

Poultry

By EARLE WHITNEY.

This has been a very successful poultry show season, both from the standpoint of public interest and the number of exhibitors entered. No doubt the many educational features of present-day exhibitions are responsible to a large degree for their increased popularity. The poultry show is no longer a mystery. People can attend the show and obtain good information in regard to practical poultry raising.

The next big major exhibition is the National Poultry show to be held at the International Amphitheater, Chicago, under the auspices of the Chicago Poultry Breeders' association. Premium lists and entry blanks are now ready and can be secured from the secretary, Judge D. E. Hale, 349 West Sixty-fifth street, Chicago.

Pointers for December.

When birds come home from the poultry show, give them a roomy place by themselves for at least 10 days, where they can rest, stretch and exercise. This will undoubtedly prevent any ill effects as a result of confinement in the show room.

Don't forget that eggs should be collected several times daily during cold weather to avoid chilling and freezing. Particular care should be exercised in this respect during the breeding season, which is soon to open. Chilled and frozen eggs are of no use for hatching purposes and are certainly inferior for table use.

This is the season to overhaul incubators and brooders, and place them in good order for the early hatching season. If you are planning the purchase of an incubator, this is the time to investigate the various standard makes and study their good points.

There is nothing about the operation of an incubator that is difficult. It is just a matter of exercising ordinary care and common sense.

What does a hen do to hatch chicks? Simply applies the necessary heat, and leaves the nest now and again to afford ventilation to the eggs. And this is precisely what is re-

quired in the operation of an incubator in order that it may also hatch chicks—the right application of heat and ventilation to the eggs. Incubator manufacturers have provided machines that are acknowledged to be excellent substitutes for setting hens. It is simply a question now of following the directions of the manufacturer in regard to maintaining the correct temperature and properly cooling the eggs each day. You cannot prevent eggs from hatching in a properly constructed machine (assuming they are fertile) unless you leave undone one or more of the few things the manufacturer's directions instruct you to do.

About Brooders.
The brooders, like the incubators, are simply machines and are used to raise chicks hatched either by hen or incubator. If the chicks are incubator-hatched, however, you have the advantage of being sure they are free from lice when you place them in the brooder. This is not always true of hen-hatched chicks. The same factors required in hatching chicks are required in raising them—namely, heat and ventilation, the only difference being in the quantity of each that is required to be applied. A good brooder makes it easy to provide the proper heat and ventilation to insure healthy growth and development.

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The car was driven by Ray Harold of Lincoln, who was accompanied by Mrs. Harold, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Matson, all of Lincoln, and F. Howler of Manhattan, Kan. A number of children were playing along the highway when the auto approached. The children scattered, but the Williams child ran directly in front of the machine, Harold said.

Mr. Williams, the girl's father, is employed on the Richard Devries farm in Highland township. At the request of the father no inquest was held.



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Don't Sell America "Short"
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In a statement prepared for the December, 1920, issue of the Guaranty Trust Company's publication, *The Guaranty News*, Mr. Sabin, president of that company, comments on current conditions as follows:

THERE are some important considerations which should be borne in mind in the present situation by all who seek to analyze it accurately.

In the first place, there is nothing mysterious or unexpected about the present condition in either the commodity or security markets. For months it has been certain, and it has been repeatedly so stated by students of the situation, that there must be a liquidation of commodities, securities and labor before this country could fully recover from the effects of the war and be restored to anything like a normal business basis. It was inevitable that the processes of readjustment should be painful in many respects and in many instances, but that they were and are inevitable was a matter of common knowledge among all who seek to study these problems apart from immediate self-interest. The regrettable thing is that, as commodity and security prices reached points far above their real value in the boom period, so they are today falling to points far below their real value. Necessary liquidation is proceeding after the manner anticipated, on the whole, but there are yet several steps to be taken.

Perhaps the most important of these is for retail merchants to realize that they too must meet the inevitable economic trend and adjust their prices to meet the new conditions. Only in that manner can the situation be stabilized and frozen credits thawed out. I know this is not a pleasant message, but I am firmly convinced that the sooner such a policy is pursued, the less costly and painful it will be to all concerned. The process of deflation must include all the elements in the body economic sooner or later and there can be no escape from the inexorable law which directs it. Dodging the facts or attempting to postpone the inevitable will not bring immunity to anyone, whether his interest lies in production or distribution, capital or labor.

The unfortunate effect in such a situation is always that many innocent parties are made to suffer through ignorance and misunderstandings and also through the spread of false and malicious rumors which such conditions always inspire, with a resulting loss of confidence and panic sales.

There is so much in the present situation to inspire confidence and hope for the future that it is little short of criminal for anyone to paint the picture so blackly, through either ignorance or intent, that these vital facts are obscured. To cite a few pertinent facts: This country will harvest this year one of the largest crops in its history; its transportation congestion has been relieved and its railroad system is for the first time in a decade on a sound financial and operating basis; we have passed through a national election and assured four years of sane administration of public affairs; our banking system has withstood the greatest credit strain in its history and is on a sound and workable basis; the accumulated surplus of five years of splendid prosperity is stored in many ways for our continued use; the markets of the world demand our products and a great mercantile marine is prepared to transport them; this country has not been overbuilt or overextended in any of its underlying activities, and faces no program of readjustment along these lines such as usually precipitates panic conditions. We are in a sounder financial, industrial and political condition than any important nation in the world.

These are the simple fundamental facts of our business situation, and to consider the present reaction as anything but a temporary setback from the destruction, inflation, extravagance and unsound economic conditions precipitated by the war is simply not to reckon with the truth. It remains true today, as it has since this country was first settled, that "any man who sells the United States of America 'short' is in the long run certain to lose," and, furthermore, any man who seeks to profit by the misfortunes of others in the circulation of misstatements or false rumors, hoping to precipitate further reactions, should be branded as a public enemy.

This is a time for clear thinking and courageous acting and in the proportion that such factors are brought to bear will rewards follow when this spell of reaction has run its course.

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