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ation as many eggs as possible should be hatched. Every breeder who has good fertile eggs for sale should good fertile eggs for sale should make an effort to place them in the hands of those who will have them hatched rather than send them to market.—Dominion Department of

Animal Matter For Fowls

HE oldest works on the subject of poultry recommend feeding animal matter in some form. But animal matter in some torm. Out it is only in recent years that feeding green bone became popular. Up un-til about 1889, winter egg production was not such a feature, great as the demand was, for the reason that there seemed no possible way of getting the hens down to solid work. There was an improvement, however, when better houses, better feeding, and bet-ter care were employed; but still the supply was meagre considering the output at the present day.

The subject of food finally became a serious study, resulting in a conclusion that more animal food must be placed on the bill of fare. But how to furnish it economically did not manifest itself until in 1889, when R. W. Mann invented and placed on the market a crude machine, but, never-theless, the initiative of the present high-class green bone cutters now the market. As stated, this was the original bone cutter, and it is a matter of poultry history that the term "bone cutter" was actually coined by Mr. Mann.

According to an analysis by Pro-fessor James E. Rice, the nutritive value of green bone is 1:5.3, which is greater than any other form of meat—meat scrap, dried blood, dried fish or animal meal.

A Choice of Foods

Hens are worm and insect hunters, and where they do not have range must be supplied a substitute in some form. Particularly in summer, the handlest meat food is meat so ap and meat meal, many brands of which are on the market. Green bone is better for fall, winter and early spring use. It is safe to feed in an egg ration one-tenth to one-fifth by weight of meat in the total ration, the quantity varying with the richness of the meat and other foods used. It is best to mix the meat in the meal feed. But in the case of green cut bone it is more sat-isfactory to feed in troughs, allowing a pound of green bone for every 16 fowls, or, an ounce per head.

The animal foods the fowls gather

while on free range are usually high in percentage of nitrogenous matter and not a large proportion of fat. Many of the artificial foods, excepting such as dried blood and skim milk, contain usually, besides the Nitrogenous matter, a high percentage of fat, which is not especially desired in compounding the ration. For instance, both earth worms and grasshoppers contain near-10 times as much protein as fat, while ordinary fresh cut bone contains about equal amounts of protein and

Mistakes have been made in feeding green bone in giving too liberal a quantity. An excess will produce ag-gravated dia rhoea and worms, and a too liberal supply of meat scrap is apt to cause an overfat condition of the fowls.

It may be possible to have poultry live without any animal matter, but for profit and thrift it is necessary that they receive a certain per cent. of meat in the daily bill of fare, especially when they are confined to runs, or to houses in winter .-- M. K. B.

It is a common practice to yard the poultry closely from seeding till the grain gets a start. When so yarded the fowl should have an amply supply of green food—mangels, etc.,—and animal matter—meat, milk of dried blood.

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