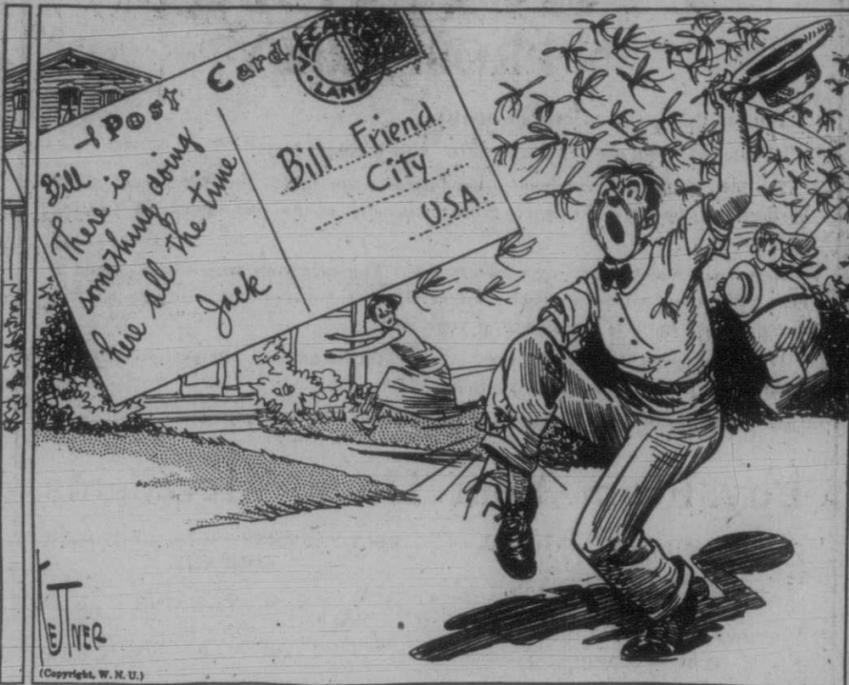


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POULTRY

PLACING INCUBATOR EGGS ON THE MARKET

(By T. E. QUISENBERRY)

Some farmers and poultry raisers make a practice of putting eggs on the market which they have had in an incubator for a few days and found the eggs to be infertile. This is a bad practice and should never be done by any honest farmer or poultry raiser. You may make good use of such eggs by consuming them at home. They will do to fry, for baking and for certain kinds of cooking, but they are absolutely unfit for the market. Such eggs, while good for home consumption are absolutely unfit for shipping. The yolks will break; the eggs will rot before they can reach the consumer, and it is a dishonest practice to offer such eggs for sale as fresh-laid eggs, and you lower the price on all eggs by so doing. Consume such eggs at home.

We have seen severe market losses due to a habit of sending infertile incubator eggs into commerce. This has been especially noticeable in the large houses making a specialty of breaking out eggs where they found it absolutely necessary to candle even in March and early April because farmers and poultry raisers were marketing infertile incubator eggs with their fresh eggs, and the incubator eggs came in in such bad condition and were so numerous that they had to be culled out before it was safe for the breakers to handle the eggs. At that time of the year there is no other reason for candling. You can see what a loss this means to any dealer, and instead of reducing the army of candlers which are now required this practice makes a demand for even a greater number.

Another very serious evil due to the marketing of infertile eggs from an incubator or from underneath a hen is their admixture with storage stock. These incubator eggs usually go on the market at the season when eggs are being stored without being candled. We know it to be a fact that infertile incubator eggs break down during transportation and handling and easily become "white rots."

Infertile incubator eggs can be used for bakers' purposes in the home, but under no circumstances should they ever be offered for sale or for shipment.

Another important reason why such eggs should not be marketed as fresh eggs is the fact that they are liable to be seized by food inspectors as being misbranded. Such eggs play havoc with the storage stock, and we are in hopes that no farmer or poultry raiser will be guilty of such a dishonest practice.

Trap Nest Is Accurate Test of Hen's Ability

The trap nest is the most accurate test of a hen's ability to lay eggs, but it is not practicable for those who live on farms, with all the other work they must do. Therefore, poultry specialists have been studying the general characteristics of laying hens, so that we might have a set of almost exact rules for telling the layers from the loafers. It has been proven over and over that these rules work correctly and no farm woman need longer feed hens that will not pay for their feed bill and give a profit. We must also remember that these lazy hens, which have been loafing all summer, fall and winter, will be laying their few eggs next spring at hatching time, and if their eggs are set, we will have another flock of loafers.

The hens that begin to molt in July should be sent to market. There is one exception to this, the hen that has hatched and brooded a flock of chicks, for she will usually go through a partial molt before she begins laying again. August 15 and September 15 is the best time to cull, but it will pay to go over your flock from time to time through the summer and cull out. Sell those that have stopped laying. There are usually a number of hens in every flock whose general appearance indicates they have low vitality, little vigor and will never be profitable egg producers. A great percentage of these low vitality birds are late hatched pullets of the previous season.

Poultry Hints

Carrots, cabbage and sprouted oats help make strong chicks.

Good hatches are obtained only when the laying stock has been selected for vigor and made to exercise.

Fresh eggs are the best for hatching purposes. If it is regarded necessary to keep hatching eggs they should be stored in a temperature of 60 degrees or lower.

Cull all undeveloped pullets and old hens from the flock.

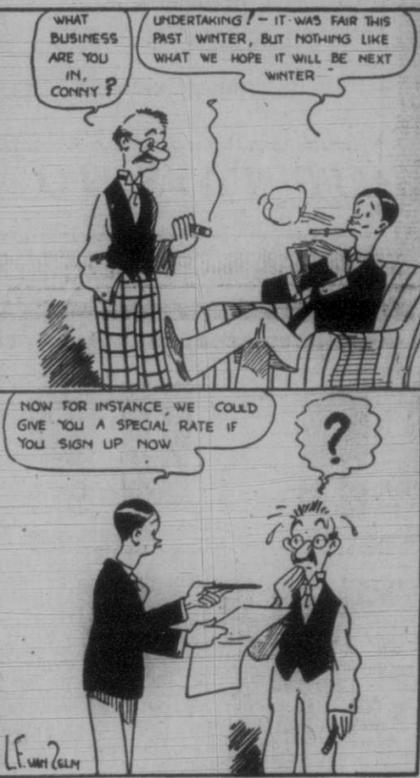
Early hatched pullets will molt early in the fall and be ready for laying next winter at a season when egg production is low and prices high.

It has been shown that young chicks are most susceptible to infestation of roundworms until about 12 weeks of age. With severe infestation death may occur in two weeks. In mild infestations chicks live, but growth is slower and resistance to disease less.

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Six Million Pens

To keep its patrons supplied with writing implements for next year the Post-Office department will furnish 6,185,000 pen points for distribution to the nation's 62,000 stations, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The public will also be provided with 480,000 holders to accommodate the great volume of nibs. The pens are almost every style so that a point may be found on the post office desks to suit practically any writer. For the same period of time at least 900,000 quarts of writing fluid will be required to keep the inkwells filled and 500,000 large sheets of blotting paper will be used up.

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Vampires

Practically all women—at least practically all those with whom I have had the misfortune to come into contact—are at heart vampires. Their demands on the egos of their lovers are blood demands, insatiate and insatiable. To maintain, as a writer in this magazine recently maintained, that women are men's playthings, is the illusion of a bachelor. But the converse, that the lover is the plaything of his lady, is utterly true.—Gilbert Fraukau, in Hearst's International-Cosmopolitan.

Cuticura for Sore Hands

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In the Right Place

The loquacious stranger paused as he walked down the village street. He looked to the right and he looked to the left, and then he sighed as though his esthetic sense was completely satisfied. One of the natives drew near, and the stranger accosted him. "Pretty village you have here," he remarked, pleasantly. The native considered. "Yep," he agreed, finally. "Where else would you have it?"

Few Roads Carry Traffic

A very large portion of the highway traffic of the country is carried by a rather small percentage of the roads. A detailed traffic survey made in Maine by the bureau of public roads shows that the primary system of the state, consisting of only 7 per cent of the total mileage, carries 63 per cent of the traffic in the state.

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Feminine Philosophy

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith were talking over their plans for the summer. "So you think you will go back to the same summer resort you have been going to all these years?" asked Mrs. Brown. Her friend hitched her chair closer. "Oh yes," said she. "As I often tell my husband, it's like this. When all is said and done, I really think that old friends and new scandals give one the most satisfaction."

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