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A Christmas Blessing

MAY the Blessing of the Light that shown at Mid-night come to the hearts that are shadowed and the homes that are dark. May the Blessing of the Song of the Angels come to the multitudes who strive and bleed upon fields of battle, and to all who wage the hard warfare of life.

May the Blessing of the Good Word to the Shepherds come to everyone who is humbly and honestly laboring to do a share of their world's work.

May the Blessing of the Manger Cradle come to that innumerable company against whom the doors of hope and peace and rest are shut.

May the blessing of the Holy Child come to every one who has forgotten that Thou, O God, art his Father, and that all men are brothers.

May the Blessing of the Guiding Star come to those who wander in the night and cannot find the homeward way.

May the Blessing of the Stable come upon all hearts, wakening a kindly sense of kindred with every living thing that walks the field and forest, or wings the air, or passes along the paths of the seas.

Olive Tree Introduced in Golden State by Priests; Mission Variety Popular

The ancient scrap between Minerva, who gave the olive, and Apollo, who bestowed the horse upon mankind, was decided, as will be remembered, in favor of the lady—the dispute being as to which of the two gifts was the more valuable.

To understand the reason for this decision, one ought to live in the Mediterranean region, where the olive is a vital factor in the lives of the people. They could much more easily spare the equine quadruped.

Olive culture has already assumed great importance in our own country. In 1916 (the latest year for which figures are available) there were in California 831,038 olive trees in bearing, and 515,221 not yet old enough to yield fruit. The state's production in that year was 1,000,000 gallons of olive oil and 1,800,000 gallons of pickled olives.

The olive tree was introduced in California by Spanish priests, the first grove being planted in San Diego in 1769. From these trees is descended what is today the most popular variety, the so-called Mission olive.

"No More New Duds Until Prices Go Down," Popular Slogan With Englishmen

Fashionable London tailors are said to be somewhat perturbed over the reported popularity of a clothes conservation "movement" hailing from the United States which is being enthusiastically acclaimed by Englishmen wearied of long continued high clothing costs.

Over there, the "movement" has manifested itself in the organization of "old clothes" leagues—societies with the single-pledge slogan—"no more new clothes until prices go down."

Those who assume this pledge are expected to regard patches on trousers, shiny coatsleeves and sewn-up splits in boots and shoes as badges of honor. The turning of old suits, sewing in of new linings and other necessary alterations which make an old trousers, coat and vest serve the purpose of a new suit at one-third the cost is another part of the practical application of the "league" precepts.

Leave Record of Existence On Ever-Enduring Spirit

It is then obvious that if we desire to live worthily, if we wish to fulfill the great purposes for which we were created, we must leave the record of our existence inscribed on the ever-enduring spirit. The impression there can never be effaced. Time, which obliterates nations and the record of their existence, only renders the lineaments which we trace on mind deeper and more legible. From the very principles of our social nature, moral and intellectual character multiplies indefinitely its own likeness.—Francis Wayland.

Kidnaped By Santa Claus

BY GOODLOE H. THOMAS

My dad sez once they lived a boy
'Us bound that he would see
Old Santa Claus—an' had no joy
Fer thinkin' how 't'ud be
To hide behind a screen an' wait
Till Santa come around,
Then watch him waitin' to un-
crate—
Without a word or sound.

Well, Christmas Eve, this boyleton
'At he was sound asleep,
An' when he knowed the rest had
gone
To bed, he went a-creep
Down stairs—an' gracious!—
watcha think!
He run against him—smack!
Old Santa, yes-sir—'n quick as
wink
That boy 'uz in his pack.

An' ever since that boy has been
Strapped up an' has to go
With Santa, fer just that one sin,
Through miles of ice an' snow;
An' you bet I ain't gonna take
No chance like that—not quiet!
You'll find 'at I won't be awake
When Santa comes to-night.

HINTS FOR THE POULTRY GROWER

When culling a flock of hens at the end of the laying season, there are always a few individuals that may be classed as doubtful. Very often the owner of the birds allows sympathy to interfere with good business. According to G. W. Hervey of the University of Missouri college of agriculture, it is better to cull a bird that may lay five or six more eggs only this fall than to keep her all winter as an absolute expense.

A hen may show the characteristic body depth of three or more fingers and yet may have but a one-finger spread between the pelvic bones. This means that the bird has stopped laying but her period of non-production hasn't been long enough for the body depth to close up also. She has just reached the point where she will be kept at a loss.

Sometimes a bird may exhibit the desired characteristics of both good body depth and well-spread pelvic bones, yet her skin under the fluff may feel tough and leathery. Such a hen will invariably have coarse pelvic bones and a coarse breast bone. She may have had a period of production during the summer, but her total for the year would not justify retaining her another season.

In culling the American breeds, the Wyandotte, Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red, one is apt to be confused by the shank color test. The test is not so reliable with these heavier breeds as it is with Leghorns, for the reason that when they become broody a certain amount of pigment is likely to return to the shank. One must make due allowance for this, and if the bird is favorable in appearance otherwise, it may be profitable to keep her over as a breeder for the spring season.

In general, then, the poultry keeper when culling must not be influenced by any single factor, but must consider all of them. The more rigid the culling the more capable is the flock management. It is usually safe to market at least half of the total number of hens at the end of the laying season, replacing them with pullets.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

The aeolian harp is a stringed instrument which produces musical sound in a current of wind.

In Syria camel's hair is pulled out in the spring and made into waterproof tents, bags and rugs.

On the north of Australia is the greatest coral reef in the world. It is over one thousand miles wide.

At the time of the Persian wars all Greek men wore long hair tied on the top of the head with a knot and fastened with a hairpin.

Burial Place of William Penn.

The burial place of William Penn was at Jourdan's Meeting House, near Chalfont, St. Giles, in Buckingham, with the remains of his two wives. There was once an effort made to have his remains brought to this country, but it was found impossible to locate the grave, which had not been marked, and the plan was abandoned.

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