## The Poultry Yard. DRESSING TURKEYS.

Turkeys intended for markets should be penned up without food for 24 hours before killing to insure their crops be-ing empty. Give them all the clean water they will drink. Always kill the fowls by sticking in the roof of the mouth, and be sure that they bleed freely; if they do not the flesh will have a realish time and will not be sure as freely; if they do not the flesh will have a reddish tinge and will not keep well. Different markets require different modes of dressing. Some require them dry picked, undrawn, heads and feet on, others wish them scalded, the entrails drawn and the heads and feet off. Inquiries should always be made beforeband of the firm to which you expect to ship, as to the manner they wish them dressed.

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For scalding, have the water as near the boiling point as possible, without actually boiling. Hold the fowl by legs and head and quickly immerse three times, holding under the water for only a second. Do not allow the head to touch the heat water, as a will become discolored and give the fowl the appearance of having been sick. Pick carefully so as not to tear the skin or bruis in any way. After picking, hold in

ance of having been sick. Pick carefully so as not to tear the skin or bruiss in any way, after picking, hold in water near the boiling point long enough to count 10, this pilumps and cleanses them, then dap in ice cold water and hang up in a cool place out of drafts until thoroughly cooled out, for if packed with any of the animal heat left in they are aimest sure to spoil. Never allow them to freeze, this greatly injures their market value.

Dry-picked turkeys usually sell best in most markets. Pry packing is not the difficult task many consider it if rightly managed. It is easily and quickly done if picked at once while the body is still warm. The skin is not so apit to be broken or the flesh bruised as when picking those that have been scalded. In packing, he careful to assort the fowls properly and place all of the same grade together, putting the toms or any not looking so nice in boxes by themselves. Place together the hen turkeys, which always have rounder, plumper bodies than the toms, and to sell well the packages should always be of uniform quality.—[C. H. Bennett.

### CULLING THE WINTER FLOCK.

Reject all hens that have not proved good layers during the preceding year, also those which in spite of everything you can do will go to brooding after

laying a few eggs.
Surplus males and pullets that ar Surplus males and pullets that arlate, undersized or in any way undesirable to keep over for layers, are
all useless expense and should be marketed at once. One winter, owing to an
overcrowded condition of the market
and consequent low prices, we kept
our surplus fowls until February,
However, we found out our mistake
when too late, for they brought to
higher price than we could have obtained in tet and Nov. It sides our
layers were crowded and of course did
not do their best, causing a reduction
in the egg supply, right at the time
when they were bringing best prices.
This taught us a dear lesson and an
objectionable fowls are marketed early
before severe weather sets in. It pays
much better to have a small flock of
choice, selected layers than double the
number, consisting of all ages, sizes
and breeds.

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The flocks should be uniform in all respects, both as to size and other qualities. Small hens like the Leghorn will not thrive with the heavier breeds such as the Cochin and Brahma. Hens

which do not molt until cold weather sets in are not apt to commence laying until the following spring, and should be culled out of the flock intended for winter layers.—[Mrs C. H. Bennett, Montgomery Co, Va.

Prevents Frozen Combs-Such breeds as the Leghorns, Minorcus and some



as the Leghorns. Minorcas and some others have such large combs and wattles that there is much danger in watering them in winter from open dishes. They wet these head appendages, then become chilled and many times frozen. A destructive for avoiding this is shown in the cut. A dish, whose sides do not flare at all, is fitted with a circular plece of board that will loosely fit inside. In this board are four or more small round openings, through which the fowls can thrust their beaks but not their combs or wattles. As the water is consumed the board falls, bringing the surface always within reach.

To Fatten Poultry Quickly—The following directions are sold by a con-cern which advertises them as a cern which advertises them as a method to fatten poultry, especially turkeys, in "four or five days." Bolled the is the standard remedy for bowel troubles of turkeys, but as a regular fattening ration would prove expensive compared with corn, Sometimes slightly damaged rice can be bought cheap. "Set the over the fire with skimmed milk, only as much as will serve once Let it boil until the rice is quite swelled out, you may add a teaspoonful or two of sugar, but it will do well without. Feed them three times a day in common pans, give them only as much as will quite fill them at once."

\$5000 in Prizes for a money-in-poultry contest! Whew! That's about what the "old reliable" American Agriculturist 62 Lafayette place. New York) announces for 1900. Drop it a postal for particulars. Certainly every one engaged in poultry raising ought to get in on this deal.

Skimmilk is the best substitute for meat food at this season.

Winter Pasture-If possible have a patch of crimson clover or rye to furnish pasture and when the ground is free from snow and frest allow fowls free range,—[Mary Gordon, Va.

Variety—A hen appreciates a variety of feed as well as a man. Variety costs no more than one article all the time and it pays.

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Water Glass Solution can be used the same as lime water, adding 10 parts water and jouring it over the eggs, leaving them in the salution. It is not much, if any, better than 'ime water and costs somewhat more. i <del>de la cue la la cue la cue la cue</del>l FHENS

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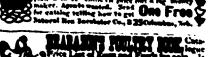
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