

MOVABLE WIRE COOPS FOR THE GROWING CHICKENS

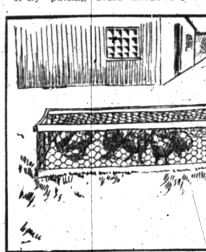
They Furnish Many of the Advantages of a Free Range.



Timid Bird—Does poetry around here? Cried Editor—Some of it does. That last batch you submitted just went out of the window.

How Hammer of Death Struck James. The old parish church of Plumstead, which has just been reopened, is probably at least 1000 years old. The picturesque churchyard, a cherished haunt of the poet Bloomfield during his visits to Shooter's Hill, contains a delightfully choice "derangement of epitaphs." One of these, on "Master James" Darling, aged ten, "teaches a lesson of moderation during the present cherry season to the youth of other places besides Plumstead. Speaking from his tombstone, Master Darling exclaims: "The hammer of Death was giving me for eating the cherries off the tree."

The type of coop shown will sometimes prove valuable for housing growing stock. By use of many of the advantages of a free range can be secured in localities where the area is insufficient to permit such range. The usual practice is to place these coops on grass land and one or more times daily to move them their length or width so that the fowls may have a fresh supply of green food and unsold ground. Of course any given area can be fed over in this way several times during a season. The coops are light and very readily moved. Dragging will be made easier by shaping the lower edges of the ends of the bottom scantling of the frame like a roller runner. The coop can be still further improved.



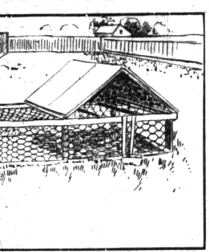
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square in the pables so that fowls on the perches beneath the roof can be reached from the outside.

2. By putting a hinged gate large enough to admit the blade of a hoe opposite the end of the feed trough so that it may be conveniently cleaned when necessary.

3. Light diagonal braces in the corners will render such coops firmer and more durable. Wires might undoubtedly be used with advantage for this purpose. Such coops have frequently been

used with satisfactory results for continuing laying hens during the summer. The care of the fowls will take rather more time than in houses, but the use of the coop moved daily solves the problem of green food; it makes it possible to carry a large number of fowls with many of the advantages of free range on limited areas and it is the observation of the writer that hens kept in this way (with no fixed habitation) become broody less than those in houses and may consequently lay more eggs. An orange box with a notch in the roof with a hinged gate in front of it for removal of the eggs at the needed times. This can be set on the bottom scantling of the frame at one corner, so that it moves with the coop. Such a coop will accommodate from ten to 12 hens. As a



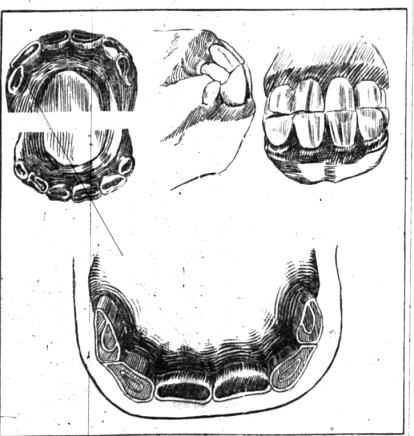
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consequence, in part no doubt of the frequent movings to fresh ground, the fowls suffer relatively little from vermin.

A Gallon of Cream.—A department writer says that a gallon of cream should be rich enough to produce from 3.5 to four pounds of butter. Cream that produces five pounds of butter to the gallon is considered a little too rich, for there is apt to be considerably more loss in handling cream that is so rich.

HOW OLD IS YOUR HORSE?

You Can Tell by the Size and Form of His Teeth.



The upper row are typical of a horse that has reached the age of three years. At that age the four permanent nippers on a level with the neighboring teeth. These permanent teeth can be recognized by their greater size, their square form and the groove on the outer face. The lower figure illustrates the teeth of a horse at 2 1/2 years old. Then the nippers are just pushing through the gums, while the middle and corner foal teeth are not yet shed.

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IF YOU'VE NEVER WORN SLICKER you've not had the best of health. Slicker is the only clothing that grows up its yards, the fences are slightly and areas of land got cultivated, it is spoken of as a poorly improved country, which is understood to mean that either the country is comparatively new, the inhabitants lazy and shiftless, the soil non-productive or the markets poor. A poorly improved country betrays that for some reason is not prosperous. As comfort, convenience and beauty are qualities which please the average person, they are prominent factors in determining the market

value of real estate. Hence, property which has these qualities will always command a high price, as they indicate the non-resident the productive value of the lands and a reasonable income from their cultivation.

Pure Seed Investigations.—Since the publication of bulletin No. 88 of the Iowa experiment station on "Vitality Adaptation and Impurities in Clover, Alfalfa and Timothy Seed" a large amount of important work has been done along these lines, especially from the standpoint of purity and vitality. The high price of agricultural seeds during the past year has made it especially important that buyers be sure of obtaining pure seed with high percentage of vitality. The passage of the pure seed law has been a long step in the right direction, but there is still a large amount of the results of the latest investigation in this line have been published in bulletin No. 89 of the Iowa experiment station, which will be furnished free upon application to the director, Prof. C. F. Smith, at Ames, Ia.

The Skin of the Cow.—The skin of the cow tells us a great deal about the quality of the cow. If the cow is an excellent keeper animal the skin will be soft because the cow is easily nourished. The skin applies the skin with the materials that keep it in perfect condition. If the skin is hard and inflexible the cow is not well nourished no matter how well it may be fed. This is why the judges of dairy shows pay so much attention to the "feel" of the skin.

FIRST PORTRAIT OF OPIES.

Accepted a Beating in Order to Insure Its Success.

John Opie, the English painter, is described as a man of humble origin, who achieved success wholly by his own genius and perseverance. The story of his first efforts in the line of art which afterward brought him fame is related to Coke, first earl of Leicester, of Holkham, as follows: "When a small boy of ten or twelve he was left at home one Sunday afternoon with his father, while his mother went to church. The father established himself in the study of the Bible, and told the boy to be quiet and amuse himself."

Young Opie who had procured some paints, took up a position unobserved in the kitchen, directly opposite the parlor door. Very quietly he drew a portrait of the old man bending over his Bible, until he had finished everything except the head, when he began running backward and forward to look at his father's face.

The old gentleman grew very angry at these apparently senseless interruptions, and threatened to punish his son if he continued. This was exactly what the boy wanted, as he wished to paint his father's eye. He up and speaking with anger. So he continued his irritating behavior until it met with the desired result, and his father, justly wrathful, administered a sound whipping.

This achieved, the boy resumed his task eagerly, and transferred to his picture the expression which he had seen upon the face of his indignant parent.

When his mother returned from church, he placed the picture triumphantly before her, but although astonished and delighted with it, she thought it her duty to scold her son severely for painting on a Sunday.

Young Opie, however, was not to be scolded thus for the beating he had received in accomplishing his work. His mother, however, was delighted in his excitement at his success.

His father, coming into the room at this juncture, and seeing the picture of himself, was so surprised and pleased at it that he told the mother not to scold the boy any more.

Subsequently, when the picture was shown, he used to tell with great relish the story of young Opie's pious acceptance of a beating in order to insure its success.—Youth Companion.

To Preserve Snap Beans. While the Bulgarians have produced no specially noted cordon bleu, they are a people of "family," and know how to make the most of their own what meager food supplies. In the cooking of beans, fresh or dried, they can even give points to a hostess.

They have a unique way of putting up snap beans for winter use, easy and excellent as to results. The beans are picked when just tender, "snappy" are washed clean, strung and broken into inch pieces as though ready for cooking. Now the housewife

bravado a coarse needle with strong thread, and in a few strokes the pieces of broken beans on the thread. As soon as a generous loop is made it is hung in the sun until the dry.

When perfectly dry it is laid away from the dust until ready for use. Then, take as many as desired, soak in lukewarm water for several hours, and cook the same as fresh beans.

Baths of Lemonade. The very latest thing in Paris is the lemonade bath. It is supposed to be cooling, refreshing and beneficial.

A pretty Parisian actress has instituted the fashion of letting her friends see her take a lemonade plunge. In a charming director's bathing dress, with her hair tied up yellow ribbons, she sat and received her friends in a white tub draped with yellow and blue, with pieces of lemon peel floating about on the surface.

A glass of iced lemonade was given to each guest, and for those who would join in the novelty lemonade baths were arranged and director's bathing dresses provided.

It is scarcely likely that this form of the bath will ever become really popular, but as an advertising scheme for a young actress it is certainly far better than lost jewels.—New York Sun.

Electric Scrubbing Brush. One of the latest electric household utensils is a machine which scrubs, sandpapers, waxes or polishes any kind of floor. It is claimed that the machine will be added to the portable scrubbing brush, a steel wire brush, carburettum stones and holder, a sheep's fleece polishing pad, and carburettum paper cut ready to use.

The power coat is claimed to be no more than one cent an hour. Current is furnished from any electric fixture in the room.—Popular Mechanics.

Just What He Meant. "Yes," said Popsy, "my baby's got hair like I'm pretty sure to have some day."

"Ha! ha! You mean the baby's pretty sure to have hair some day like you've got."

"I mean what I said. The baby's bald."

The Point of View. "Glutton" hissed the workman as he passed the window of the rich man's dining window.

"'Lucky dog," sighed the crippled rich man as his eye involuntarily followed the other striding down the street with his dinner pail on his arm.—New York Telegram.

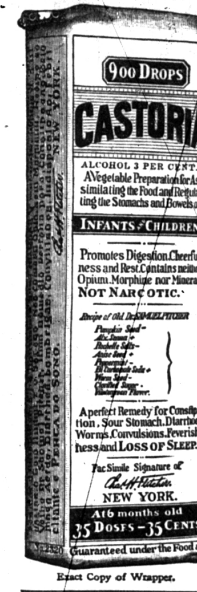
A Suggestion. "There," said the senior partner, "what do you think of that? A motto for our new breakfast food? 'Moke 'em bleed!'"

"Well," replied the junior partner, "maybe we'd make a bigger hit by saying 'Blue Blood!'"

Optional. Professional Wanderer—Sonny, is there town over there, this location town? Boy—Yes, sir; I guess so, sir. You can get it either at the drug store or the grocery.—Belmont.

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Letters from Prominent Physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory." Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Four Castoria stands first in my clinic. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place." Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The former is excellent." Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for a child's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's." Dr. Wm. J. McCray, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home." Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy." Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in the heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

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Health. The practice of invariably chewing everything 47 times before swallowing it not only restored the rich man's health, but saved his soul as well. For, one day, in the course of business, he strained at a goat and swallowed a camel.

And the camel, having been chewed 47 times, was fit to pass through the eye of a needle. So the rich man was able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, after all.—Puck.

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