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POULTRY YARD

Woman Manages Large Flock

Bessie M. Main, Victoria Co., Ont. Jessie M. Main, Victoria Co., Ont. I have charge of 200 laying hens, which are divided off in lots of 13 birds to a pen. During the season just past I have hatched 673 chickens, 500 of which were hatched by the nat-ural means-by hens-the rest being brought out with an incubator. We have but two breeds of poultry, these being White Wyandottes and Barred Poulty. Poeks

In getting winter eggs the secret is to look after the hens and to feed them well. Have them always pro-vided with fresh air and keep them clean. One must not be careless with poultry, else returns will not be

scattered over each floor and a foot of straw is placed on top. The morning feed in winter con-

of straw is piaceo on top. The morning feed in winter con-dists of a mixture of oats and wheat, threwn in the straw, after which the straw is well shaken. The chickens arcsisus provided with plenty of ex-tractions funding their food. In the focenco finding their food, in the focenco finding their food, and the fore frame, and the strain a beiled mixture of grain and posistons and table refuse: when all is holded well together I thicken it with aborts. Ta's night feed is composed of bran, oat chop, corn meal and shorts holed, with a quantity of ground bone added. All water (basins are filled each

added. All water ibasins are filled each morning with fresh separated milk. When water is supplied the chill is first taken off. Plenty of grit, ovster shell and charceal is kept in amall tin hopper-feeding boxes, placed in each pen

the pointry, else returns will not be each pen. When practicing this style of feed-ber chickens are never kept after their third year, all being killed off in winter. I always make sure to have she slightly over two years old. In tho mashes thick and well mixed to order to make sure that no old hens' gether. When the mating season

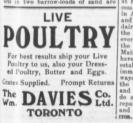
Part of a Large Hennery of which a Woman has Charge

This illustration shows a part of one of the long poultry houses at Lady Kekenic's dairy. Miss Main, who has charge of the dairying and poultry, and who contributes an article on this page, may be seen as ahe was feeding her white Wyandottes. -Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

while wyandottes. -Vhoto by an entor of Farm and Dary. le kort I have each one marked with a leghand. For the fint year a hand is placed. For the fint year a hand is placed on the right leg of each of the very best of results during the hatching season from the above feed-the very best of results during the hatching season from the above feed-the very best of results during the hatching season from the above feed-the very best of results during the hatching season from the above feed-the very best of results during the hatching season from the above feed-make killed, while the rules of that year he band is taken off all heses we killed, while the rules of that har killed, while the very best of results and the season best her right legs. By following out his avstem I know the age of all of the hens, and I kill hem off in the hird year. Then we have only young after the third year, since after henn fire the third year, since after henn the hor year of seak pen, and a paind the heat way for an and and are placed in the foor of each pen, and a spind to the foor of each pen, and as paind the heat way for the season the tro barrows of fresh sand are placed in the foor of each pen, and a spind the fire the heat way for mand here in the paine the heat way for the season the paine the heat way for the season the the heat way for matching is kept the third year, and a paint the troo the of or of each pen, and a paint the theat way for the heat and pen the paine the third year is a pen the provide the the the heat and the the the pen the pen the pen the pen the the there the heat the the pen the pen the pen the the there the heat the the pen the pen the pen the pen the the the pen the the pen the pen the pen the pen the the the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the the the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the the pen the the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the pen the the the pen the pen the pen t reach that time they are not profit-

After these points have been tailed to I consider the main thing about successful poultry keeping is to keep everything sweet and elean about the poultry house and to keep the poultry free from vermin. The pens in which our laying hens

are housed are each 12x12 and are in long continuous houses 6 ft. 10 inches high. The pens have coment foors and straw lofts. When winter sets in two barrow-loads of sand are



lect my eggs for natening. The latter part of April I clean out all the straw and and from the pens and scrub each pen from top to bot-tom thoroughly, then all about the roost boards I whitewash with lime. Two barrows of fresh sand are placed on the floor of each pen, and a pail of and is placed on each roost hoard. The news reak thick all sum-The pens are kept like this all sum mer

First thing every morning the roost boards are cleaned. They are sanded twice a week and the floors are raked once a week. I keep the nest shor-oughly clean by putting fresh straw in often.

In otten. Norm.—Miss Main has charge of Ladv McKenzie's dairy and poultry at Kirkfield. It is wonderful the suc-cess she has made of her work. Early in August one of the editors of Parm and Dairy visited Lady McKenzie's dairy and was much impressed with the extraordinary fine appearance of everything about the dairy and about everything about the dairy and about the henneries, both of which Miss Main has charge of. Never before Main has charge of. Never before have we seen things around a poultry establishment in such splendid and immaculate shape. The public are al-ways welcome to risit the dairy and the heuneries at Kirkfeld. Farmers to be a such that the second second do so may loo find it convenient to do so may loo find it convenient to do so may loo find it convenient to may only the second second second repaid by imspecting the heuneries and "The Dairy" at Kirkfeld .- Exp. 1998.



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