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SECRETED HEN'S NESTS.

A Plan That Seems Feasible and Ti at Should Be Fr. fitable.

In my travels with Brother S. H. Todd in stitute work the past win-ter, says George E. Scott, in Ohio Farmer, he frequently explained a peculiarly constructed hen's nest which struck me as both unique and rather better adapted for the use of the hen house than any it has been my fortune to meet with. Mr. Todd had no other means of describing his model arrargement than words, and many who listened to him were greatly interested in knowing how to build them, but were unable to get the idea, and some of your readers are desirous that it shall be illustrated and more fully described. I may have incorporated some of own ideas in the construction but will not charge Brother Tood any roy alty for improvements.

A A represents the studding for the outside of the hen house on which the siding is driven. Measure back 8 inches from these studs to B. for the purpose of making an entry along which the hen can pass into a nest which she can select for herself. The board B is 6 inches wide and

The board B is 6 inches wide and stands on edge the 8 inches back, as a guard against the hay or eggs from getting into the alley D. A board of the same width is placed along the front in the hen house and screwed fast at the end and pardition boards C. From this board the cover, E, extends up to the studs A and against weather boarding at an angle of 45 degrees, so that fowls in the house cannot stand or roost on it. The board on the cover next to the 6-inch baseboard should be 12 inches wide, so that it can be put on hinges on the baseboard for the putpose of opening at any time to secure the eggs. The bottom can be either on the ground or on a floor made for the nests.

The reason for screwing on the base board, etc., is for the purpose of taking it off with the lid and cleaning out the nests at any time whenever desired. These nests should by 12x16 behes square so that they will accommodate large sized hens, with the partitions C reaching from bottom to the board E, so that each hen will be entirely to herself while laying, and when she wants to set she can be fatsother hens cannot get in the nest with ber from the alley D, but can be let out into the hen house, watered and fed, then replaced again and the lid et down, either tight or with a crack at the top. This is not necessary, as

A 46 3-4 carat Burmah ruby, the largest ruby ever cut, so far as is known, was bought in at a London leweler's sale, recently for \$40,000, A ohe-carat blue diamond brought \$3,000, and a 140-grain black pearl, once belonging to Queen Isabella II. of Spain, \$5,760.