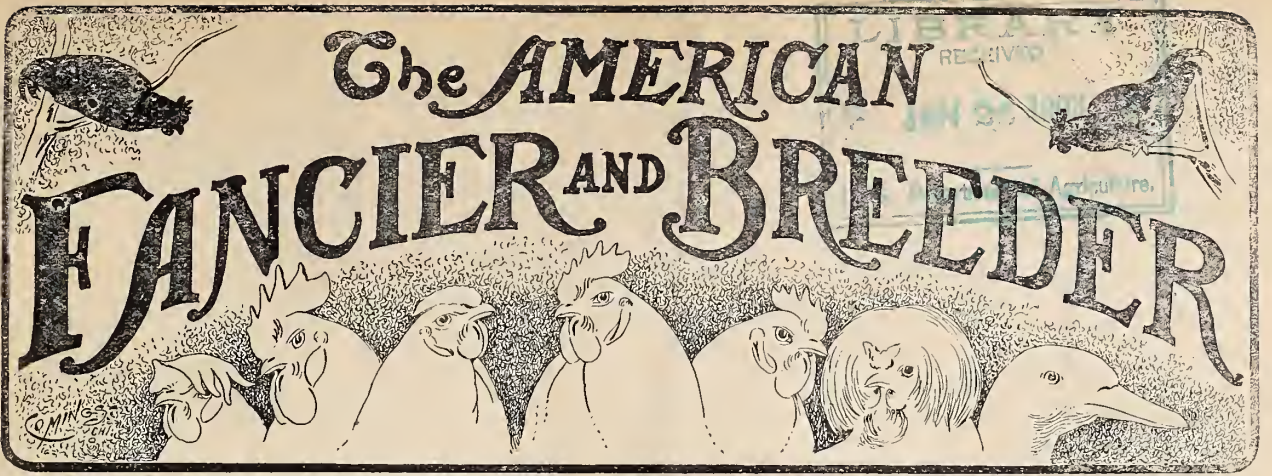


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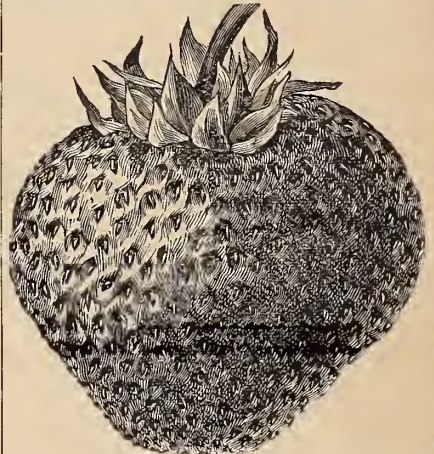
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Special Purpose Fowls.

While the poultry business is growing beyond the growth of other industries, it is a patent fact to every observer that fowls have not received the thoughtful attention and comfortable housings according to that of other farm stock.

Many who have been and still are engaged in this vocation did not, or do not, understand the first principle of the industry, and did not or do not possess any practical experience whatsoever in poultry culture, and yet they will engage therein with the expectation of what in any other business would be phenomenal returns from an occupation well prepared for, and should the first year, or at most the second, fail to bring them a competence, they invariably attribute the lack of success attendant upon the poultry business to the business and not to themselves.

One has no more right to expect invariable large returns from hens than they have from other farm stock, field crops, dairy or orchard. All branches of agriculture are profitable under certain conditions.

Misapplied effort or ignorance of the needs of the work in hand has never, nor will it ever, result in success, and the person who engages in poultry raising cannot afford to remain in ignorance of the merits and disqualifications of the breed or variety of fowls they have selected as the best adapted to the market they are to cater to, and equally necessary is some knowledge of the commercial value of their poultry products.

The American standard of perfection is the law governing all poultry judging, and is the only accepted and authorized description of all the different varieties of poultry, and, while this might be termed assential only from the fancier's standpoint, no one will regret the time spent to acquire a degree of knowledge that will make one intelligent as regards the true excellences of the fowls under their care.

The best type of western agriculturists are ever desirous of producing the very best grade of live stock, dairy products, wool, grain, hay and fruit: why be content mediocrity in the poultry yard?

Now that certain breeds of fowls have been intelligently mated for a given purpose for such a term of years as has been made certain desired traits fixed characteristics, one need not err in selecting the variety that will excel in the line desired, for there is as great a difference in types of fowls that excel in egg production, and those that are super-

rior as market fowls, as there is between the dairy and beef type of cattle.

Persons who have studied the subject with that degree of intelligence that thoughtful people accord to matters of importance, tell us that is a marked difference in the physical construction of the dairy and the beef cow; that the reason for this is that the one has been bred to secure a large capacity for storing away food and returning it in the form of dairy products, while the other is bred with the object of converting food into flesh with the least waste possible, that they may secure the meat product in the most economical manner. This is a practical object lesson that poultry raisers would do well to apply their own fowls, if they would secure increased profits.

Many poultry breeders are and have been for some time past thoroughly alive to the need of rearing either the most prolific egg producers or the best and most desirable meat producers (and we hope the number will increase). The poultry breeders of known reputew repute, with but few exceptions, have ceased to prate about or to clamor for recognition for their so-called general purpose fowls; they are coming to admit that like the dual cow, such breeds have served their object and must now give way to specialty breeds, for in the present day, we are bound to acknowledge that in poultry products, that quality enters into in business.

Every year the general public is coming to recognize that in the poultry world the value of birds of known ancestry possesses superior merit in transmitting desirable qualities to their progeny, and individual records of the best laying hens and the selection annually of the birds making the highest egg yield for the breeding pens each season, mated to a male that comes from equally meritorious egg strains, can but result in an increased number of eggs yearly, with the natural effect of an increase in profit.

If one is so situated as to supply remunerative markets in both poultry meat and eggs it will be far better to keep two distinct breeds, each possessing to the highest degree of excellence the requisite qualities. Were such a course habitually pursued the poultry industry would the sooner occupy a status of reconized importance commensurate with its real worth and the incentive to keep a better grade of fowls would receive an impetus because of increased prices and the superiority if the product offered.—Alma Cole Pickering.

When To Start The Incubator.

The incubator should be put in operation during November, and the earlier the better. First, hatches are not always the most satisfactory, and by thus getting an early start, even though at first a failure. We have still time to begin again, and be ready for the highest prices which always rule during April and May. Have everything in perfect before attempting to fill the incubator with eggs. Test the thermometer, and see that the incubator will retain from 101 to 103 degrees of heat with no great variation at any time.

Unless a cellar has been specially constructed for the purpose, it is better to select a warm dry room, where the temperature may be kept a near sixty degrees as possible. A stove or grate will serve to keep the room warm, the object being to simply provide protection during extremely cold weather.

When all is arranged and the incubator in perfect order, select first eggs of niform size and none that are over large or misshapen, and only enough to fill the chamber without crowding.

If the eggs have been kept in a cool place the temperature in the incubator will at first be reduced to perhaps sixty degrees, but will in a few hours regain its required heat.

Do not presume that the maker of the incubator took you seriously, when he told you that it was automatic and that a five-year-old child could operate it. That is the only one of his trade jokes, which he feels should be worked off on the buyer.

Incubators are not automatic, neither can a five-year-old child operate one. On the contrary, they require the closest attention, both day and night. The eggs must be turned every twelve hours; once a day; moisture must be supplied at the proper time, and the lamp must be trimmed and filled daily; in fact, there is no time during the twenty-one days when they do not require our constant care.

After the seven days the eggs should be tested, and all those that are infertile should be removed and fed to the chickens. Seven days of incubation will not spoil an infertile egg, and many of those used by bakers in large cities are said to have been tested from the incubators of the large poultry farms. Any good incubator, if properly handled, will hatch chickens, but not every man can raise them after that.—Home and Farm.

Keep your fowls warm and give them a warm mash once a day and watch results.

Coming Poultry Shows.

AUBURN, NEW YORK—Cayuga County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, January 28-31. Fred I. Roe, secretary.

BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS—Northern Illinois Poultry Association, January 12-17. Charles McClave, judge; L. R. Kimmey, secretary.

BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS—St. Clair County Poultry Association, January 7-11. Theo. Hewes, judge, Walter E. Eckert, secretary.

BRISTOL, VT—Addison County Poultry Association of Bristol. Jan. 26-31. Geo. S. Farr, Sec'y.

CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—Cambridge Fanciers' Association, January 7-10. Ira Keller, judge; James C. Sarchet, secretary.

CANTON, OHIO—Canton Poultry and Pet Stock Association, January 15-21. Ben S. Myers, judge; Clarence Bruce, secretary.

CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS—Eastern Illinois Poultry and Pet Stock Association January 12-16. A. B. Shaner, judge; L. E. Baird, secretary.

CLARINDA, IOWA—Clarinda Poultry Association, January 12-17. Thos. F. Rigg judge; Walter A. Brown, secretary.

DELAVAN, WISCONSIN—Southeastern Wisconsin Poultry and Pet Stock Association January 6-10. F. H. Shellabarger, judge; F. H. Gregory, secretary.

DELAWARE, O.—Delaware County P. & P. S. Assn. Jan. 12-16. J. T. Perry, Sec'y.

FINDLAY, OHIO—Findlay Poultry and Pet Stock Association, January 21-24. F. C. Shepherd, judge; Will E. Heck, secretary.

FREMONT, OHIO—Sandusky County Poultry and Pet Stock Association, January 13-17. C. L. Bowlus, secretary.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS—Barton County Poultry Association, January 5-11. Thos. W. Southard, judge; W. A. Dunn, secretary.

HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA—North Carolina Poultry Association, January 13-20. R. L. Simmons, secretary, Lexington, North Carolina.

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN—Kenosha Co. Poultry Association, January 26-31. A. B. Shaner and L. A. Jenson, judges; Dr. J. T. Hensheim, secretary.

MUSKEGAN, MICH.—West Michigan P. & P. S. Assn. Jan. 13-16. O. P. Greer, Judge, P. P. Stekelee, Sec'y.

MONTEVIDEO, MINNESOTA—Western Minnesota Poultry Association, February 9-12. A. B. Shaner, judge; Louis Arnold, secretary.

NEW ALBANY, INDIANA—Hoosier State Poultry and Pet Stock Association, January 14-21. Theo. Hewes, judge; H. C. Gifford, secretary.

OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO—Owen Sound and County of Grey Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, January 19-23. F. B. Zimmer, judge; Robt. H. Cameron, secretary.

PAINESVILLE, O.—Painesville Poultry and Pet Stock Association. January 21-26, 1903. M. E. Wurts, Wick Hathaway Judges. F. G. Johnson, Secretary.

PONTIAC, MICH.—Pontiac Poultry and Pet Stock Show. Jan. 13-17, 1903. Daniel Thomas, Sec'y.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK—Flower City Poultry and Pigeon Association, January 16-23. F. B. Zimmer, H. J. Quibot and W. C. Denny, judges; John Drechsler, P. O. Box 472, secretary.

SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA—Queen City Poultry Association, January 27-31. F. H. Shellabarger and Theo. Hewes, judges; F. K. Pruner, secretary.

STUART, IOWA—Stuart Poultry Association, January 13-16. F. H. Shellabarger, judge; Mrs. D. Davis, secretary.

TROY, MISSOURI—Lincoln County Poultry Association, January 13-15. Stuart L. Penn, secretary.

Fitting for the Show Room.

The show season is at hand and the poultryman who intends to compete in the show room for honors should begin to put his birds in shape to make their best appearance, for it is a fact that careful preparation goes a long way in winning prizes.

With the ethical side of the question of plucking out false feathers we have nothing to do. The plain fact is that it is the common practice to pluck out false feathers and the exhibitor who does not do this will fail.

The practice is so common that it is no longer any secret that it is followed, any more than it is that breeders of Shropshire sheep clip their show animal or that the breeders of Jerseys trim the hair from the tails of their cows.

A prominent breeder, who is always in the first rank as a judge, said to us not long ago that there was hardly to be found a Barred Rock that was entirely free from black feathers. We would all be glad to be able to breed our Barred Rocks so they would not show on occasional black feather, and our White Rocks and Wyandottes without black specks, our Brown Leghorns and other colored breeds free from white but we have not attained to perfection yet and whether we have plucked false feathers from our show birds or not, every experienced breeder knows that in a great many instances the birds that appear in the show room have been very carefully looked over a good

many times before appearing.

We believe a breeder has a perfect right to show any specimen that he would put into a breeding yard and as long as judges take particular pains to find microscopic defects, as they do under the present system of judging, exhibiting will not take the feathers if they do the bird.

When all disqualifying clauses are left out of the Standard and judges are left to use their own common sense in cutting for defects that now disqualify breeders will not be obliged to be so careful about the smaller defects.

When birds are judged by their shape and by what can be seen without taking them in hand, we will have more satisfactory awards and better shaped birds, while their appearance will be just as good as it now is.

However, we must show under conditions as we find them. Not that we think conditions are right or the customs of judges well founded. We are treating of things concerning poultry shows as we know them to be.

The birds should be handled every day and several times a day until they will remain quiet when being looked over. They must be free from vermin and the plumage should be clean, bright and in the best condition. White birds should be well washed and rinsed in clean water to get the soap all out of the plumage. The rinsing water should have a very little indigo in it to clear up the color. This washing should be done in a warm room and the birds should be kept warm until their plumage is dry. Never mind if they do look a little mussed up when first washed. They will preen themselves until they are smoothed out.

Oil the comb, face and wattles with sweet oil and just before they are to be shown a little alcohol may be added to the oil. Clean the shanks thoroughly with a toothbrush and soap and water, then polish them with a flannel rag which has been oiled and sprinkled with emery powder.

Keep the fowls in clean conditioning coops in which there is plenty of fine or short straw. Feed them until they are plump and firm to feel of and in vigorous health.

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We shall relate a circumstance concerning them that will no doubt give many of us a reminder that we should not keep our light under a measure, but, like the man in question, come out into the plane of public gaze.

Last winter there came into the Secretary's office at Boston a man who stated he would like to place on exhibition in the Boston show room some White Wyandottes, just to see how they would compare with those bred by noted producers. A pen of White Wyandottes were entered and a price placed upon them in the catalogue. These birds won first prize and were bought by an expert as soon as seen. To him who bred them came a shower of orders for stock, the result of having entered his pen of fowls at the Boston show. Next to the columns of our poultry journals, exhibitions are the best place to advertise.

Such circumstances occur each winter. One of the most successful show birds I have ever seen was bought in the yard of an amateur for two dollars. If the bird had been shown by the producer his name would have stood among the most successful; as it is, he goes on in blissful ignorance of the quality of his stock, showing the value of gaining a show record. Every one who breeds high class fowls should place them on exhibition among the best to satisfy himself of their quality. If more amateurs would become exhibitors the ball of success would roll about more often. The best has not yet been found.—T. F. McGrew.

Hatching Eggs With Bees.

John Norton of Macomb, Ill., has for several years been interested in bees and has given them and their habits much study. It was this study that led Mr. Norton to devise one of the most interesting and at the same time most practical schemes of modern poultry culture. It is nothing more or less than the hatching of thrifty and strong chickens in hives with the bees.

In watching the daily life of the busy insects Mr. Norton noted that they laid and hatched eggs. It at once occurred to him that if bees eggs would hatch that the eggs would hatch that the eggs of hens might also be quickened into life under the same conditions. He began experimenting and with the final result of a practical, perfect and cheap incubator.

It is made as follows: A common hive is built with double walls, the dead space being filled with chaff in order that changes of

temperature without may affect as little as possible the temperature within. Upon this hive is placed the common box cap that usually forms the second story of a hive and which contains the honey of commerce. The main hive is filled with small boxes so familiar to all and these contain the brood comb and a supply of honey. Over these boxes is placed first a piece of oil cloth and second a cloth blanket. Upon this blanket the eggs are placed, and above them two bags of chaff, filling the top and so arranged that there is a slight cone of vacant space beneath the bags in the hive. The egg having been placed in the hive are left to the care of the bees. The heat from the bees below and from the brood comb keeps the eggs warm, and they hatch in exactly the same time as beneath a hen. No matter what the temperature without, that within never varies half a degree. If it grows cold the bees begin to devour the honey and give off heat. If it becomes warm without the bees create a draft with their wings and maintain an even temperature.

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best possible condition if she is to do her best in filling the milk pail. The more you try to put on the back of a good milk cow the more she will put in the pail. And I find the more I put into my breed of chickens the more eggs I get.

The advocates of single matings in the breeding of parti-colored birds may theorize to their hearts content yet but very few of them can put both cockerels and pullets into the show-room, that are full of brothers and sisters, and have them reach winning positions in both cockerel and pullet class. They cannot produce a high degree of standard quality in both cockerel and pullet that are full brother and sister. The claim is often made that it can be done, but it is very seldom indeed that birds are produced to substantiate such a claim. At all of our large shows where competition is strong, but it will be found that the great majority of the winners in the parti-colored classes are bred from double matings, experience having demonstrated that the single mating cannot produce the extreme high quality, in both male and female, necessary to win with at such shows. It is, of course, possible to produce a fair degree of quality in both cockerel and pullet from a single mating, such as might win at minor shows, but for "gilt edge quality" and its productions we must resort to the double mating.

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.



Above is a reproduction of a beautiful picture entitled "The Favored One". The original is an elegant oil painting by a famous French artist, and has attracted attention wherever exhibited. It is now owned by Geo. H. Stahl, of Quincy, Ill. Mr. Stahl has had a limited number of views in natural colors, suitable for framing, size 14x14 inches, and if you will send him four cents in postage to cover cost of packing and mailing, he will send you a copy free of charge. If you will mention American Fancier & Breeder he will also send you one of his handsome new catalogues, containing 14 colored views of Incubators and Brooders, including one showing the "Development of the Chick" from the first to the twenty-first day. Write at once, for the supply of views is limited.

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