

thought to the placing of the studs and bracing.

The prevalence of this light form of construction, which requires no foundation except a few posts, is the cause, no doubt, of the idea that a bungalow is a cheap type of dwelling, though as has been already stated this is not so for permanent buildings.

The architectural styles employed are as varied, if not more so, than the materials themselves, and range from that of the Swiss chalet or Japanese pagoda to the modern development of the Colonial and Georgian types. Like every

other style of suburban or country dwelling, the setting is most important from the standpoint of external beauty, let the style be what it may.

I think with another writer, that the charm the bungalow holds for most of us is not perhaps due to either its beauty, its convenience or its little cost, but to the fact that the great majority of us have deep rooted somewhere in us the desire for a simpler and less artificial form of living, and it is to this vague longing the popularity of the little rough-built house known as the bungalow is due.

Pure-Bred Poultry for the Country Home

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THE magnitude of the Poultry Industry especially in America and particularly in Canada, is little realized by those not connected with it. There are two sides to this great industry, the exhibition side and the utility side. Although the two can be combined it is principally the former we have to deal with in this article. The ideal is an exhibition fowl that will, as well as giving a good account of itself in the show pen, lay abundantly and lay eggs that will produce strong and vigorous progeny. That this can be done has been illustrated time and again by some of America's leading breeders; birds that have enviable show records have also high egg records.

The country home and small farm are ideal places to breed and raise exhibition poultry, the return is large, the investment small, and there is no known cultivation for an orchard or field as good as a flock of fowl. Their manure is acknowledged the best fertilizer that can be obtained, and a flock of poultry in an orchard will do wonders in keeping your trees free from insects.

What is nicer or more beautiful in the orchard, on the lawn or in the field of a country home than a flock of pure-bred poultry; the stately light Brahmas with their white bodies, black hackle, wings and tail, or that popular bird of curves, the White Wyandotte, or the more oblong Rock, or coming to the lighter breeds, the sprightly Leghorn? There is variety and colour enough to suit every one's taste and purpose, blacks, buffs, whites, reds and parti-colours, in almost any breed with single or rose combs. You can choose whichever pleases you the most. Milady's milliner or costumer never showed a more choice or varied assortment of colours, shades and textures, dear to the heart of every one of the gentler sex, than can be seen in any of our big present-day poultry shows.

How nice it is to have a nice fresh egg every morning, one that was laid only the day before, right in your own hen house, from birds fed on the cleanest of food, and how nice birds raised on your own place taste when placed on your table, fresh and plump; for no better use can be found for some of the least valuable of the surplus stock than this.

Then there is the fascination of breeding your poultry to a certain standard of perfection; eliminating by careful mating year after year the bad faults, and strengthening the good ones, and how proud a man feels when the bird he has bred and fitted with care and study wins a prize at one of our leading shows in competition with the best in the land.

There is always a bigger demand for pure-bred poultry than the supply can cater to, and this demand is increasing every year in a much greater proportion than is the supply. Prices are steadily on the increase, and there are big profits in pure-bred poultry.

Breeds and Varieties.

All breeds that we refer to in the following paragraphs are recognized by the American Poultry Association in their American Standard of Perfection. These are the only ones we will touch. There are seven big divisions, and each breed comes under one division. There are the Asiatics, under which heading come the Cochins, Langshans and Brahmas; English embracing all Orpingtons, Redcaps and Dorkings; Mediterranean divided into Leghorns, Minorcas, Span-

ish, Andalusians and Anconas. American, under which come Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Javas, Dominiques, Rhode Island Reds and Buckeyes; French, which include La Fleche, Creve Coeur and Houdans; Orientals, which take in Cornish, Sumatras and Malays. Then there are Games and Polish coming under separate heads. Each of these breeds is divided into varieties according to colour, comb or both, but space will not allow us to go into further details here. Naturally the question will be asked, "Out of all these breeds and varieties which am I to choose?" That depends on what you want it for, for the ordinary country home, I would recommend one of the heavier breeds, such as the Wyandotte, Rock, Rhode Island Red, Orpington or Minorca. These are all good, popular breeds, and do not need the close confinement of the lighter Leghorns, Hamburgs, Anconas, etc. We have named here a few of the more popular breeds. Every breed has its own admirers, and deservedly so.

Care.

There are two ways to start in breeding exhibition poultry. By buying stock or by buying eggs for hatching. The former we like the better, and a pen of birds from a reputable and responsible breeder is worth any extra outlay it may take. The summer care of the birds on a country home would be small as the birds would have plenty of range. The houses should be kept sweet and clean, grit, shell and clean cold water accessible to the birds at all times, and a balanced ration fed regularly.

The most satisfactory houses are the least expensive. Houses with curtain or partly curtain fronts are found to give the best satisfaction. The birds do not require heat in winter, and even in our cold Northwest these "open front" houses have been found satisfactory. "Fresh air in abundance, but no dampness or draughts" should be your motto in winter.

Exhibiting and Selling Stock.

The art of fitting poultry for the show pen is one of fascination, careful selection, and one that takes time and attention. Taking a bird in the rough from the pen, how gratifying it is to see it gradually round into show shape, and what is more beautiful than a good bird in perfect show condition? Space will not permit us to give even a brief synopsis of how to prepare a bird for the show pen. A visit to some of our largest shows will give you an idea of how much condition means in a show bird.

As we previously stated there is never any difficulty in disposing of pure-bred stock. No better advertisement can be obtained by a breeder than a good show record. This and an advertisement in a good poultry paper is all that is necessary to sell and to sell at a good profit. Among our largest Canadian shows are the Western Ontario held at Guelph in connection with the Winter Fair Fat Stock Show. This is recognized as Canada's premier show, and has an entry of over 5,000 birds. A bird that can win at this show is considered one of the best in America. Then we have the Eastern Ontario held in Ottawa in connection with the Eastern Ontario Fat Stock Show. After these in importance come the fall shows held in connection with the annual fairs at Winnipeg, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, London, Sherbrooke and many other places. Besides these every winter we



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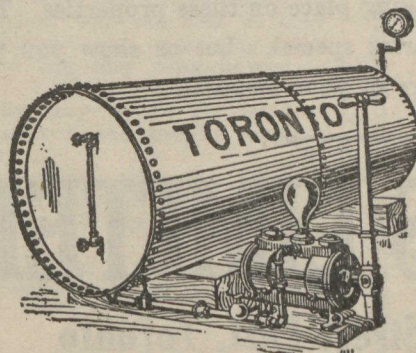


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