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In my travels with Brother $\mathbf{S}$. $\mathbf{H}$ Todd in stitute wo.k the past winter, says George E. scoit, in Ohio Farmex, he frequeliuy expilined a peculiarly constructio bin's nest which struck me as both urique and rather better adopted for the use of the hets bouse than ary it has been my fortuns to meet with. Mi: Todd had no other means of describtug his modlarrargement than words, and many who listaned to him wete greatly Interested in knowing how to bulld 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 my 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 herstif
The board B is 6 inches wide and stands on edge the 8 it ches back, as a guard against the hay or eggs from getting into the alley 1. A board of the same width is placed along the front in the hen honss and atong the front in the hen forse the end and parition 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 ft . 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 purpose of opening at any time to secure the eggs. The bottom can be elther 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 w! th the lid and cleaning out the nests at any time whenever desired. These nests should by $12 \times 16$ inches 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 fatsened in my two pleces of lath so that other hens cannot get in the nest with her from the alley $D$, but can be let cut into the hen house, watered end fed, then replaced again and the lid let down, either tight or with a crack at the top. This is not necessary, as

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