



By Hilda Richmond.

The weather certainly was queer for the last day of December. The sun shone brightly down on leafless trees and brown fields, and a fresh warm breeze blew from the south making it like a day in late September.



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the afternoon, and they return on the six o'clock train. Louise said all that was necessary was to feed them well, and I would have no trouble.

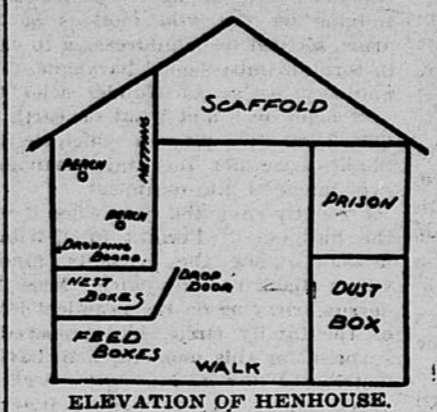
to Miss Hunt's big pasture field, and said, "Hully gee! Ain't that a bully place for a game?"

was overcome with remorse to think she had neglected her guests, and several pies soon followed the crullers as an atonement for her sin of omission.

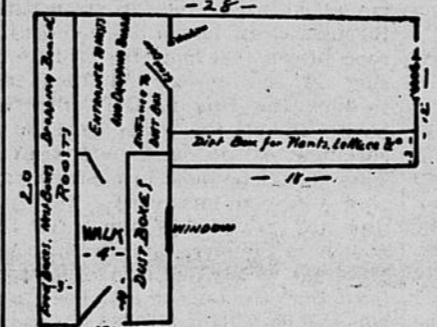
POULTRY AND BEES

FOR WINTER LAYERS. Description of a Poultry House Which Is Considered an Ideal Structure by Its Inventor.

My henhouse consists of two parts, connected by glass door and sliding window. The main part or roosting house, laying house, etc., is 20x10 feet, with seven-foot posts, and is divided into various compartments as shown by accompanying plan.



boxes resting on shelf, and which can be removed to clean and whitewash. Beneath the nest box shelf for one-half the length of house are boxes for feed, lime, plaster, etc.



ing, but the dust box is separated from walk by doors made of matched boards or sheathing and is practically dust tight.

Don't Neglect Small Things. If you do not give thought and attention to the poultry, do not be surprised at the small returns.

The Selection of Pullets. When culling the stock and selecting the young pullets that are to make the foundation of next season's breeders, bear in mind that if there is any lack of vigor in them then they will not be hardy when fully matured.

PROFIT IN BEEKEEPING.

No Other Auxiliary Farm Industry Pays Better Returns in Dollars or in Enjoyment.

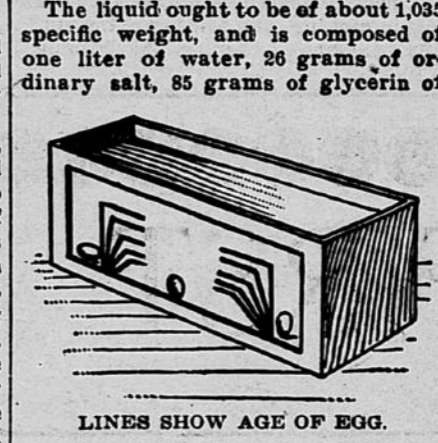
The inquiry of how much profit there is in bees is of frequent occurrence. The lack of knowledge in handling bees and the value of the bee as a money producer is astonishing.

The next summer I took two colonies out of the cellar. They were very strong; from these ten swarms were hived, valued at an average of two dollars each; 165 pounds of honey were produced, which sold at an average of 14 cents a pound.

EGG-TESTING MACHINE.

German Inventor Has Discovered an Apparatus Which May Prove of Wonderful Value.

A German genius says he has discovered a method by which he can tell the age of an egg up to five weeks from the time of hatching, indicating not only whether the egg is fit to eat or not, but also testing eggs for hatching purposes much more accurately than can now be done by the candling method.



about 28 degrees Baume and one gram of concentrated salicylic alcohol. A fresh egg, it is stated, will go to the bottom of this mixture and lie there in an almost horizontal position.

POULTRY PARAGRAPHS.

The smaller the poultry quarters the cleaner they must be kept. After scalding poultry wrap for five minutes in a heavy blanket. This steams and loosens the feathers.

GREAT STRIDES MADE.

Wonderful Richness of the Soil of Western Canada Has Turned the Tide of Immigration.

The great strides which Western Canada is making, and the wonderful richness of the soil, is creating considerable excitement, not only in Canada, but in the United States and Great Britain.

The area under crop in Western Canada in 1902 was 1,987,330 acres. Yield 1902, 117,922,754 bushels. Wealth waits on industry in Canada. There is Plenty of Room.

Prices have advanced in Western Canada 50 per cent. in the last two years, and the upward movement seems still on.

Whatever doubts there have been as to the suitability of the Canadian Northwest for settlement, those doubts have been set at rest by the successive yields of previous years, and by the crowning glory of the past year (1902), which gives solid assurance as to possibilities that would not otherwise have been believed.

The Canadian Northwest is not all alike in its production. Wheat growing is the specialty of one part, cattle ranching of another, and mixed farming—the growth of grain and live stock together—of still another.



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, escaped surgeon's knife, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

HAD NO USE FOR IT.



Mr. Wit—I heard that you received a beautiful pocketbook for a New Year's present.