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The changeable, and at times hard winters we have been having, is a severe blow to the health of fowls. It is easy for them to catch colds, and the wide-awake poulterer is kept conroup is not heard so much now as formerly, and this is due, we firmly believe, to the poultryman grasping the fact that the more we keep our noultry to fresh air conditions, the hardier will they become.

It is claimed that the Commission ambants of New York City handle merchants of New York City handle 1,274,000,000 eggs every year. This makes New York the greatest egg-consuming city in the United States. One commission merchant who had an idle hour, got down to figuring. He learned that the hens of the United States lay about 15,523,949,196 eggs ed States lay about 15,523,549,179 eggs every year, and the egg measures about two inches in length. If all the eggs laid were placed end to end, the line would extend 4,923 miles— a line times the distance from New York City to Jacksonville, Florida; or it would go away out to San Francisco and start back to New York again.

No one can foretell the sex chicks while still in the egg. But it is known that eggs collected in the early part of the season will predominate in males; also, when a cock had only a very limited number of hens only a very limited number of hens to fertilize. The reason is that the cock in spring is in his full vigor, but hecomes less vigorous as the season advances. If the male parent is old and the females young more hens than cocks will be had; the contray is true if the cock is young and the hons old. As to the shape of the eggs hens old. As to the shape of the eggs it varies according to the age of the layers; thus, the ages of pullots are smaller and more pointed than those of old hens. Long and pointed egg do not give any more males than round ones. Some say that the egg round ones. Some say that the egg produces a cock if its crown or air space is horizontal, a hen if it is oblique, that is, slanting. In our experience we have not found such results.—M. K. B.

### Dried Eggs in England

THE high cost of eggs in England has led to the birth c. quite a new big business in dried eggs and eggs in solution. One large firm selling dried eggs has undertaken an extensive advertising campaign to push these eggs upon the attention of

retailers, who is their turn are being enabled by other advertising matter to attract their customers to the

The dried eggs which they advertise are entirely soluble and take up the water like a lump of sugar and thus water like a lump of sugar and thus give the perfect creamy liquid of a beaten shell egg ready for instant use on mixing. Dried eggs are no longer to be regarded as war food; they have come to stay. This firm predicts that in the near future the properly dried eggs will have become one of the very largest used and most important of

#### Turkeys and Their Management

URKEYS require a wide range as they do not endure confine-ment, being as yet rather wild in their habits, preferring to seek their feed in the fields than to stand around the farmyard. Where they can have the run of a farm they re-quire but little feed after they are a few weeks old until it is time to fit thom for market.

They should be fed a little grain each evening to keep them in the habit of coming home to sleep, yet this is not always effective, as they will not come home very regularly at the season when grasshoppers or other natural feed is abundant.

After the young turkeys, which are called "poults," are hatched, they should be kept for several days in a on to which is attached a small run. This should be ast on dry ground, and the sleeping part should have a board floor. Move the coop and run frequently, so the little poults can get at fresh grass. Protect them of the sun if the weather is at all warm, as they cannot endure direct sunshine when very young.

The poults may be fed bread which has been soaked in sweet milk and pressed as dry as possible by squeezng in the hand. A little fine grit and finely cracked oats, wheat and corn make good feeds for them. They like young onion tops cut fine, and these of pure water at all times. Good general thing, copy nature as nearly as possible, never giving really wet feed. The wild poult is a seed and grass eater, and there is no advantage in trying to change its habite of feeding when we raise it in the farm-Do not overfeed young tur-This is very easily done and leads to trouble. Feed them often, but never more than they will eat with a good appetite.

Place finely-broken charcoal where they can get it at any time. prevents bowel trouble. As the poults grow give them coarser feed and allow them to run about the place. soon as the young begin to show the characteristic red caruncles on the neck they are safe. This is called "shooting the red," and as soon as the poult begins to shoot the red the owner need not worry about keeping it protected any longer. It will then endure any kind of weather. Turkeys do best when they sleep out of doors or under an open shot, protected from the coldest winds. They are perfectly hardy and withstand the severest weather and do perfectly well. If they are kept in close houses they are likely to become diseased and lose their hardiness.

In the fall begin feeding grain to the turkeys in largar quantities, and towards the time they are to be mar-keted give them all they will eat Corn is a good fathener for turkeys. It makes the flesh sweet and tender, and puts a finish on the body that gives a numer on the body that gives it a very attractive appearance in the market. Wheat gives a fine, firm fleshing, but its feeding is now probabited by law.



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