

profit per hen is a safer estimate when only farm poultry is kept. Something, of course, depends on the price of poultry food and the poultry market in the locality where the breeder lives. At the prevailing price of all grains, it is going to be a doubtful matter whether any profit will be made at all for the next four months.

With fancy poultry, the situation is quite different. The term "fancy poultry" may not appeal to a great many. It savors too much of prettiness without usefulness, style without utility. Such is not the case. I will admit that there are many breeds of fancy fowl that are more ornamental than useful. There are, also, many breeds that are eminently practical, such as the Wyandotte, Plymouth Rock, Orpington and Leghorn. With the same care as given to nondescripts, the females of the breeds mentioned will lay just as well; the males will make better table birds and the breeder knows where he is at. If he wants a hen weighing about six pounds, he chooses the Wyandotte; seven

pounds, either Rocks or Orpingtons will do; or, if a laying machine is required, the Leghorn. The fact is, that where pure-breds are kept, more care is given and there is, consequently, better returns, for the owner is justly proud of his fine stock and leaves nothing undone that will add to their well-being.

The sources of revenue are two or three times greater than from farm poultry. There is no reason, if careful selection of the layers is made, why the egg returns should not be as large the season through from pure-breds as from any other fowls. There is the winter egg revenue and then, in April, May and June, the months when eggs are more plentiful and cheapest for table, there is the revenue from the sale of eggs for hatching, the average price of which is \$2 per 13 in this province, the price being regulated by the quality of the stock. Again, in the autumn, when ordinary cockerels are sold dressed at 80 cents to \$1 a pair, \$1 up may readily be

obtained for good cockerels which are fair specimens of the breed to which they belong.

To become properly established in the production of fancy poultry, will require perhaps a little more outlay at the beginning. Good, high-class breeding stock should be procured. Handle one breed at first and make a careful study of it and show your stock at the best shows. This gives an opportunity to compare your stock with that of other breeders. It is the only way to obtain expert knowledge of the show points of your birds. If prizes are won, it will give your stock a good standing and good advertising. When business begins to come in treat customers honestly and generously and success is assured.

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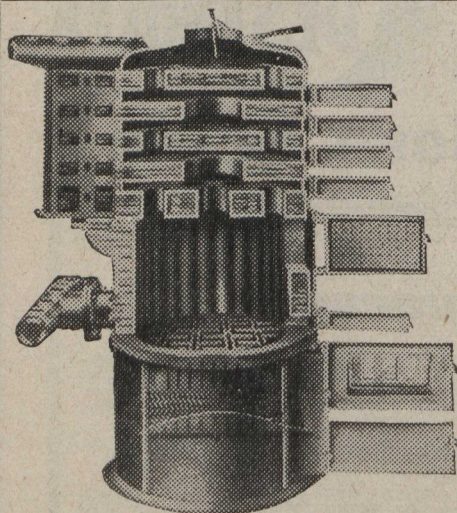
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