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mixed one quarter of a bushel of lime, five pounds sulphur, and one half ounce carbolic acid. This mixture does not help lice along at all, it seems.

In each pen are nailed to the front wall two self-feeding boxes for grit and oyster shells. (I give charcoal to chicks till they are about three months old, then discontinue it.) There is also a small rope hung to ceiling, in middle of pen; a slip knot at lower end of rope is used to hold cabbage, turnips, boiled meat, sometimes, etc.

The partitions between pens are made out of boards, for the lower two feet, to keep cocks from fighting through wire netting, and then wire netting up to the ceiling. Along these partitions are the dropping boards: these are hinged to the partition at a height of eight inches from the floor, are lowered every night, also cleaned and hung up every morning. The dropping boards are made out of matched and planed lumber, are 6 x 3 feet, and are sprinkled over with land plaster every night. Two small feet, eight inches long, hold them up when on the floor. The roosts are made out of four-inch round pieces which have been split lengthwise; they are sixteen inches apart and held together by two pieces of same stuff, which were cut to a point and nailed at the ends. Four legs eight inches long hold the roosts on the droppings' boards, over which they stand like a table does on the floor. This roost frame, if I may call it so, is hung on the short legs of the dropping boards after these are hung up themselves. The whole thing is a great deal neater when up than a person would think so, and partly shuts the pens from one another. The excess of labor in lifting and lowering dropping boards is more than repaid, I claim, by its many advantages. With this system, the dropping boards have to be cleansed every day; the roosts are low, and

there are no bumble feet; all the floor space is made available.

The pens are nine feet wide and are separated from the passage as follows: At one corner is a door, small frame with two-inch wire netting, this is three feet wide. The other six feet are made up as follows, starting from the floor up. First, a row of three-quarter-inch wooden bars twenty inches long, with two inches space between, so that birds can pass their heads through to eat in a trough which is in the alley way. Over these bars, there are twenty-eight inches of boards, the lower eighteen of which are hinged to the upper ten which are nailed fast; this is a panel which is lifted up and held by hook, when eggs are taken out of nests. Then I have two feet of wire netting which makes up the six feet, height of the pens to the ceiling.

The nests are along the passage on a platform 6 x 2 feet. The legs holding this platform up have been nailed to the posts along alley way, so that no floor space is taken up by them. This platform is twenty inches from floor, and the hens stand under them when eating in the troughs. I have slanting cover of one half-inch boards over nests, and two boards nailed up on the inside part of platform, so that the birds can only come in by the end. Trap nests with sliding doors are used exclusively; I have all fronts of nests made like a door, with hinges and hook to keep shut. Instead of lifting up cover to take out the hen, I open the door of nest, which is all the front, and get her that way.

The water is given in galvanized sheet-iron pans, 18 x 6 x 6 inches, these are placed in one corner of the pen under the nest platform on a shelf six inches from the floor. Three of the small wooden bars were cut just so that I take the drinking vessels out from alley way. They are washed every day. I shall put a board with one-inch holes into it over the water next winter, and keep wattles and combs from getting wet and perhaps frozen.

The space between roof and ceiling of pens is divided into twenty-four small pens 3 x 4½. These will be used for cockerels, spare cocks, hospital, setting hens, and breaking up broody females.

The yards, into each of which leads a door three feet wide, are divided by three feet of boards from the

ground and then six feet of two-inch wire netting.

There is nothing new in this laying house, but I have combined good points of different plans. It would be hard, I think, to find anything much better than this for comfort, and at the same time taking so little work to be attended to. Windows, and doors are shut from passage; eggs are gathered and hens feed from passage; mash and water is given from passage; dropping boards are cleaned, lifted and lowered from passage.

I would be pleased to have opinion of some of the readers of your valuable paper, as to changes that could be made to better my laying house, which I consider a pretty good one.

## TORONTO POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was held on August 23rd. with the first vice-president, Mr. Wolfe in the chair.

A letter from Mr. Collins, of Peterboro, relative to the meeting of poultry associations during the fair week was read, and it was decided that the Toronto Association would support the movement and endeavor to see if some steps cannot be taken to secure grants for local associations to assist them in holding annual shows.

A letter from the Secretary of the Ontario Poultry Association in reference to the Walker Cup was read. On motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Bennet it was decided to hand over the Bertram Cup to Mr. Miller of London, and a committee of three (Messrs. Chambers, Bennet and Wolfe) was appointed to interview Mr. McNeil during the Industrial Exhibition with reference to the Walker Cup.

On motion of Mr. Bennet seconded by Mr. Pearson it was decided to hold a show during the coming winter.

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned until the regular meeting night in October.

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