

quently, unless hens have a plentiful supply they cannot lay. Gravel, pulverized eggshells, and oyster shells are also required. These things the hen must have to enable her to provide a shell for her egg.

Eggs are a result of health and thrift; and fresh air, clean water, varied food with plenty of range, are essential to the health and thrift of fowls.

Above all things, gather the eggs every day, twice a day if necessary; half the annoyance of stale eggs would be avoided if this rule were observed. Don't market eggs from a stolen-away nest as fresh-laid; they cannot possibly be so; leave them for home use. If you would have good-keeping eggs, don't allow the males to run with the hens. It ought not to be necessary to

add this, as so much has been said upon the subject, but so few carry out this rule. Precept upon precept, and line upon line, is the only way to impress these things upon one's mind.

MARGERY BROWN.

[It certainly does take a sledge hammer to drive into the heads of some people the benefit derived from keeping the males separate from the hens.—ED.]



Rose Comb White
Leghorn Cock.
Bred by Mr. W. J. Bell,
Angus.

STRAY FEATHERS

BONES fed to poultry should be ground while green or raw; if you burn them and then crush them you destroy the animal matter which they contain, and which is very nutritious and beneficial, provided it is fresh.

A POUND of poultry can be produced by the farmer as cheaply as a pound of beef, mutton, or pork, and there is no good reason why poultry should not be found very often on the farmer's table. It is just as profitable to eat the poultry and sell the pork, and a great deal more wholesome, for, as a people, we eat entirely too much pork for the general good. The most of the pork eaten is principally fat, and this does not add to the health and strength of the consumer nearly as much as the consumption of an equal amount of poultry.

IT is a progressive farmer who can succeed in

making one acre support a cow, and he is then perfectly satisfied with a profit of \$50 from her. If an acre of land can be made to yield any kind of crop that will pay a profit of \$50, the success attending such a result will be considered worthy of notice. Profit means, of course, all that portion of the gross receipts which remains after the full expenses are paid, and a profit of \$50 an acre is very large. It is easy to figure (on paper) the possibilities of an acre of land, but there are facts abundant to demonstrate that \$50 is but a small sum to derive from one acre of land devoted to poultry. It is rare to find a case where a large flock of poultry has been given the space of one acre that the hens did not pay well, although due credit is not always allowed for the "home" market, which calls for poultry and eggs, accounts not being kept with the family table.

A WOMAN is the best poultryman. On account of her inherited nature, she seems to be best adapted to the business. She is considered a success as a financier, and in conducting a large poultry business. At answering correspondence and doing hard work she may not be a success, but just give her a hen to set, or a hen with a lot of little chickens, and her apron stands her in good stead, and a man's hat stands no show whatever. When it comes to feed and care, putting them through pip, gapes, roup, cholera, and other ailments, she is at home. This is the position which she fills upon the field of chicken action, and we could not do without her at all.—*Poultry Tribune.*

Ground Bone: Oyster Shells.

Mrs. H. M., Fulton's Mills, Ont.: In your January issue I notice a description of "Egg Essentials," by "Bessie Brown." I wish to ask where, how, and at what cost I could procure a supply of ground dried meal, or ground dried fish, as mentioned in that article; also where and at what cost I could secure ground oyster shells.

ANS.—The best article to use is green cut bone. It would pay anyone who has two dozen hens to purchase a bone-cutter. I do not know where, in Canada, you can get ground dried fish. The Freeman Fertilizer Co., of Hamilton, one of our advertisers, formerly sold, I think, green cut bone and dried ground meal. Very likely they do so yet. You might write to them. J. A. Simmers, Toronto, another of our advertisers, sells ground oyster shells. The highest price the writer ever paid was \$2 per 100 lbs., but he has recently bought them for \$1.50 per 100 lbs.