

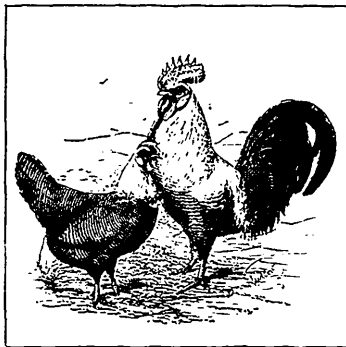
On & Around the Farm.

An Epitome of Expert Opinion and Interesting Facts Gathered
from Authoritative Sources.

General Notes.

Time to hatch.—Following are the number of days required for hatching eggs: Hen 21 days, swan 42, goose 35, turkey 28, peafowl 28, duck 28, pigeon 14, canary birds 14.

Seattle, Wash. The average weight of the lot was 1,750 lbs. They were bred in Illinois and Iowa and sold at very good figures, some as high as \$175. A pair brought \$375. The Northwestern road made especial arrangements for their speedy transportation over the 2,500 miles between here and their new home.



SILVER CAMPINES.

These fowls are the great egg-producing breed of Belgium. They resemble our Hamburgs except that they have single combs. They are remarkable layers, though at one time the eggs were very small, being not much more than 1½ oz. in weight. By careful selection they have been considerably improved, and now average over 2 oz. each. They are most suitable for sandy soils. The race is of the color gold and silver.

Coarse Sheep Not Desirable.—Large coarse boned ewes with big heads and thick necks seldom raise vigorous lambs. The best breeding ewe is a medium-sized animal of the breed in question.

A Notable Sale at the Chicago market recently was that of a consignment of dapple-gray Percheron geldings that went to a brewing establishment in

Pigs Should be Weaned when about eight weeks old. Give them plenty of good feed and slops and let them run on good clover pasture, if possible. With this kind of treatment their growth will not be checked.

Seeding After Peas and Oats is not difficult and a good catch of grass can be obtained. Do not fail to sow peas and oats on this account. At the proper time we will print the experience of a number of farmers who have been successful in sowing grass after peas and oats in July or August.

Good Sheep Pasture.—Clovers are excellent for sheep pastures and a mixture of the white, medium red, alsike clovers with some timothy can scarcely be improved upon. Provide pure fresh water in the pasture, and have some soiling crop, as rape, peas or oats on hand, so that any shortage of pasture may be bridged over.

The American Winter Wheat Crop.—The April report of the Department of Agriculture puts the condition of the winter wheat crop of the United States at 77.9 per cent. of a full crop condition, as compared with 86 for April 1898. Since this report was made up further damage by freezing and thawing has been done to the crop.