OUR NEW POULTRY HOUSE.

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WE have just completed our new hen house, built especially for winter layers. Will give a brief description of it as some of my readers may be interested in such a house.

It is 12x24, divided in two 12x12 pens, has comb roof, is six feet high at sides, and boarded up and

er, especially on windy days, this canvas may let in a good bit of cold, but we reasoned it out that a hen is naturally a fresh air animal, and very seldom if ever freezes her comb in the day time, no matter how severe the weather. This being the case, if roosting place is made warm we think the canvas will be a decided benefit to the fowls' health.

Roosting places are made as follows: First, paper is put on size

and are hinged to wall, and can be raised for convenience in cleaning. Over the roosts high enough for the fowls we have exhibition coops placed on a portable fixture that can be easily removed in warm weather. This not only makes roost warmer, but these coops are very convenient for carrying over surplus cockerels, as we often want to separate some of the best birds for special purposes. One end of roost is boarded up, leaving one



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down. The outside is covered with building paper, then shingled. Have three windows, two in south side and one in west end. On the south side between windows instead of boards we have bran sacks securely fastened on outside and inside, with an air space between. This, while admitting sunlight and fresh air, does not let in snow or rain. To keep out thieves we placed wire netting over the cauvas on the outside; in severe cold weath-

of roosts wanted, then lined with inch boards, which makes building where roots are, first, one inch boards, then paper, then one inch boards, then paper, over which are shingles, making it impossible for air to get through. Droppings boards are two feet from floor, giving ample room for scratching. Roosts are made of shingling lath as follows: Two pieces two-thirds as long as platform is wide. The short pieces run back against wall,

end and front open, but even these can be closed, or partially so, by fastening up a piece of canvas or carpet. The internal arrangement

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