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JUST HUMOR



Welcome to Our City.
"Do you like the English writers of travel essays?" asked the man, who had nearly run out of conversational topics.
"No," answered the patriotic girl; "they all abuse America. Do you like them?"
"Yes, I am enthusiastic about them."
"But you are a Chicago man, and they all roast Chicago?"
"I know. But they seem to think that Chicago is America, and they devote the most of their space to roasting Chicago. Why shouldn't we like them?"

Effective President.
"Bosh!" said Mr. Nervpop, after Mrs. Nervpop had expressed the wish that a woman might be president of the United States for just one week. "What could she do?"
"What could she do?" retorted the lady. "I tell you this, James, that if I could get into the White House with a couple of good Swedes to help me I'd do more in a minute than any president we've had in 20 years with both houses of congress and his cabinet behind him!"—Harper's Weekly.

Old Shoes.
"Have you got any old shoes about the place?" said the tramp. You see, these I'm wearin' has been around a good deal."
"Well, I've got a pair of old shoes and they've been around a good deal more than yours," replied the man at the door. "They're on my automobile."

Going Too Far.
"You remember the saying that a sucker is born every minute?"
"Oh, yes. Still, I think there is a limit to most people's gullibility."
"For instance?"
"Nobody has yet had the assurance to advertise that he could make old automobiles look like new."

WOULD THINK SO.



Cholly—I just saved a girl's life and she promised to marry me.
Molly—Didn't she prefer to drown?

Literature:
I haven't time for prose or rhyme
Or matters of the stage.
I only heed the stuff I read
Upon the baseball page.

Infringing His Prerogative.
New Parson (Dead Gulch tabernacle)—I will close the service with prayer.

Deacon—Hold on, parson! It's all right—pray if yer want ter, but sermons ain't supposed ter close in dis town till "Tough" Tomkins shoots de lights out.—Puck.

Bound to Hear.
"Have you heard about Mrs. Plummer's desperate efforts to reduce her weight?"
"That's a foolish question for you to ask. Don't you know that I'm a married man and live only three blocks from Mrs. Plummer?"

Probably a Duke.
"I don't believe he is a real duke."
"How about his old family jewels?"
"Did he show you any old family jewels?"
"No; but he showed me the pawn tickets for some."

Right Impulse on Wrong Foot.
George—Didn't you notice that I pressed your foot at dinner tonight?
Ethel—Why, it wasn't my foot you pressed. Oh, George, I wondered why mother was smiling so sweetly at the minister!—Judge.

Handy Emergency Man.
"Why do you want a dentist on board of your yacht?"
"So he will know how to manage in the teeth of a gale."

Ambiguous.
"How did Jinks succeed when he went to ask the rich old banker for his daughter's hand?"
"I think he felt very much put out."

POULTRY



KEEP TAB ON CHICKS

Toe Marks Valuable Where Line-Breeding Is Worked.

Considerable Time and Labor Involved, but it Pays Fancy Breeder to Pedigree His Birds and Eliminate Culls.

In practicing line breeding I use trap nests in my breeding pens during the hatching season. If I wish to keep a record of the chicks from individual hens, each hen's eggs are set under bantam hens. These little midgets are just the things for this purpose, as they will cover from seven to ten eggs, so you can set each hen's eggs before they are too old.

After the chicks are hatched, each brood is placed in separate coup with runs attached, and when a week old are toe-marked with a punch made for the purpose, which can be procured at any poultry supply house, or a harness punch may be used, writes Archie E. Vandervort of Delaware county, N. Y., in the Farm and Home. As will be seen by the diagram, a good many different marks can be made. The coups are placed in convenient places about the farm as far apart as possible, so if a chick happens to get out of the yard it will not mingle with the others.

After they are three or four months old they are leg-banded with sealed bands and then are allowed to run together. All the band numbers are carefully recorded, as well as the

1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	15
4	8	12	16

Punch Marks Between Toes.

way in which the toes were marked. Of course, all this takes considerable time, but to the fancy breeder it pays to pedigree his birds, and he will have less per cent of culls.

If you do your hatching in incubators, you can get some pedigree trays to place in the incubator, instead of the regular trays. These are constructed with compartments so that the eggs can be kept separate, and also the chicks hatched therefrom. Before placing the chicks in the brooder they are carefully toe-marked.

GET EARLY LAYING PULLETS

First Egg From White Leghorn Chicken at Four Months and Fourteen Days at Ohio College.

A single-comb White Leghorn pullet, that laid her first egg just four months and fourteen days from the date of her hatching, is one of the results of breeding for early maturity obtained by the Ohio Agricultural college. The usual age at which pullets begin laying is about six months. This extraordinary fowl was one of a group of 720 that were hatched at the same time. Five or six others from this group began laying much earlier than ordinary fowls, showing that it pays to breed for early maturity. They were from the Yesterlaid strain of single-comb White Leghorns, that had been bred especially to develop early laying.

It may be interesting to know just how this flock was fed. From the first day to the sixth week they received twice a day a grain ration of two pounds fine cracked corn and three pounds cracked wheat. Up until the twenty-first day they also received three times a day a moist mash composed of four pounds rolled oats, three pounds cornmeal, three pounds wheat middlings, six pounds wheat bran, four pounds sifted meat scraps, two pounds alfalfa meal, one-quarter pound bone meal, one-quarter pound fine charcoal. This was mixed with skim milk or buttermilk and fed in shallow trays. From the sixth week to maturity they received a grain ration of two pounds cracked corn and two pounds whole wheat, fed in open hoppers. From the twenty-first day to maturity they received a mash composed of one pound rolled oats, one pound corn meal; one pound wheat middlings, two pounds wheat bran, one pound sifted meat scraps, one-half pound alfalfa meal, two ounces fine charcoal. This was fed dry in open hoppers. In addition they were given green foods and grits.

Duckling and Chick.
A duckling does not know how to get out of danger. Instead it will become panic-stricken and remain an easy prey for the enemy. On the contrary, a chicken is always on the alert, scampering off to some hiding place the moment that it hears some strange noise.

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