

POULTRY FACTS

VEGETABLES IN FOWLS' DIET

Feeding Tests Made With Laying Hens by United States Department of Agriculture.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Scarcity of beef scrap, together with its high price, has led poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture to conduct feeding tests with laying hens in which cheaper and more plentiful kinds of protein feed are tried. In these tests feeds rich in vegetable protein have been used in connection with beef scrap to make up the laying ration.

One pen of hens, fed a mash containing 20 per cent beef scrap, produced the greatest number of eggs, but a second pen, fed a mash consisting of 10 per cent peanut meal and 10 per cent beef scrap, produced an average of only 10 eggs less during the test period of 5½ winter months. Mash made with soy-bean meal, cottonseed meal, and velvet-bean meal, in combination with beef scrap, have been fed with fairly satisfactory results.

PLAN FOR POULTRY SUCCESS

Suggestions Sent Out From Washington for Benefit of Practical Chicken Grower.

Government poultrymen are appealing to the American people, both in the country and in the cities, to increase poultry production as much as possible. The following nine suggestions have been offered as a means to attaining this end:

1. Keep better poultry; standard-bred poultry improves the quality and increases production.
2. Select healthy, vigorous breeders to produce strong chicks.
3. Hatch early to produce fall and winter layers.
4. Preserve eggs when cheap for home use.
5. Produce infertile eggs, except for hatching.
6. Cull the flocks to eliminate unprofitable producers.
7. Keep a small back-yard flock to supply the family table.
8. Grow as much of your poultry feed as possible.
9. Eat more poultry and eggs to conserve the meat supply.

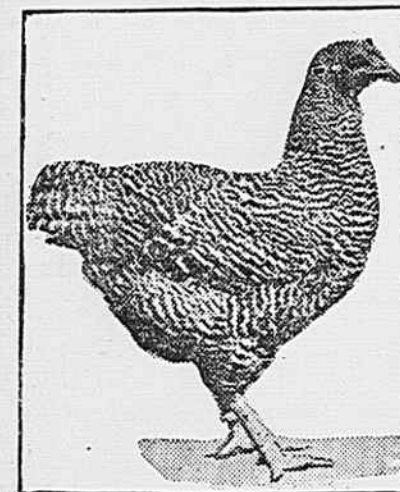
PULLETS FOR WINTER LAYERS

Weight of Fowl Is Sometimes Good Indication of Future Egg Producer—Use Scales.

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Poultry keepers may plan to hatch all their pullets early, but it always happens that a good many pullets are not nearly grown in September, or even by the first of November. Obviously these will never make early winter layers. They may make profitable layers, though not likely to pay as well as the earlier-hatched hens. With the age of the undersized pullets known, and by the use of the scales it is a simple matter at this season to cull out those that it will not pay to feed through the fall and early winter, unless waste feeds are so abundant that no feed need be bought for any of the poultry stock.

A Plymouth Rock pullet that is five months old in the early part of September and weighs less than four pounds is not promising material for a winter layer; a Wyandotte or Rhode Island Red pullet that is five months



Early-Hatched Mature Pullet.

old at this season and weighs under three pounds is not a desirable bird to keep; a Leghorn that is four months old and weighs less than two pounds should also be classed as a cull and used for the table. Birds having these weights with less age are desirable in proportion to their age. Many poultry keepers who do not mark their chicks when hatched and let broods of different ages run together in the growing season cannot tell the age of a pullet with certainty in the fall, and take it for granted that the small birds are the late hatched. This error leads to the holding of many pullets which, if their true age were known, would be discarded for poultry.

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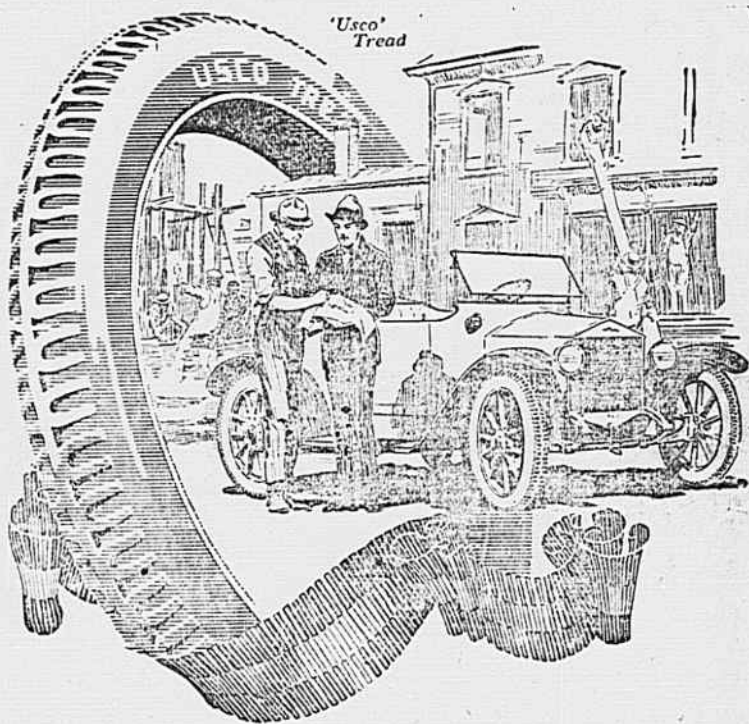
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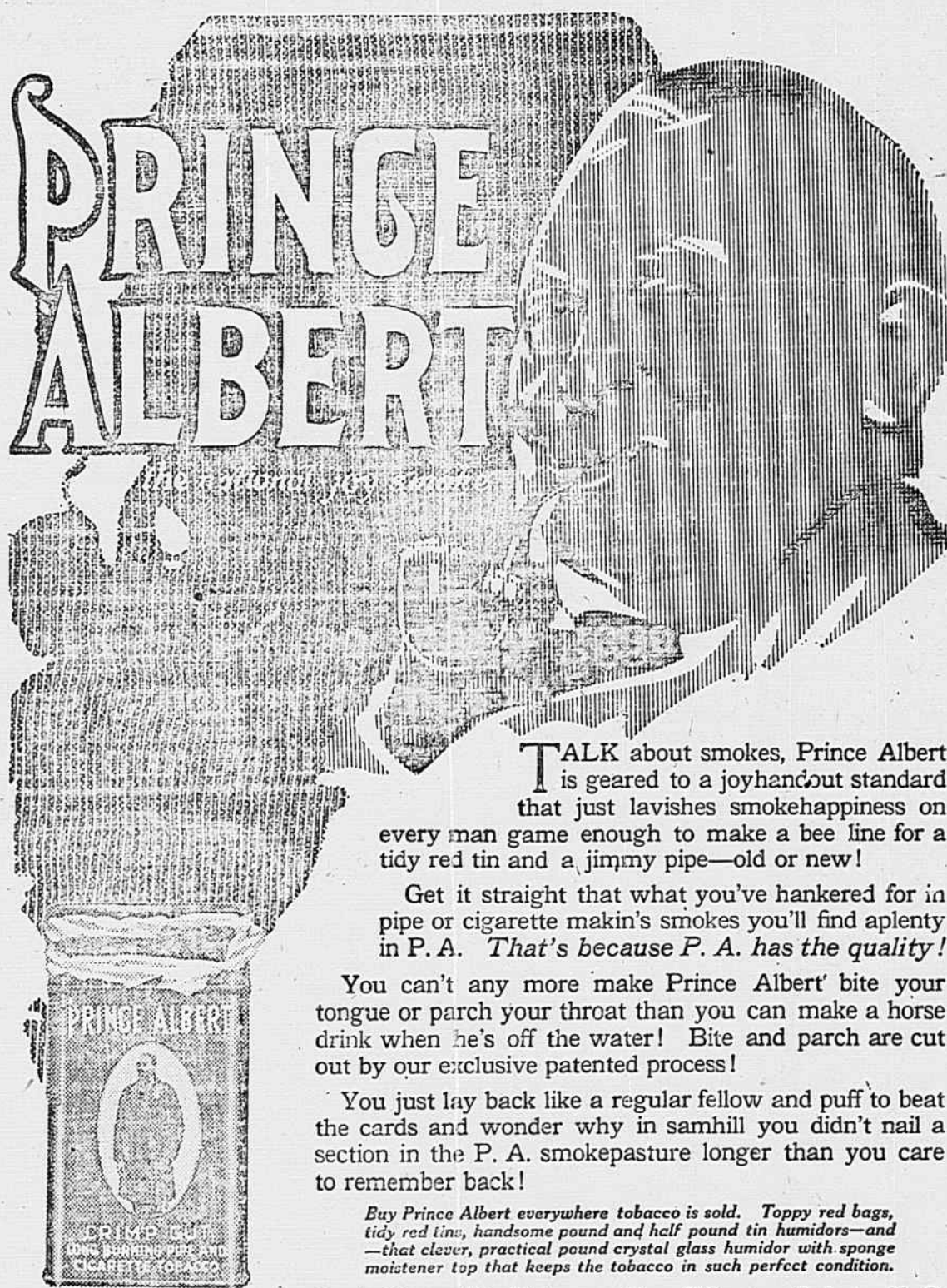
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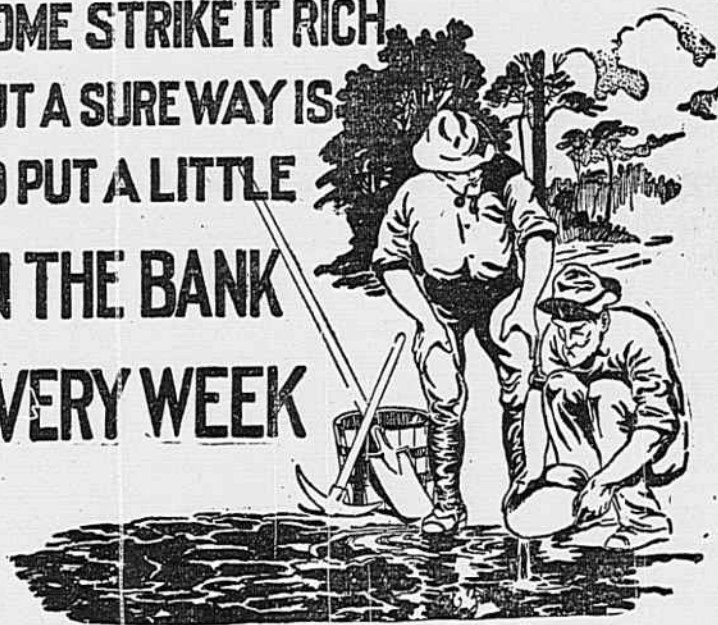
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