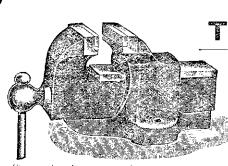
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—A cow tester in the "Producers' Review."

Produce! Produce! Were it but the pitifulest, infinitesimal fraction of a product, produce it. 'Tis the utmost thou has in thee! out with it, then. Up! Up! Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy whole might—Carlyle.

WATCH THE BULL.

It is not uncommon to find a bull that is apparently not a sure breeder. The cause of the trouble should be the first | thing to consider. An examination of the bull should be made for injury or deformity. Has the buil been debilitated by too frequent usage? Has provision been made for sufficient exercise, or is he kept in a poorly-lighted filthy stall? Has the bull served cows promiseuously over the neighbourhood with no attention given to their physical condition at the time of service? If so, it might be suspicioned that the bull has became infected with abortion germ from one of the cows brought in. Precaution and systematic handling would eliminate much of this trouble. .

A bull must have exercise to be in prime breeding condition. The benefit from this will be handed down to the offspring.

Cows showing signs of a discharge or in any way unhealthy should not be bred from. It is a good practice to irrigate the sheath of a bull after service, especially when a cow that has an unknown history is served. The abortion tabloid dissolved in two quarters of water should be used.

The principal cause of inefficiency of the bull is allowing the bull to run with the cows, more especially if the cows are suffering from a contagious complaint which will often bring her in season every three weeks, whether she is in calf or otherwise. Many a time a cow is troubled with vaginal catarrh without the owner being aware of it, and the bull may then pass it on to the whole herd and at the same time being rendered almost impotent.

Do not depend on internal medicine to increase the breeding qualities of any animal. Its effect is only temporary and fails to remove the cause.

The Poultry-Yard

(By "S.Q.M.").

At a recent meeting of the Council of the N.Z. Orpington Club (North Island), it was decided to hold the club's next annual club show in conjunction with the New Plymouth Society's 1921 show. It was also unanimously agreed to adopt the new Dominion of New Zealand ntility poultry standards, and judges will be instructed to make their awards in utility classes at the club's shows in accordance therewith. It was further decided to ask the Manawatu Poultry Association to institute an amateur judging competition at its next show.

FEEDING CHICKS,

The feeding of the chickens must be as plain as possible. Give nothing for the first forty-eight hours, then feed on dry coarse catmeal. Sift the catmeal and thus save the fine stuff which would other. wise be wasted. Mix a little fine grit with the catmeal, but take out of this any glittering particles. These attract the chickens and encourage them to take more than they should. This results in the gizzard becoming overcharged with the grit, and starvation ensues. Very finely out up tender green stuff should be supplied in abundance. The chickens should be encouraged as early as possible to scratch in the litter for their food. Therefore allow some of the oatmeal to fall into the litter about the tray. After the third day combine a little of some good commercial chick food with the oatmeal, which may gradually be eliminated.

The litter should consist of straw chaff or cavings, or chaffed-up hay. Caten chaff is not advisable as stray cats and the hard joints of the straw cause crop-binding and gizzard troubles.

When the chickens are seven days old a little moist mash is given twice a day. This may consist of two parts of oatmeal, two of pollard, two of finely-cut green stuff and half a part of rolled oats, the whole mixed with boiled rice. The rice helps to prevent bowel troubles such as diarrocha. To boil the rice take one part of rice to three parts of water, and boil this in a vessel standing in a larger vessel of boiling water. The rice will absorb the water and yet not burn, and the grains will fall apart.

In feeding the mash it is not desirable to feed it the last thing at night, the dry mixture being the best thing at that time. Feeding moist feed at night generally means that this, rapidly passing through the chickens, makes the bedding moist and at the same time it has not the same sustaining effect as has the dry feed.

The moist mash can be altered after a week to a plainer diet, consisting of two parts of green stuff, two parts of pollard, half a part of bran, and a half a part of maize meal the whole mixed with skimmilk. If maize meal is not obtainable it may be eliminated. In changing the food it should be done gradually.

After about a month the chick feed can be made plainer by mixing with the mash kibbled, or ground, wheat, a little crushed maize, or hulled oats, if procurable. Some of these should always be in the litter, to encourage the chickens to scratch.

Abundance of green stuff is desirable. Besides putting cut green stuff in the mash bunches should be tied up nine inches to a foot off the floor, thus providing the chickens with further means of exercise.

A little cooked meat, such as rabbit, liver, etc., may be fed occasionally in the mash, but care should be taken not to overdo it. Meat is a highly stimulating food, and should therefore be fed sparingly. Failing fresh meat, a little meat meal may be fed, but this can easily be overdone.

A little dry bran, in a tin or hopper, and always available, is beneficial. Chickens are very fond of it, and it is a great body builder. Feeding bran separately gets young stock accustomed to dry mush, and to balance their feed.

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