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THE PAINTER WHO BUILT THE FIRST STEAMBOAT

ROBERT FULTON

Born in Pennsylvania, Robert Fulton was apprenticed to a jeweler but took up portrait painting as a profession. He went to England to study painting. There he met James Watt, the inventor of the steam engine, who influenced him to become an inventor.



In Paris he built a submarine, the "Nautilus," and offered it to Napoleon, who refused it. He then built the first steamboat, the "Clermont." People scoffed at it and called it "Fulton's Folly"—but it was a success and made trips from New York to Albany. Fulton also invented devices for making rope, for cutting and polishing marble and for improving canals.

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Coral in Salt Water Only
Coral grows only in salt water. The best island harbors were those formed where freshwater streams poured down to sea, cutting a channel through the coral reefs as they flowed out on the ebb tide. Honolulu harbor, entrance to the great American playground of Hawaii, is an example of this.

U. S. Wood Study Room Biggest
The United States has the world's largest laboratory devoted entirely to study of uses of wood, known as the Forest Products laboratory.

Ramie Long Used by Chinese
Although used since prehistoric times, ramie has not been produced on a commercial basis because methods of extracting the fiber have been crude and costly. Long recognized as one of the strongest of all vegetable fibers, ramie has been used by the Chinese for centuries.

Spiritual Values Count
When civilization reaches a sufficient height, we find that the better minds are occupied with spiritual values; the true, the beautiful, the good and holy.

"Like a tree"

TRAVELERS who visit the Sequoia groves on the Pacific Coast are impressed by the immense size and longevity of the trees. Some of the magnificent specimens, towering hundreds of feet above the observer, are estimated to be from three to five thousand years old. With their gnarled branches and roughened bark they give evidence of having had many struggles against the elements, while yet maintaining persistent growth. The heart of some of the trees has been cut or burned out, and yet, surmounting the resistance of destructiveness, they continue to grow, sending out new shoots from the burned or cut stumps or exposed roots, and in some instances gradually repairing, partly at least, some of the injuries.

According to their estimated antiquity, some of them were saplings when Abram began his journeying forth from Ur of the Chaldees and when he listened to the divine command (Genesis 17:1), "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." Contemplating their endurance, one is impressed by the fact that during the same centuries in which the trees have been attaining their great growth, the ideal revealed to Abraham, and later to others, has continued to unfold in human consciousness despite the obstructive resistance of materialism; for the truth is the enduring actuality "whose seed was in itself" (Genesis 1:12), and whose unfoldment can never cease.

Many a time it may have seemed that the heart of the individual has been broken or his hope consumed by loss or opposition, or the welfare of nations reduced by overwhelming evils; and yet the truth of the supremacy of good, revealed in various ways to patriarch and prophet, has continued to unfold in human consciousness.

The beauty and grandeur of nature illustrate the continuity and endurance of good; and lessons drawn from them point to the unfoldment of the ideal and real which to human sense seem obscured by the belief that life is material and finite. As the sunlight sifts through the trees, and as in the tender green light of the grove one looks up to the lofty crown of these venerable monarchs, marveling at their endurance, one's thought is lifted in grateful contemplation of the precious growth of the spiritual idea in human consciousness through the ages of unfolding monotheism. This growth has been forwarded by multitudes of Truth seekers and lovers who have clung to what they have known of the spiritual facts. Though mortal mind may have tried to break their hearts and consume their hopes, they have pressed onward and have let the truth heal their wounds, thereby helping to preserve for all mankind the good which has been revealed, and to prepare the way for still further growth in spiritual understanding.

In Scriptural metaphor both the good and the wicked are compared to trees. The righteous "shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither" (Psalms 1:3); while the wicked are as "trees whose fruit withereth" (Jude 1:12). And in Revelation (2:7) is the promise to him that overcometh, that he shall be given "to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." It is the continual partaking of the truth that life is spiritual which enables us to endure the seeming resistance of evil, and to maintain and manifest the freshness and strength which come from the one divine Mind. Through the use of the truth which is already known are spread out new branches of spiritual confidence and fresh leaves of hope and faith and love.

Truth endures; and "growth is the eternal mandate of Mind." Mary Baker Eddy declares on page 520 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." Despite the wounds that come from the world of sense, the trusting heart looks up to God, and as its hope is renewed, further growth out of the material sense of existence results; for thought which turns to God partakes of immortal sustenance. The truth which has been unfolding through the ages, must ever continue to unfold until all true existence is seen to be spiritual and to be made manifest through constant abidance within its laws.

Whatever difficulties arise through the temporal storms of sense, we can look away from the material evidence and know that "the tree of life" never fades, but endures, for its roots are in divine Principle, and its branches outspread in the sunlight of reality. Thought which is rooted and grounded in Love cannot be made weary of the struggle to resist material sense. Strength is gained by overcoming the senses' resistance to Spirit; for spiritual strength increases and endures.—The Christian Science Monitor.

POULTRY

QUALITY CHICKS MAKE PRODUCERS

Fixed Characteristics Are Important.

By Roy S. Dearstyna, Poultry Department, North Carolina State College, WNU Service.

No poultryman can develop a flock of good layers from a brood of inferior chicks. Good chicks make good birds.

Some poultrymen can breed and raise their own chicks with satisfactory results, but most flock owners will find it better to purchase chicks from a reliable hatchery.

The best chicks come from disease-free parents, are true to breed, and develop into superior layers. A carefully bred chick receives from its parents certain characteristics which carry with them the success or failure of the poultryman.

Among the most vital factors transmitted from parent to chick are:

The ability to produce. A hen laying 175 eggs a year costs no more to keep than a bird producing only 100 eggs.

Egg size.—The size of the eggs laid by a bird is a characteristic coming directly from its parents. Large eggs bring better prices than small ones.

Early feathering.—This bears a direct relation to broiler prices, as every poultryman attempting to market poorly feathered birds has discovered.

Early sexual maturity.—Frequently the well bred Reds or Rocks will come into production 60 days sooner than inferior birds, thus giving 60 days' extra production.

Give these things serious consideration when breeding or purchasing chicks for the coming year.

Must Keep Feeding Cost Down to Make Flock Pay

Feed costs are likely to contain serious leaks. Feed is the largest item of expense on the poultry farm and it is important for the poultryman to keep this cost down without going below the minimum requirements for good feeding, asserts F. H. Branch, extension economist of Massachusetts State college.

Branch lists several don'ts concerning feed practices. "Don't hold growing birds which are to be marketed after they cease to make rapid gains in weight. Don't keep hens that have stopped laying for any length of time unless they show prospects of staging a come-back. Don't use feed hoppers that permit hens to pull grain out and waste it. Don't buy high priced rations if a cheaper home mixed ration has given you just as good results. Don't buy feed in small quantities if you can get reduced prices on quantity lots.

No well-managed poultry business is complete without a yearly inventory, a simple record of receipts and expenses, an egg production record, and an account of the number of birds removed by death or culling, says Mr. Branch. Such a record supplies the information for spotting leaks in the business.

Instinct Rules in Egg

According to a great naturalist writer, among birds instinct inhibits all sounds whenever any noise is heard. With certain species this suppression may be noticed even before the young are hatched. "When the little prisoner is hammering at its shell," he says, "and uttering its first feeble 'peep,' as if begging to be let out, if the warning note is uttered, even at a considerable distance, the strokes and complaining instantly ceases, and the chick will then remain quiescent in the shell for a long time."

English Boys-Raise Poultry

Junior Poultry club work is carried on in Great Britain under the name of the Young Farmers' club movement. Northumberland was one of the first counties in England to develop Young Farmers' clubs. In the Junior Poultry club there are 100 members, and 200 in the Shorthorn Calves club, whilst a further 150 people are associate members, taking a keen interest in all club work.

Turkey House Needed

If the mature turkeys are given their choice they will remain out of doors most all winter except in time of storms. Their winter quarters or shelter should be a place where no other poultry has been kept. When a building is used, windows should be covered with slats or wire fencing on the south. Other openings on the south should equal one square foot for each ten square feet of floor space. This additional opening should be covered with wire netting and burlap.

Selecting the Breeders

For those who "hatch their own" and particularly if they hatch early chicks, it is not too early to begin selecting the breeders for next year's layers. Too much care cannot be exercised in this task, for careful selections of the individuals to be used in the breeding pen is a most important step in raising the standard of production whether the final object in view be more eggs, improved plumage color and body type, or a better meat quality.

MOONSHINE BELIEVED CAUSE OF DEATH OF 6-YEAR OLD BOY.

Two youths were jailed in Huntsville, Ark., last week, accused of the "whiskey-slaying" of a 6-year-old boy.

Sheriff Virgil Weathers named the prisoners as Russell Beavers, 19, and Dennis Davidson, 17, and said that they were arrested on complaint of Inman Estep, father of the dead boy. Sheriff Weathers quoted Estep as saying that his son died a few hours after telling his parents he had been lured from his home and forced to drink about a half a pint of moonshine whiskey. The youths denied guilt and were

slated for a preliminary hearing Friday.

Bower Bird

The bower bird of Africa builds itself a bower, or covered avenue, of twigs and leaves, which it may use as a playground or a salon for courtship display. One species even goes so far as to lay down a "pavement" of bits of bone, shell and stone. Some of these bowers are over a yard in length.

Italians in Argentina

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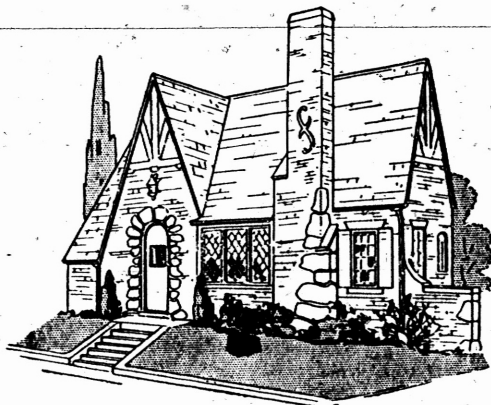
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