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Farm Poultry with the Results of Some Experiments in Poultry Houses and Fattening Chickens

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This bulletin is intended to give information to farmers and others on general matters pertaining to the keeping of poultry.

It also contains the results of a few experiments which have been conducted at this institution on various matters pertaining to poultry.

CONSTRUCTION OF POULTRY HOUSES

We find poultry thriving and yielding good returns in so many different styles of houses, that it is very difficult to lay down any hard and fast rules. The tendency at the present time is towards cheaper houses, with better ventilation. The hot-house style of housing poultry during the winter has not been satisfactory, many houses being damp, and the air in them anything but agreeable. Disease has been quite common; and results in many cases have been disappointing.

Every poultry house should be light; at least one-third of the south side should be of glass, or otherwise opened to the sun. It should face the south-east or south. The sun's rays are very beneficial to fowls, especially during the winter months.

COLLEGE POULTRY HOUSES.

For a number of years we have been trying various styles of house. The first houses constructed were well built, tight and warm. They were fitted with stoves or hot water pipes, so that the fowls could be kept at a comfortable temperature. This plan was not satisfactory;