

A. That seems to be less material nowadays than it was heretofore, because by this hopper system of feeding the hens help themselves. I am reminded of another experience which I have noted in last year's report, viz., that fowls are disinclined to exercise in cold weather.

By Mr. Henderson:

Q. I am afraid you have gone back on your theories of some four or five years ago?

A. I am afraid I have if changes in methods necessitate my changing with them.

Q. I have been instructing the women in my county in your methods and your ideas about not allowing the cockerels to run with laying hens, giving the hens lots of exercise, and all that sort of thing, and now I shall have to go back and tell them differently?

A. No, I would not like you to do so, because old methods are not entirely abandoned, but improved upon. A moderate amount of exercise is beneficial, but it is quite possible to have too much of even a good thing.

KEEPING TURKEYS.

By Mr. Blain:

Q. Do you raise any turkeys at the experimental farm?

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. We have not room, to begin with. We have only two acres, but I should like to have 20. But I presume it is not convenient to give us the latter space.

Q. But the turkey industry is a very profitable one?

A. Yes, I am aware of that.

By Mr. Telford:

Q. What quantity of land should 50 hens have in the summer time?

A. I would allow them one-eighth of an acre, if I could. For a free run, do you mean?

Q. Yes?

A. And when confined inside they should be allowed no less than six or seven square feet of floor space each.

Q. Is this mentioned in the evidence which you are going to give us?

A. I think it is. I think all these points are included in the evidence which I have prepared for this morning.

By Mr. Clements:

Q. You have never raised any turkeys on the farm at all?

A. No. We cannot successfully raise turkeys on limited ground. These birds are foragers.

By Mr. Henderson:

Q. They are wanderers?

A. Yes.

Q. You need several acres for them?

A. They are really foragers.