## Home Course work of the poultry farm that of car-In Poultry Keeping

#### IX .- Seasonal Review of the Work.

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N this last lesson I shall apply the suggestion given in the previous the things that will require attention month by month.

January.

All stock saved for sale as breeders should have been got rid of around the holiday season or shortly thereafter, and the poultryman begins the year with a well cuiled flock of layers, In January the laying hens will require more attention than at any other season of the year. The weather is severe, and as egg prices are high every egg added to the basket represents a good profit. See that the house is tight, except openings in the front left for ventilation. See that these windows are so protected that snow does not blow in. Whether you will keep the hens shut in or allow them to run out will depend upon your general plan of operation. If feeding in litter is used, it will be best to keep the hens indoors as much as possible, and careful watch will be necessary to see that the birds are kept busy and always too hungry to mope around, yet the January hen must never go to bed with an empty crop. When the temperature of the house is below freezing the hens should be given water with the chill taken off twice or, better still, three times a day. Sometimes eggs will have to be gath-



the care of wee chicks. Of all the work of the poultry farm that of carthe most difficult to systematize or to intrust to the hands of hired labor. is not good for large flocks of young chicks to run together. Moreover, young chicks must be protected in their feeding quarters from the presto get at the food meant for the little for the new piano.

fellows will run over and trample them. On the farm this is most easily arranged by having the food for chicks grown fowls.

May.

May, like April, is a month in which the hens take care of themselves. The hatching of the larger breeds should requirements are that you bring not be finished the early part of this less than fifteen pennies and SMILE. month. Hens of all breeds will insist It will give you the most enjoyable upon wishing to brood, but can be broken up by penning them in an outdoor coop for a few days. Little eight lessons by naming briefly chicks will require a great deal of care, and when thundershowers come up some one must hasten out, frequently in the rain, and see that the foolish hens and frightened brooder chicks get under shelter and do not crouch up in some fence corner. If perchance some have been forgotten to dry. Those found down flat on their backs and apparently dead, if rescued soon enough and wrapped in fare of all who come. woolen rags and placed around the stove, will revive in a most astonishing fashion.

June.

The hatching of Leghorns should be brought to a close during the early part of this month and all male birds taken from the yards. The growing Rand was looking for suckers and for chicks will now be old enough to need less care, and the chief source of the poultryman's loss will be due to his carelessness in leaving coops unprotected from "varmints."

Lice and mites will now begin to invade the poultryman's camp more abundantly, and with the approach of the warm weather more cleanliness in will be necessary.

mer, when the grass and spring sown crops dry up.

July. The poultryman's work is considerably relieved during July. Indeed, will need to use the lucky stone himthis is the best season of the year for self when the postal officials get after him to leave the chicken farm to him. the hired man and visit his kinfolk. Cleanliness to keep down disease and lice and care in gathering the eggs frequently and marketing them promptly are the chief points worthy of mention.

Early broilers will be ready for market during this month.

August. In August we have the same prob- Mrs. Harry Johnson, and made many lems as the previous month Be sure friends while in Alliance. the hens have abundant water and A short program consisting of vocal The egg yield should green food. show a considerable increase over given by a few of the large number of for market. The poultry breeder should take careful observation of his ling hens may now be sent to market. such a jolly friend.

#### Shakedown Methodist

Friday evening of next week an old-The coops or outdoor brooders fashioned Methodist shakedown will be should be well scattered about, as it given by the Fpworth League at the residence of W. S. Acheson, This will be the second in the series of entertainments to be given by the League ence of old fowls, which in their greed for the purpose of raising funds to pay

A jolly good time is promised all who come Friday night. Old and in a slat coop, which keeps out the young, strangers and homefolk, come and spend an hour or two in getting acquainted and refreshing yourselves at the bounteous board. The only evening that you've experienced for a long time-

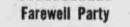
#### Bring Your Lunch and Stay all Day.

The Secretary of the Fair Association wants it known that the sale of tickets to the Fair grounds will start at eight o'clock each morning. This alone should make a thorough search lows those who want to come and stay as soon as the shower is over and all day the opportunity. Tie racks bring all soaked chicks into the house for horses are being erected and careful attention will be given to the wel-

#### Alliance Man Not a Sucker.

A prominent Alliance gentleman recently received a printed letter from 'Captain" Walter I. Rand, of Boston. the small sum of one dollar offered to send a mysterious lucky stone which he had secured in India-

However the Alliance man happens to be one of those people who believe that brains and energy bring better luck than lucky stones and his answer feeding vessels and about the house to the letter was a masterpiece. It is worth a dozen good laughs. If the During June crops should be sown captain? didn't throw a fit on receiving to supply green food in the midsum- it he is a dead one. For a piece of humor it had Bill Nye beaten a mile. We wish we had the space to print it. It is quite likely that the "captain"



A farewell party was given last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. M. E. Bernhardt, in honor of Miss Mary Bowles of Hastings. She has been spending the summer with her sister,

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#### February.

The February work of the poultry yard is very like that of the January. The main idea at this season of the year is to keep the hens laying. When the warm days come, the droppings that have accumulated in the poultry house will become damp and malodorous and should be removed. If there is a heavy fall of snow shovel a little strip in front of the house, and if hens range around stables or in feed lots it will pay to shovel a path for them. During very sloppy days it may be desirable to shut the hens in. as it is of little benefit for them to trail around in the slush, and it will result in the solling of the eggs.

#### March.

With a well kept flock of poultry the March egg yield is the heaviest of the year. Eggs are declining in price rapidly at this season and should be marketed frequently. By this month any supply of vegetables kept from the previous fall will have been exhausted, and with the feeling of spring in the air the poultryman must not forget that warm days will not bring the hens spring foods. Dry clover and alfalfa are fair, but sprouted oats are better, and it will be worth the trouble necessary to prepare them. As soon as the ground may be worked all yards or, if on a farm, a patch of ground near the poultry house should be sown in oats. The chickens may is the chickens we are interested in and not the oat crop.

If the incubator is to be used for hatching it should be started about the 1st of March, while the hens may closing up the poultry house. If it is now be set as rapidly as they become broody. With the heavy breeds every been roosting in the open air will catch month of April. During the last two ease and take immediate steps to corweeks in March incubators are to be set for Leghorns.

#### April.

With green food sown the previous month the egg production problem in April will simplify itself considerably. The hens can now range abundantiy, and the care necessary in the winter time to keep them busy and happy is no longer required. April is the poultryman's busy month. His labors with the layers consist chiefly in gathering the oges, but the work is most arduons with sitting hens and incubators, which are now running full blast, and even more of his time must go to

#### September.

Eggs are now advancing in price, but it is neither right nor, in the long run. profitable to hold them. Sell all eggs promptly and try to get recognition for your honesty and quality of your product. Young male birds, especially Leg- when the opportunity comes, as it does horns, should be separated from the this week, to get fine extra fancy Elpullets. The coops or colony houses berta Peaches from California, the in which the young pullets have grown should be gradually moved toward the house which is to be the winter quar- rives today and will be on sale through ters and the pullets got into the habit the local merchants Friday and Saturof roosting in the laying house. Nice day also. Now is a good time to can secluded nests should be arranged, as them. a few precoclous pullets will begin laying in this month. Sow wheat and rye for winter green foods.

#### October.

Pullets will now begin laying in considerable numbers. If you have fancy the score of too-muchness-but the quality trade keep their eggs, which are small, often leaves much to be desired. The only separated from the larger stock. Any remaining old heus that are not to be kept through the winter should be disposed of. Runty pullets and all young male birds not needed for breeding stock should also be sent to market.

#### November.

This month should find the laying flock nicely installed in their winter pull one-half the crop up by the roots quarters. November eggs are high in Record-Herald is far and away the best litas it comes through the ground, but it price and scarcer than at any other erary treat offered to newspaper readers in nights grow colder use judgment in closed tightly the hens which have effort should be made to have the bulk cold, and roup will be the result. Keep said, of the chickens hatch during the a careful lookout for this dread dis- skirt.

#### December.

appear.

December is the height of the poultry show season. The fancier will be a very busy man. His birds must be cooped, trained and prepared for the the grocer, shows. The poultryman himself may be away at shows, and some one else will have to look after the flock at home. By all means layers must not be neglected. Not only are December eyes."-Yonkers Statesman. eggs highly profitable, but layers that do not start in this month will be very flable to keep in the background until the warm spells of March.

July. The male birds of the heavier young people who were present. Mrs. breeds should now be got into shape Bernhardt proved herself to be a very entertaining hostess. Refreshments growing stock and make selection of were served after the young gentlemen for the County Fair. Any one the most vigorous youngsters to be re- had "found their matches". Miss served, from which to pick the breed. Bowles, accompanied by her sister, thing in the several classes, or ing stock. More green crops should Mrs. Johnson, who expects to make a now be sown for the fall pasturage. short visit in Hastings, was escorted to she, expects to exhibit in any of All two-year-old hens and, if you have the station by those present at the abundant pullets, a portion of the year- party who were all sorry to part with municate with the superintend-

#### **Carload of Peaches Arrives.**

Alliance people are great fruit eaters for they're used to good living and

#### Triamph of a New Idea.

About the quantity of reading matter furnished in the average Sanday newspaper there is no reason to complain-unles it be on Reed. exception to this rule is the Chicago Record-Herald. Its Sunday Magazine is filled with first-clais fiction, able articles, choice pictures and a wide range of good miscellany, all by all nightpopular or really famous authors and artists. When writers such as Conan Doyle, Authony Hope, Rudyard Kipling, Jack London, Sewell Ford, Cyrus Townsend Brady and Roy Norton are counted among the contributors to a Sunday paper its triumph can no longer be doubted. The Sunday Magazine of the big

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'Her attire is a bit primitive," he "but I prefer it to the hobble

Seeing no occasion for appending an rect things if the symptoms of roup explanatory diagram to his remark, he let it go at that and resumed his gardening.-Chicago Tribune.

> "What's the matter with the lady is the certainty that whatever mediwho just went out of the store?" asked cines the doctor orders made up will be

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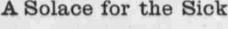
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