

A WINTER POULTRY HOUSE.

A practical building for raising game birds, and suitable for a winter poultry house. The building shown in Fig. 1 is most practical for the needs of poultry keepers. It is constructed either of weatherboarding outside or planed boards, as preferred and can be affixed. The building is lined with straw paper on the inside, or tar paper will do.

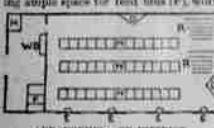


A WINTER HOUSE WITH A VANTAGE ROOM, and it will help to keep every birdie, answering two purposes. This makes a warm room, free from cold air by winter winds, and with the aid of the stove down, in which a small fire can be kept burning on extremely cold days, it will always be comfortable. The entrances to the rooms are closed up tight, and only during the season of the year is there a hole left in the middle of the floor of the rooms to admit a little fresh air, which they often will do. For ventilation the upper window in front of the building above the door is opened at the enough to permit a free circulation of pure air throughout the building. Being higher up than the rest of the windows and out of the reach of the birds, there is no possibility of their taking cold from draft. This is a point worth noticing for a number of reasons, and winter is just the season when the most trouble is encountered.

Fig. 2 shows a perspective of interior. The nests are placed in rows in the center of the building; the back of each row or bay, being three or four nests high, is boarded up so as to make the nest back as dark as possible. This building is 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high, and will accommodate fifty birds, or forty nests, and will be plenty large for the birds to have room to fly about.

The brood boxes are arranged of interior. The nests are placed in rows in the center of the building; the back of each row or bay, being three or four nests high, is boarded up so as to make the nest back as dark as possible. This building is 30 feet long, 20 feet wide and 15 feet high, and will accommodate fifty birds, or forty nests, and will be plenty large for the birds to have room to fly about.

The stove or heater (B) is separated from the inner quarters by a wire netting partition. The room is 10 by 20 feet, giving ample space for feed bins (F), work-



ARRANGEMENT OF INTERIOR.
Nest (W) and all necessary fittings and tools that are kept handy when needed. The nest boxes are made of wood and are well made. This house can be erected at a cost not exceeding \$120 unless you put in extra lumber and fit it up finely; then \$200 can be easily put into it. It is substantial, not the flimsy sort that some erect at fifty or seventy-five dollars. The runs outside can be made with wire netting when you desire to use the pens as they were built.

Saving Seed.
It should be selected while husking, before severe freezing takes place. Corn intended for seed ought to be thoroughly dried and cleaned through and placed where it will not be exposed to moisture or insects. If the corn is to be stored for the year to come, seed, if the kind you are growing is not suited to your locality. A change of soil is important from heavy to light soils, and vice versa, but not a change of climate, unless perhaps from a colder to a warmer.

As a rule, save only such ears as are really true to type, well filled at the tips and butts, and fully matured. Always save the best ears from stalks bearing two or more ears, when the ears are equal and perfect; otherwise the smaller bunch in it, as like produce, is often enough to disfigure that one good, big, well-filled ear, as a stalk is better than two or three small, imperfect ones; as much depends on the methods of the grower. When thus seedling is the practice, public health are best. The more ears per stalk, the better. Where much stored for a long time to grow, if the stalks will not break, save the grain, as the grower will be satisfied.

The old-fashioned way of leaving a few bunches on the ear and hanging up by them is a good way. An enterprising Yankees has invented a wire eye screw to turn into the stalk of the butts and then string on a small wire, then hang them up. Any ear can cut short pieces of wire and bend into such a hook as will hold them stay in the stalk and hang up in same way. — Old Farmer.

The State Diagnostic.

J. A. D. states that the Fort Worth Gazette says that the San Antonio Coal Co. would probably do better than coal, though more expensive and less convenient. On the most application of the coal, has entirely driven the mines away for the season.

Hats for the Season.

"My hats" (every well dressed man has a hat) was asked about men's hats. What was to be the thing and so on, for these are things about which men want to know, and the women are just as anxious about the subject. So we will call our apparelists and let him be uninterested in the sort of hat he wears. He can wear any sort of collar, and you won't notice the difference, but when it comes down to hats it must be in accordance with her idea—or least she thinks so. This is what the latter of one man told him.

Of course we will have a derby. It won't be the same old derby, but it will be a derby. The fashion in derbies is in the height or the lowness of the crown or the width of the brim, and not in the old derby. The straw hat and its day for the season is over. I never see a few white plaid hats in my life as there this season. Usually a presidential year brings out some sort of campaign hat. It hasn't been so this summer. This was in a presidential year when you could tell a man's politics by the hat he wore, but it can't be done any more—least not that campaign.

How many black silk hats have you seen worn by well dressed men this year? Of course there will always be some who like to wear black, but generally the individuals are still living.

The time is ripe for something new in men's hats. I would know what to advise you to buy—but so, if you are going to confide yourself to me, here. There will be a hat for the season, yes, but it won't be anything new. It is too bad, for to other respects the American gentleman is the best dressed man in the world.—Chicago Tribune.

A GOOD TIME TO BE HUNTING.

John Homans, the noted gunner and author of "Wonderful Tales," was in town Sunday. He was full of his great hunting stories about himself, and whenever he stopped to draw breaths of long and hard, who listened to his narrative with admiration. John has a brand new book with his great records in it, and it is a fine book. It is a good book, and I am sure it will be a success.

The gunner goes this summer he will be mounted, and according to his figures he has killed several hundred deer. He has also given considerable attention to butterflies, bees, etc.

He was sorry that he had to give up his gunning, for he would have killed hundreds of grouse had he remained at home. He said that he went gunning every day, and found his gunning quite plentiful, but the birds he took were few because of the scarcity of game.

He sent away last day from the gun and it almost burst out. He then set the gun against a fence and a post took it from him. He says that he had a new way of shooting turkeys when people required him to shoot for them. He shoots a load of shot against a cow's head, and when they strike they gape off and will turnover a mile off.—Lancaster Citizen.

A HAZARD Below the Sea.

Some time ago the labor of dredging the harbor of Cork was completed. At that occasion the contractor gave to the members of his staff and the representatives of the press a banquet in appreciation of his originality. The table was covered with the best of the delicacies, and the eaters in which the servants had been at work, and only the service walls of this dinner separated the guests from the apparent mass of waste around and above their heads. The new fashioned banqueting hall was elegantly decorated and lighted, but for a certain moment in the excitement caused by the presence of six kept in the room. In this moment the members of the crew, who had been to the mouth of the river, had time to present the request that the slighte intervention in the sailing of the shipwreck would have sufficed to aphyxiate the whole party. After the banquet an improved escort prolonged the festivity for several hours, after which the guests crowded into the open air.—Via Clio Si Vite.

Save His Money.
Stephen Bissell, the young American newspaper man, whose story of the quarrel at Fox between the British Minister and the Sultan was recently the sensation of the day in England, has an account of his experiences in England. Mr. Bissell says that he met Mr. Smith on the Bulgarian frontier, and sat up all night telling him stories of travel and adventures in the interior of the country. Great was his surprise when he found that the author had made those incidents the basis of a magazine article, written as it is from the standpoint of Mr. Smith's personal experiences and observation.—London Letter.

Three Bits of Cotton.
Three pieces of the first cotton printed in the United States will be presented to the World's fair commissioners to exhibit through Commodore Bradley, our agent in New York, in exchange for a copy of New York, who can obtain from Judge Watson, of North Creek, The early print of Johnson, Warren, and one of the pieces is from the wedding dress of the first lady married in that town.—Albany Argus.

Cards at a Hotel's Gates.
An agency has been given the cards that have printed Wm. W. Thompson's name under it that has been granted to put a special guard around the lot. Every one who comes wants to carry away a leaf or flower as a memento, and if this were allowed the grave would be entirely stripped of everything.

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A novelty in confectionery appeared in New York City, where a young man took some silver ornaments, cut off the "spur" and cleaned the last 12 to 16, making it real "two dollars," and plated the comb with gold. He bought five or ten combs to get the change till all was caught up, Louis Hospital.

The Harmonic Scale.
There never was so violent an action or an emotion so decided that it did not have an influence to it. After the girl had been paid to the company, back always for the sake of a little, even 15 cents, and running away with another girl, and another still, on the eve of a wedding day. In the most immoralities of some life, does this happen less often? But the girls, the harder and stronger, are the best. It will help those who are strong, and as soon as you can think of the two extremes, and hope will come to the two. Well known, and here you will be ready to have the details of all this and try again. A man of high birth, and many a man's fortune, and high birth, men and women from modesty and modesty.

Buying Cheaper.
A woman who is a community in good direction, and is very cold now by the weather has it to thank for her hypochondriacal who are most apt to catch cold. A sense of humor will therefore keep the winter. Few can say that he is off with a family except those who are well, and sun won't notice the difference, but when it comes down to hats it must be in accordance with her idea—or least she thinks so. This is what the latter of one man told him.

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