

THE TWO LIGHTS.

"When I'm a man!" is the poetry of youth.
 "When I was young!" is the poetry of old age.
 "When I'm a man," the stripling cries, And strives the coming years to scan,
 "Ah, then I shall be strong and wise, When I'm a man."
 "When I was young," the old man sighs, "Bravely the lark and linnet sung
 Their carol under sunny skies, When I was young."
 "When I'm a man I shall be free To guard the right, the truth uphold."
 "When I was young I bent no knee To power or gold."
 "Then shall I satisfy my soul With yonder prize, when I'm a man."
 "Too late I found how vain the goal To which I ran."
 "When I'm a man those idle toys Aside forever shall be flung."
 "There was no poison in my joys When I was young."

The boy's bright dream is all before, The man's romance lies far behind.
 Had we the present and no more Fate were unkind.

But, brother, toiling in the night, Still count yourself not all unblest
 If in the East there gleams a light, Or in the West.
 —Blackwood's Magazine.

The Poultry Yard.

POULTRY FOR THE ORDINARY FAMILY.

There are very few families in the country or suburban villages which are situated so that they cannot keep a few fowls. In almost every village contiguous to American cities, the mechanic, clerk or salesman who resides in the suburbs for economy's sake, nowadays, has upon the rear of his house or little garden patch his hennery, small or large. Go where you may in the country villages, around our Atlantic cities for example, and you will find among a majority of classes of city business men above mentioned, there are kept a trio or two, or as many dozen good chickens, the care of which serves to render their leisure hours agreeable, and from which the good housewife is furnished with many a score of good fresh eggs in the course of the season.

The cost of keeping a dozen or two of good chickens is very trifling. The scraps from the table daily, a quart or two of cracked corn and oats, a little granulated bone and pounded oyster shells, clean gravel and fresh water, with cleanliness and good air in the coops, will be about all that is needed for a few fowls. If they can have a dry run upon the lawn or walks also, so much the better.

Thus fifteen or twenty hens may be kept without a great deal of trouble to the household, from which may be had in a twelve-month one hundred or more dozens of nice fresh eggs, two or three scores of chickens for broiling, at least twenty nice pullets to carry over the winter for next season's use, and so on annually. Why should not every mechanic, clerk or city business man residing in the suburbs avail himself of this economical plan, and by this means furnish himself with pleasant recreation for his leisure as well as profit in the undertaking?—Tribune and Farmer.

CARE OF YOUNG CHICKENS.

For the first month, the chicks should be fed about five times a day. After that three times will be found sufficient. The coop and its surroundings should be kept scrupulously clean. Without it, no system can secure the best results.

The greatest success is generally secured by confining the hen but allowing the chicks to run out and pick the green grass after the dew is off. They should never be allowed to run in the wet grass. If one cannot permit the chicks to get at the grass, substitute should be supplied. Finely chopped lettuce, cabbage, etc., with an occasional onion, will be beneficial.

Mistakes are made with the nests of sitting hens. Too many are made that are so small the hen is unable to perform her duties of sitting down upon and stirring the eggs without smashing one or two. A roomy nest should be supplied—not

too large—having a bottom of rather soft material resting on dirt, with a plenty of straw well packed about the sides. Such a nest, especially early in the season, is very desirable, retaining as it does the heat for a much longer time than a carelessly made nest of loose hay in a box. The best receptacle for a nest where one has plenty of room is an ordinary flour barrel. Cut in the side a hole large enough for one hen to pass through, and then hinge a small door to open and shut at pleasure. The advantage of such a nest is that nothing can be more secluded. There are no draughts of cold air sucking through the cracks into the nest. They are easily inspected if not made too deep, and there is ample space for any hen within the barrel. A door prevents the hen from looking out much better than a wire screen. A hen that cannot see all that is going on outside is less restless.—Poultry World.

A laying hen should not be fed so high that she will get fat. Better to be a little too lean than too fat.

Little chickens must be kept dry and warm or they will be short-lived. The sun is their best friend and the rain their worst enemy.

Separated early and raised up by themselves, pullets are worth at least a quarter more for use than if allowed to run with a lot of cockerels. In the large, late-maturing breeds the evil is less, though even with them the practice of keeping them separate is most profitable.

The dust bath is to the fowl what the washbowl is to the individual. With the dust bath the hen cleans her body. She uses it also for exercise. When a hen is incubating she comes off as regularly to dust herself as she goes to feed, instinct teaching her that it is the best of methods for ridding herself of lice.

The remedy for chicken cholera recommended by the Department of Agriculture is as follows: Add three pounds of sulphuric acid to 40 gallons of water, and mix evenly by agitating and stirring. Apply to poultry houses with a large watering pot until every spot is saturated. Repeat application until the infection is completely destroyed.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

—A Wisconsin farmer, who began experimenting with the silo on a small scale four years ago, is so well pleased with the tests that he has planted twenty-five acres of corn for ensilage this season. Silos are evidently gaining in popular favor.

—Muddy barnyards will cause the milk to fall off. When cows are compelled to stand knee-deep in mud, with their bodies plastered over with it, dirt will find its way into the pail, while additional food will be necessary to supply that lost from cold and exposure.

—Sickly looking plants may be taken out of their old pots, the roots washed, the weaker branches trimmed and placed into small pots as the roots can be placed into. Let such a plant remain there until by good growth it shows its healthy roots; then it may be given more earth in a little larger pot.

—The camphor laurel, a native of China, and the tree from which most of the camphor of commerce is obtained, seems to have been introduced successfully into California, having obtained a height of thirty feet. The wood, every part of which smells strongly of camphor, is light and durable, not liable to injury from insects, and much favored by cabinetmakers.

—The Japanese keep meat fresh in hot weather by placing the raw flesh in porcelain vessels and pouring on it boiling water, whereby the albumen of the surface is quickly coagulated and forms a protection against the further action of the water. Oil is then poured on the surface of the water so as to prevent the access of air and consequent putrefaction of the meat.

—Science has found out something very interesting, namely that the fruit tree slumbers in the daytime and works at night. This modern idea is that fruit trees acquire most of their growth at night. The fruit of the cherry laurel, for instance, has been found by Dr. Krauss, of Halle, to increase at the rate of 90 per cent. by day, while apples increase 80 per cent. at night and 20 per cent. in the daytime.

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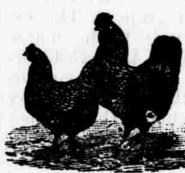
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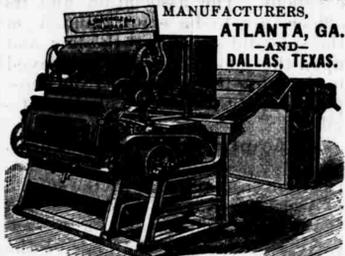
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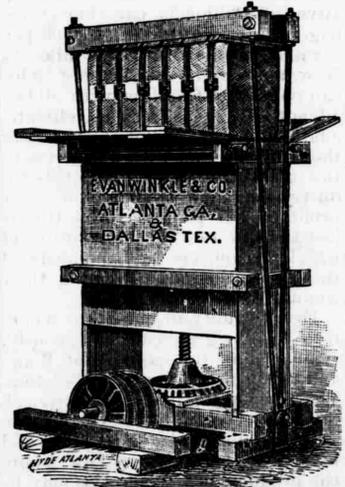


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" Salisbury	6 10 "	8 01 "
" High Point	7 25 "	9 08 "
" Greensboro	7 53 "	9 43 "
" Salem	11 28 "	12 30 am
" Hillsboro	11 54 "	2 55 "
" Durham	12 28 pm	4 40 "
" Chapel Hill	1 00 "	4 40 "
" Raleigh	1 35 "	7 00 "
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" Burkeville	1 30 "	3 04 "
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	Arrive at Charlotte at.....7:30 A. M.
	Leave Charlotte at.....8:15 P. M.
No. 2.	Arrive at Raleigh at.....9:00 A. M.
	Arrive at Wilmington at.....8:25 A. M.

LOCAL FREIGHT—Passenger Car Attached.

Leave Charlotte at.....7:40 A. M.
Arrive at Laurinburg at.....5:45 P. M.
Leave Laurinburg at.....6:15 A. M.
Arrive at Charlotte at.....7:30 P. M.
Leave Wilmington at.....6:45 A. M.
Arrive at Laurinburg at.....5:00 P. M.
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No. 4.	Leave Shelby at.....1:40 A. M.
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Condensed Time Table No. 13.

TRAIN NORTH.

	Arrive.	Leave.
Bennettsville	8:20 a. m.
Shoe Heel	9:40 a. m.	9:50 a. m.
Fayetteville	12:01 m.	12:25 p. m.
Sanford	2:15 p. m.	2:25 p. m.
Ore Hill	3:43 p. m.	.....
Liberty	4:57 p. m.	.....
Greensboro	6:40 p. m.	.....

Dinner at Fayetteville.

TRAIN SOUTH.

	Arrive.	Leave.
Greensboro	.....	9:57 a. m.
Liberty	.....	12:05 a. m.
Ore Hill	.....	12:50 p. m.
Sanford	1:27 p. m.	1:45 p. m.
Fayetteville	3:30 p. m.	4:00 p. m.
Shoe Heel	6:05 p. m.	6:15 p. m.
Bennettsville	7:30 p. m.	.....

Dinner at Sanford.

Freight and Passenger Train leaves Bennettsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Shoe Heel at 4:30 p. m., and at Fayetteville at 8 p. m. Leaves Fayetteville on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:30 a. m., Shoe Heel at 10 a. m., and arrives at Bennettsville at 12 m. Freight and Passenger Train North leaves Fayetteville daily at 8 a. m., (connecting at Sanford with Freight and Passenger Trains to Raleigh), leaving Sanford at 11:30 a. m., and arriving at Greensboro at 5:40 p. m. Leaves Greensboro daily at 5 a. m.; leaves Sanford at 11:15 a. m. and arrives at Fayetteville at 2:40 p. m.

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