

CATER TO FOWLS' APPETITE

Feeding of Only One Grain Soon Disgusts Layer With Her Boarding House-Variety Is Best.

Palatability is an important factor in the feeding of chickens. Many people think the hen has no sense of taste. To satisfy oneself regarding this it is only necessary to watch the bird at feeding time and note her keen sense of discrimination as she selects the kernels of wheat from among the rye and barley and the freshly sprouted, tender shoots from among the dried, less succulent green feed. In the feeding of grain mashes and green feed the hen has a varied preference. Such feeds as she likes best are best

It never pays to try to force any feed upon the hen that she does not like or want. The feeding of only one grain soon disgusts the layer with her boarding house. Variety is essential to obtain palatability. An occasional feeding of wet mash is readily appreciated in preference to the customary dry form. Sprouted oats will taste much better than the steady diet of dried alfalfa or clover, and a hot feed on a cold day makes the hens sing with delight. It pays to cater to the hen's appetite.

WATER VESSELS FOR CHICKS

Protection of Some Kind Should Ba Arranged to Keep Dirt Out During Summer Months.

The drinking fountains which will do for chicks during the cool spring of the disappearing girl, when he months, when germ life is less abun- heard a low chuckle beside him. Turndant, will need watching, scalding and ing, he saw the wrinkled and whiscleansing by sunning, during the hot kered face of the farmer grinning months. If they are the kind into cheerfully. Jasper Stebbins, farmer which the chicks climb with their feet, and horse swapper, had a keen sense put a brick in, if nothing better of of the absurd, but also a heart big fers. Shallow milk pans or deep pie tins make good drinking fountains, if protected from the chicks. Some breeders have a wire platform, on wire legs, back to you. Now don't git mad, which they put over the pan, and the chicks drink between the wires. Others use slat or cover the center of the pan. In the house where chicks are large enough to reach up or fly up, put the drinking vessel on a shelf.

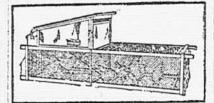
Whenever the vessel is filled, rinse it thoroughly. Fine dust settles in the bottom of any vessel, and this in time becomes slimy and germ-laden. Attention to the cleanliness and the placing of the drinking vessels is a great help towards keeping the chicks well.

CHICKEN COOP IS PORTABLE

Sides of Covered Fortion Are Removable, as Is Front-Hinged Cover for Trap Nest.

To one accustomed to the care of chickens, the accompanying cut will be most suggestive.

The cut away portion of the side of the coop proper shows the direction of the roosts, while the trap nest is con-



Coop for Few Hens.

tained in the small extension at the back of the covered portion, writes C. J. Lynde in Farmers Mail and Breeze. Dry food is supplied in the box at the back. Wet food is put in the trough at the opposite end. The sides of the covered portion are removable, as is the front, and the trap nest has a hinged cover. The roof is double with an air space between.

LOSS OF CHICKEN FEATHERS

Trouble Is Usually Caused by Presence of Depluming Mites-Ointment for Control.

The loss of feathers from chickens is usually caused by the depluming mites. These mites feed on the base of the feathers and the epidermis surrounding them. The mites also cause an irritation and frequently cause the chickens to pull their feathers in their

endeavor to allay this irritation. These mites cannot be controlled by dusting, but are usually kept in check by the use of the following ointment: One dram of flowers of sulphur; 20 grains of carbonate of potash, and onehalf ounce of lard or vaseline. This ointment should be applied to the affected parts.

SHADE FOR GROWING CHICKS

Ample Shelter Afforded in Orchard or Corn Field-Fowls Destroy Bugs and Warms.

Plenty of shade should be provided for growing chicks. When allowed to range in an orchard or cornfield they will not only find ample shade and green feed but will benefit the trees or corn as well as themselves by destroying bugs and worms. Sometimes sunflowers are grown for shade. Artificial protection against the sun's rays may be obtained by supporting frames covered with burlap a few feet above the

CREAT LAND IS ARGENTINA WINNING OF CLARA

By H. L. STERRET.

"Dear me, Will, why will you be so annoying? When you're nice, I'm sure you are very nice, but when you begin to talk that way-

"What do you expect a chap to do?" asked Will Sinclair, as he dug his heels into the soft earth beside the fallen tree on which they were sitting. "I simply love you, and I must say so."

"That's just it," said Clara English, pouting. "There's no doubt you say it often enough. For two weeks you have said hardly anything else. Frankly, I'm weary of your swan song. Please don't begin all over again."

"You are a heartless flirt," said the young man coldly, as he rose to his feet. "You have accepted my attentions, well knowing your power, have led me on, and when I admit my love, scorn me."

"I like you very much, Will," said the girl, lifting her shy eyes. "That is, when you are good. But love is not everything. Oh, I know you have money, but what I want is somebody who will be my master, who will rule me. I want to be run away with; elope, or do something. This thing of loving and wedding just like ordinary folks is revolting to my soul. Now when you do something grand, or smash a record somewhere, come back and we'll talk it all over. I'm going in to tea now, so goodby."

Will gazed after the lithe, supple figure of his sweetheart as she walked away toward the distant farmhouse where they were putting in their vacation. He was filled with moodiness and disgust.

He jumped up, and striking his cane wrathfully against an unoffending stump, was about to follow in the wake enough for two men.

"I heard you makin' love to the gal," he said. "An' I heard what she said young feller. I'm twice your age an' I've bin through it all. Land sakes, I mind when I was courtin' Mandy, how she kept me a guessin'. That girl's a likely colt, but she needs to be broke. Want to try?"

"What do you mean by spying on me?" demanded the youth angrily.

"Wouldn't git huffy, if I was you," calmly responded the old man. "That's a gal wuth saving, an' she kin be had. You know she's goin' down to Miss Berry's past the bend in the lane tonight arter supper, an' you oughter set out an' keep her company. There's a lot of tramps hangin' about these days, an' t'ain't no proper place for a gal to trail all alone. If I was you I'd be kinder handy down to the bend

in case there's any racket there."
"Good heavens!" ejaculated the young man excitedly, as he acted on the hint and started off at a run.

After supper Clara loitered about the porch a while in the hope that Will would appear and escort her down the country lane. Finally she started alone, determined to make her call and get back before it was too late in spite of him.

She strode on her way, glancing now and then at the new moon. It was a beautiful country lane with rail fences on both sides, and huge elms, dropping with foliage, fringing the path.

"Hold on a minnit, lady," suddenly exclaimed a rough voice at her elbow. "In a big hurry, ain't you? Guess you can find time to talk to a pore man as

hasn't had a bite to eat fur two days." The girl turned in terror, and saw a startling figure, clad in garments too ragged to hide the powerful muscles

of arms and legs. "All I want is a quarter and a kiss," said the intruder. "No, you don't git off that way."

As she whirled about to run the man caught her wrist in an iron grip and drew her towards him. A shrill, despairing cry for help burst from the girl's lips.

Then over the fence leaped a young man, his eyes ablaze with wrath. He dashed the tramp to the ground, and the latter, arising, sprang swiftly away.

"My brave Will," sobbed Clara as she clung to him, "how frightened I was. You won't let him come near me again, will you?"

"It's all right, Clara," he returned. "You are safe with me, darling."

"I am so glad." "Are you? Then will you let me be your protector always?"

"Always.". As the lovers walked away together Uncle Jasper lifted a grinning face above the fence. "There's different ways of breakin' fillies. Some takes it easy and some is shy, but they all learn to travel in double harness if they ain't spiled by too much coaxin'. Reckon I'd better git home now, or

Mandy'll be scared fur me." (Copyright, 1917, by. W. G. Chapman.)

Snake-Charmer's Powers.

The Hindu snake-charmer has some extraordinary influence over these reptiles. They are carried about for exhibition purposes in large baskets made for that purpose, and, while he plays his "tubri," these serpents are made to perform in various ways. In performing some of these feats the charmer repeatedly breathes into the face of the serpent, and occasionally plows spittle, or some medicated composition, upon them.

People and Resources Will Place It in the Front Rank of South American Republics.

The great landowners come to Buenos Aires and spend their money upon the glittering boulevards, and this makes the city an abnormal one, and in a sense a false guide to the characteristics of the people and the country, says a writer in the Christian Herald. Argentina, however, is slowly, but surely gathering to herself, out of the polyglot nations of Europe, which compose her, a spirit and individuality of her own as free and unique as is the air of her boundless prairies. At present she resembles more truly the Old World than does the United States, which has had much longer time to develop to a particular civilization all her own; yet you can hardly insult an Argentino more readily than to suggest Buenos Aires as merely a copy or tinseled imitation of a European capital. He sees in it his own expression, and although he will tell you that to know the country correctly the North American must read the history of the United States 50 years ago, he is nevertheless deeply confident that Argentina has a future quite different from either the United States or a European nation, or any other South American state. The longer one remains in the country, the more surely he will be inclined to agree with the inhabitant of this great land, where are being gathered forces of population in an agricultural area nearly half as big as the United States, possessing resources in many senses more uniform and prolific than are to be found in any other one commonwealth on the face of the earth.

MAY BE CLUB-FOOTED RACE

Humanity Said to Be Tending Toward a Condition by No Means to Be Desired.

That the human race is slowly evolving toward a condition of clubfootedness is suggested by Dr. Truman Abbe of Washington in the Medical Record. Doctor Abbe points to the horse's hoof and its evolution from the five-toed foot of the prehistoric horses, by the dropping of one toe after another and the consolidation of the bones from the knee down.

"When we look at the human skele ton and compare the bone of the tibla and fibula and the digits beyond each of them," he continues, "it does not take much imagination to see suggested in the slender fibula and the diminutive little toes an early stage in the reduction process, which if carried further would lead to a diminution of the number of toes on man's foot."

And he closes his article with these words: "We come thus to the suggestion of club-foot as a tendency toward the dropping of the post-axial digit group of the lower limb. And this dropping of a digit group would seem to be due to restricted development in the central nervous systema factor that has been at work since before the days of the five-toed horse."

"A Stone to His Memory."

That there is bound to be ambiguity the terms of a will is almost as we known among lawyers of this city as is the way to the Hall of Records in Chambers street, where the wills are probated. But the queer kinks which some individuals with more guile than conscience put into the aforesaid testaments furnish fresh entertainment every day for the profession.

Recently it was the executor of a small estate who entered the office of a lawyer to get an opinion. His friend had died without close kin, he said, and had made him executor. In the terms of the will there had been provision made for a monument to be erected for the dead man at a cost not to exceed \$500.

"That's what I wanted to see you about," confided the client. "You see, the will provided for a 'stone to his memory.' I've already gotten the stone and I want to see if you think the whole thing's legal."

And turning his right hand over upon the table the executor flashed before the eyes of the lawyer the stone in question-a beautiful \$500 bluewhite diamond.-New York Herald.

London Coffee-House Founder Dead.

In the death of Sir Joseph Lyons there passes away the man who did more than anybody else to revolutionize the catering business of London. Before the time when he threw down the brush and easel in favor of a business career the "coffee-house" as now constituted was unknown in London. City workers had either to lunch at one of the numerous bars or pay the exorbitant prices charged at the hotels. To the thousands of women workers the establishment of the modern tea shop has come as a great boon, for before that time there was no accommodation for this class of society. In his later days Sir Joseph spent a good deal of his time at Brighton, and was often to be seen on the front wearing the uniform of an honorary colonel of the Territorial force.-Dundee Advertiser.

Distressing Sight.

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