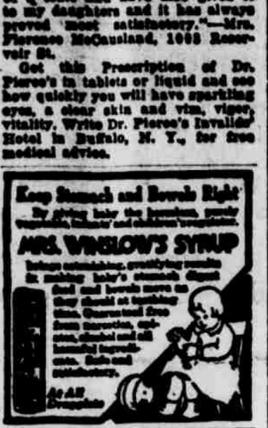
### GEESSE FOR HOLIDAY MARKET

Thanksgiving and Christmas Trade is Always Most Profitable of Whole Year.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are the best markets for geese. The fowls come off more easily if the geese is wrapped in a thick cloth after scalding to keep the feathers loose. The wings and tail feathers are pulled before scalding. Sprinkle powdered salt over the down and dip in hot water, which softens the roots so that the scale and down can be rubbed off readily.

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Taking No Chances. A man went to a shop to buy a revolver. "I want a good reliable weapon," he said.

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### True Detective Stories

TRIANGULAR FLAW

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There was a little doubt that Lord Herbert Laurence Sheffield belonged to the nobility as there was about his nationality—and that was apparent immediately from his monocle and his spats. Every shopkeeper along the Via Salaria in Naples knew his lordship, and every one of them admitted that a more representative member of the British aristocracy had never visited Italy.

Lord Herbert was not only lavish with his money, but it was whispered around the Grand Hotel di Napoli that his daughter, Sylvia, soon was to be married to one of the richest men in England.

Therefore when the English nobleman wandered into the establishment of the largest jeweler in Naples some two months after his arrival in the city and asked to be shown some diamond necklaces, there was an immediate scurry to wait upon him. Finally the proprietor himself requested Lord Herbert to come into his private office while he took from the safe a necklace valued at 450,000 francs, the property of a client who was in financial straits.

"I would like to purchase something to give my daughter for a wedding present," explained the Englishman, and the jeweler nodded, for the rumors of the engagement had already reached his ears. "I'm afraid, though," continued his lordship, "that this necklace is a little more expensive than I can afford at the moment. I don't doubt its value, but I'll have to have a little time to think it over."

"Certainly," agreed the jeweler. "I will be pleased to hold it as long as you wish and, should you desire to see and examine it again, I will be very glad to bring it to the hotel at your convenience."

"That would be excellent," assented the visitor, "but I naturally do not wish my daughter to know anything about the transaction. The whole matter is to be a surprise to her."

A few days later, in response to Lord Sheffield's request, the jeweler took the necklace to the Grand Hotel and found the Englishman alone in the room. After a very careful examination of the diamonds terms were agreed upon and Lord Sheffield had just produced his letter of credit from his wallet when a girl's voice was heard in the corridor, just outside the door.

"My daughter!" exclaimed the Englishman. "She mustn't know anything about this," and he swept the necklace and the wallet into the drawer of the desk before which he sat. A moment later Sylvia Sheffield came in and announced that her father's tailor had arrived and wished to see him at once. Excusing himself with the statement that he would be back very shortly, Lord Herbert left the room and his daughter followed him immediately.

When half an hour had passed the jeweler began to wonder what was detaining his client, but he didn't worry in the least because his necklace and his lordship's wallet were there in the drawer of the desk, right under his hand. The transaction involved too much money to warrant any impatience, so it was not until two hours had slipped by before the jeweler began to know what was detaining Lord Sheffield.

"His lordship and Miss Sylvia left the hotel nearly two hours ago," was the reply. "They had received a telegram from England."

Sensing that he had been robbed, the jeweler tugged at the drawer of the desk only to find that it was locked, but a moment's examination of the next room sufficed to show that the wall against which the desk was placed had been pierced and that the whole procedure had been a plot to lift the necklace and make a quick getaway.

Livid Boni, one of the shrewdest detectives in Naples, was immediately placed in charge of the case and telegraphed to Rome to have the pair arrested. Sheffield, anticipating such a move, had planted two confederates in the capital, and by the time that the police had found that their ally was fronted the real criminals were well on their way northward. Then followed one of the longest chases in continental detective history.

Finally, after more than eight months, he located them in London, only to be met by the downright denial of the Englishman that he had ever used the name of Sheffield or had ever been in Naples. He accounted for his possession of a number of unset diamonds by the statement that he had bought them in the Argentine and exhibited a bill of sale covering the gems.

To this Boni made no reply, but whipped out a jeweler's magnifying glass and commenced to examine the diamonds, one by one.

Then, before the Englishman knew what he was doing, he leaped forward and snatched a pair of handcuffs on him.

"Bills of sale," said the Italian detective, "are easy enough to forge, but you can't forge a diamond—and one of those in your possession has a triangular flaw in precisely the same place as did one of those in the Montori necklace."

"Lord Sheffield" spent the next twelve years in prison. The girl escaped.

From the Spanish. While the word "vamos" is considered purely an Americanism of the slang species, it is really a corruption of a perfectly good Spanish word, "vamos," which means literally "let us go." The word attained popularity during the war with Spain and was probably brought into common usage by American sailors, ever ready to adopt an expression of a foreigner's vocabulary for "vamos" and "vaya con Dios" and the more expressive "vaya con Dios" but in capturing it, they changed its pronunciation and spelling.

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