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poultry raising for feathers but for market. Perhaps the best refutation to their argument may be found in the experience of Canadian poultry raisers. It may be epitomized as follows:

About 10 years ago the Canadian government sought to develop an export trade in poultry, the market being England. The business developed rapidly in both live and dressed fowls and in eggs. During the year 1902 the value of the exports amounted to more than \$2,000,000, but by 1905 there had been a decrease to about \$750,000, and by 1910 the exports had disappeared entirely. Last year there was no export either.

The reason for this is not that the quality had been deficient, because under the careful teachings of the government's experts, the quality had not only been raised to meet the British standard, but had continually improved during the decade. The real reason for the falling off is that the improved quality created a demand in the home markets of Canada, which even now are not, as a rule, over supplied. When there are good prices, there is no reason for developing a foreign market.

Here is a clear case of success which

The Child and the Hen

By A. G. Philips

In order to show what a club can do in a small school, a particular case in a very small Western country school will be cited. A poultry enthusiast who lived close to a small school, which was taught by a city girl, was much interested in its success. He believed that agriculture in some branch should be placed on a respectable footing in every school.

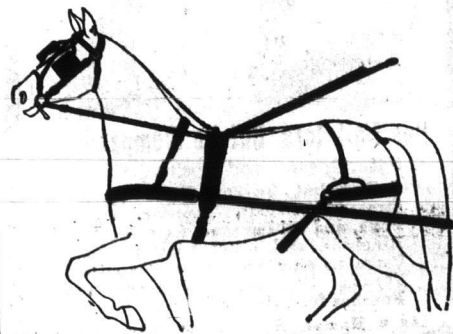
One evening six of the oldest children were invited to his home, accompanied by the teacher. They all had a jolly time and ended the fun by agreeing to build a poultry house in the schoolyard, provided the farmer would furnish the lumber and superintend the work. Since three of this small crowd were girls, the boys did all the work, and placed the house in the front schoolyard, not far from the schoolroom door.

When the house was built each child brought a hen from home and placed it in the house. Each took turns feeding and keeping records for a week. At the end of six weeks the children became jealous of each other's ability to feed

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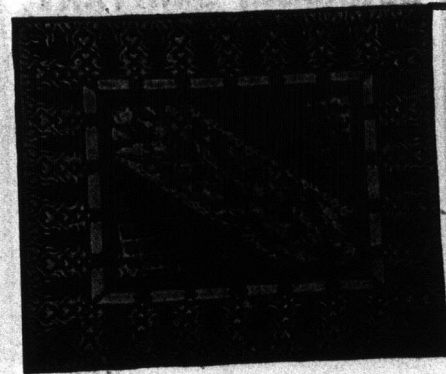
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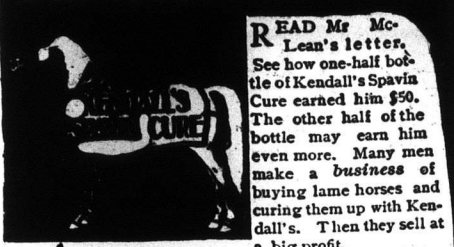
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points to probable success for American farmers who will adopt similar methods. There is good reason to believe that many of our cities will gladly take much larger quantities of poultry than they now consume, provided that poultry is of better quality than what consumers are now forced to take if they would have poultry at all. Even casual visits to the markets will show great quantities of inferior poultry which sells at low prices. Much of this poultry could be improved by proper methods of feeding and dressing, but large numbers of fowls are not worth this attention. They should be replaced by superior fowls.

There are plenty of breeds to choose from, but doubtless the ones most likely to prove satisfactory on farms are the various varieties of Plymouth Rock, Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red and Orpington. These are all large-sized fowls, good foragers, good mothers, and good layers. They are just the kind that every farmer should keep in preference to the scrub fowls still to be seen on many farms throughout the country.

Not only is the corn crop of the U.S. considerably greater than usual this season, but its quality is also above the average.

hens and so they suggested holding an egg-laying contest at their several homes. This seemed agreeable and a club was formed. Each member was to select six hens from the home flock and feed them for one month as he or she desired, making reports of all income and expense.

Rivalry was keen and the people in the community became interested. The township trustee and the county superintendent looked in that direction and wondered what was going on. All the children came to school every day, for they dared not miss anything during such exciting times. Prizes had been offered to the winners, and reports of the work had to be written and handed in to the teacher.

The final day was a great one, and that night all the neighborhood was to come out. The school house had no lights, so the farmers brought lamps and lanterns and lit up the room in great shape. The reports of the club members were made and speeches were given by an agricultural instructor and by local men. The township trustee and the county superintendent both visited the school on that day. How proud the children were of their school!

The club members had learned reading when they studied methods of feed-