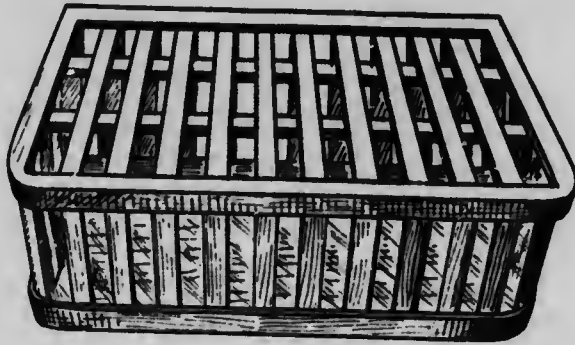


MARKETS

In visiting our principal city markets it is observed that the meat consumer is always ready for the producer.

The rabbit already holds a more considerable place than would be thought in our commerce and diet. Hence the breeder generally secures good prices from butchers, cooperative societies and other meat dealers, especially in the sale of live rabbits. It is not unusual to realize a profit equal to half the price of sale.



Basket for carrying breeding or market rabbits.

The principal fur merchants and manufacturers are more and more on the lookout for well dressed rabbit skins. With the exception of the skins of rabbits killed in moulting time, late autumn or winter skins take the highest prices. At present they are worth 30 to 75 cents.

As for Angora rabbit skins, we hardly know of any purchasers, since their breeding is very little spread in this country. However hat and wool manufacturers would willingly buy this product which is already utilized in the manufacture of gloves, scarfs and fancy shawls.

There never has been a more favourable time for the sale of pure-bred rabbits for breeding purposes. Many are the beginners who are imposed upon and pay exorbitant prices for animals of little value. As far as meat production is concerned, there is scarcely more profit to be derived from over expensive breeding rabbits.

Leaving aside connoisseurs whose ambition is rewarded by certain specialists in the raising of exhibition animals, sold at from \$10.00 to \$25.00 a pair, we would not advise a beginner to start raising rabbits for the market with such heavy disbursements. A good pair of rabbits should be purchased for three or four dollars.