

POULTRY

CATARRHAL COLDS IN FOWLS

Simple Cold Prepares Way for Early Stages of Roup and Diphtheria—Prevention is Best.

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One of the commonest and most frequently occurring diseases of poultry is simple catarrh or just plain cold. This disease appears in a large number of flocks regularly every season. In and of itself a simple cold does not cause much trouble, but inasmuch as it prepares a way for the early stages of roup and diphtheria it especially behooves the poultrymen to combat colds the moment that they appear. Affected birds usually do some sneezing, do not look quite as bright nor have as good appetites, and what is perhaps most characteristic, there is a thin mucous secretion discharged from the nostrils, or in other words, the birds are running at the nose. If the case is not taken in hand at once this secretion likely will become cheesy or gelatinous, the bird will have to breathe entirely through its mouth and presently there is a well-developed case of roup to deal with instead of a plain, ordinary cold.

Weak birds that are improperly nourished are more likely to contract colds than stock that is well fed. As in the case of most other diseases, prevention is simpler than cure. One of the chief causes of this condition is the overcrowding of young, growing chicks in poorly ventilated sleeping quarters.

Much trouble can be avoided if fowls are provided with dry, well-ventilated coops, with the accent on "ventilated."

GIVE RUNNER DUCK A TRIAL

They Are Easy to Raise, Persistent Layers and Excellent for Table When Fattened.

Those who like raising ducks should give the Runner ducks a trial. They are easily raised, are persistent layers, and although they are not nearly as large as the Peking ducks they are more profitable, considering the large number of eggs they lay, and the fine-grained, juicy meat.

When fully matured, the female should weigh something over four pounds, and the male over five



Runner Ducks.

one-half pounds. When the young are forced for market they can be made to weigh three and one-half pounds at ten weeks of age. There is a good demand in large markets for fat Indian Runners.

ECONOMICAL FEED FOR HENS

Soak Oats Until They Begin to Swell If Fowls Do Not Take Kindly to Them—Feed Dry Mash.

If the hens do not take kindly to oats, soak them until they begin to swell. Buy clipped oats if you must purchase them. Scalded oats may be fed to chicks four or five weeks old, with as good results as to hens.

Dry mash, being made of mill feeds or by-products, has not advanced as much as whole grains. Beef scrap has shown the least change.

An economical and satisfactory dry mash for growing stock and laying hens is composed of 100 pounds each of wheat bran, flour or standard middlings, cornmeal, ground oats and beef scrap.

Skin milk or butter milk can be used in place of beef scrap if it is available. Hens having milk usually eat more grain, but production per pounds of grain consumed is greater.

FOWLS NOT WORTH KEEPING

Hens Showing Characteristics of Poor Layers Should Be Marketed to Save Feed Bill.

Hens showing the characteristics of poor layers, and very old hens, are not worth keeping over the winter and are better marketed. By selling these birds their feed is saved and the birds that are left have more room and more chance to produce eggs when they are confined to the house by bad weather.

USE HOPPERS FOR DRY MASH

Furnish Protection Against Dust and Dirt and Keep Out Rodents and Wild Birds.

It is always best to use hoppers for feeding dry mash to fowls because the hoppers protect the supply against dust and dirt. Some are constructed so that they will keep out the rats and wild birds when closed.

LEARN TO LIKE GOOD MUSIC

Soldiers in Paris Lose Their Fancy for Ragtime by Frequent Attendance at Opera.

It is curious to think that the government is sending American soldiers to Europe to get a musical education, according to Samuel Lelouche, lance corporal of the Three Hundred and Twenty-eighth infantry, army of France, who is in New York on sick leave, says the New York Herald.

The orchestra had just played the overture from "I Pagliacci," and the corporal had listened to it with rapt attention.

"Ah, but I love that kind of music," he said. "I never cared for it much before I left my home in West Haven, Conn., about three years ago and joined the French army, but there in France I heard nothing else. I grew to love fine music, and now I detest the other kind—ragtime and all that sort of thing. It will be so with the American soldiers in France. You see, they admit the American soldiers free to the opera there, and they soon learn to love it. I saw how it was before I left Paris. The musical taste of the boys was being improved rapidly, and the longer they stay over there the more critical they will become, so that eventually it will help music in this country when they get back to their homes, for they will insist upon having what is good."

PART OF TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

"Wall of Wailing" Revered by Pilgrim Jews Who Mourn for Departed Glories of Judah.

More than fifty years ago Col. Charles Warren, English archeologist, attempted excavations above the "Wall of Wailing," which is undoubtedly part of the original Temple of Solomon and revered by pilgrim Jews who weep and mourn there for the departed glories of Judah. He proved before he was stopped in his work that the original level of the valley just outside of that wall

A CHRISTIAN VERB

It Is Well to Contemplate All That Is Bound Up in the Word "Tarry."

The second great verb of the Christian life is "Tarry." Having called his disciples to him, Jesus' next word to them was to abide with him, to tarry, to remain, for a season at his side. First, they were called to him; secondly, they were bidden to tarry with him. And the three years they tarried in the company of Jesus he prepared them for their work. They were in training, so to speak. They were going to school to the master of them all. The tarrying process is that of learning. "Come unto me," said Jesus, "all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Take my yoke and learn of me," The disciples tarried with Christ that they might learn of him. One must of necessity be a learner before he can become a teacher. Before one can give out anything he has to be filled. Communion precedes communion. When the twelve were called to Jesus that they might learn of him, they were not remarkably promising teachers; they were empty, but Christ filled them; they were weak, he made them strong; they were wavering, he made them stable. It is not enough to come in the great, initial act of allegiance to Christ, but having come, one must needs tarry and learn of him.

In the Silent Hour.
To read the Scriptures and to pray in private is to tarry with him. To reflect upon the goodness of God, to meditate upon the teachings of Christ, to keep the silent hour and commune with the father in the fellowship of prayer—this is tarrying with the Lord. After Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan, in which he received the approval of the father, he withdrew for forty days in the wilderness. After Saul's conversion on the Damascus way, a period elapsed when he disappeared from public life. He seems to have spent three years in Arabia meditating, reflecting, tarrying with the Lord. The potency of private devotions, even for brief periods, is exceeding great. A few moments alone in one's own room, a quiet walk along an unfrequented road or through a wooded pasture—these may become to the spiritually minded an oratory of the soul.

Attendance on Services.
Faithful attendance at church services

Keep Well

Do not allow the poisons of undigested food to accumulate in your bowels, where they are absorbed into your system. Indigestion, constipation, headache, bad blood, and numerous other troubles are bound to follow. Keep your system clean, as thousands of others do, by taking an occasional dose of the old, reliable, vegetable, family liver medicine.

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It is an excavated sepulchral chamber, called that of Jehosaphat. It is held by tradition that in this area are the tombs of Isaiah the Prophet, and King Hezekiah, and nearby are the tombs of the Prophet Zechariah and of King Uzziah.

FLAG HAS 432 STARS.

A service flag, 17 feet by 12 feet, having a red border and 432 blue stars on a white field, has been displayed on the wall facing the main entrance of the war department building, as a notice to the world of the number of its employees who had joined the fighting forces of the country since the declaration of war against Germany in April.

MONEY A CHEAP GIFT.

"He doesn't seem to complain about having to pay war taxes."
"No. He says he knows a young fellow who lost his arm in battle and he doesn't think he'll ever be able to give money enough to feel his equal."

OPTIMISM.

"Everything costs more."
"Yes. And the situation is not without its advantage. I can remember when it was impossible to eat all the peanuts they gave you for a nickel without making yourself sick."

FOUR DIPLOMACY.

"I shall never forgive my husband for his actions last night."
"What did he do?"
"Why, he let me dance with everybody at the reception without protesting."

MUCH WORN.

"It is said that furs will be very much worn this year."
"I know my furs will be. They were very much worn last season; in fact, nearly worn out."

NOT WORTH THAT MUCH.

"Will you lend me twenty-five dollars?"
"No. I don't care to get rid of your friendship that badly."

and came to Christ as Lord and Savior, and then, having come, they tarried. The forty-second verse of the second chapter of Acts reads: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." "They continued," that is, they tarried; and this is important; for while they tarried they were learning, and while they were learning they were in course of training for active Christian ministrations. The church, "the called together," closely resembles a school. The teaching function blends with the devotional in the ideal service of the House of God. Through tarrying with the Lord comes power; power with God and man. Some there are who, having come to Christ, in the initial act of baptism, go no further; they do not care to tarry, they do not regard it as necessary; or if they tarry, it is but for a brief season, and then they disappear from the services in the house of God.

Need of the Age.

Every age has had great need to tarry with the Lord, particularly our own age. We are not given to reflection, and we like much the clamor and confusion of the crowd. We may not exactly despise the cloister, but we certainly depreciate it. Oliver Wendell Holmes has left this significant statement: "I have a tender plant growing in the corner of my heart that needs to be watered at least once a week, and that tender plant is called 'reverence.' I found nourishment for it in attendance on worship in the house of God."

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." That is the first invitation of Jesus. The second is, "Tarry ye until ye be clothed with power from on high."—Rev. Dr. E. D. Jones.

Exact Truth.

Examine your words well, and you will find that, even when you have no motive to be false, it is a very hard thing to say the exact truth, even about your own immediate feelings—much harder than to say something fine about them which is not the exact truth.—George Elliot.

True Humility.

You cannot become humble by reminding people constantly, like Uriah Heap, of your humility; similarly you cannot become simple by doing elaborately, and making a parade of doing, the things that the simple man would do without thinking about them.—A. C. Benson.

Power In Silence.

A man who lives right, and is right, has more power in his silence than another man by his words.—Phillips Brooks.