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Hens and Pullets.

THE time is now upon us when the young pullets need extra feeding to get them into full growth, and to do our utmost to bring them on as forward as possible before the winter shuts down on them. The feed that will only do this much for the growing and fast maturing pullets, will make the hens that are over moult far too fat to be layers, and once they get fat it is almost impossible to reduce them, because they will soon be shut in and get very little exercise, and very little food will keep up the fat when formed. But the hens in full moult will be benefitted by sharing the generous fare the young pullets receive, because so much waste is going on in their system till the new feathers come out freely; after

that they will need less food or rather a less generous diet. We are calling this to your minds, so that if possible the pullets and moulting hens, may be kept separate from the others, and both receive the treatment that will bring the best results to your pockets. Give a little tincture of iron in the drinking water if the moulting hens seem long in shedding their feathers, or the new feathers are a long time opening out. This with good fare and housing will bring them along well. Above all give the birds litter to induce them to scratch, as if they mope around they get sluggish in circulation and when in heavy moult the birds are not disposed to be so active as usual, and it is better to encourage them a little to take plenty of exercise. A little hemp seed, or any other small grain which they relish and do not often get, should be cast into the litter and then they will work in earnest; a sheaf or so of grain in the ear occasionally is a first rate way to encourage them to exercise. If they go into winter quarters in thrifty healthy condition half the battle of wintering is already over.

We hear that friend Bingham of Stayney has procured something choice in his old favorites the Houdans. He writes us that the best cock scores 98 and the three best hens 98, 95, 94. One cock 94 and several hens scoring from 94 to 92, this being the lowest in the lot. We should think they ought, as Mr. B. writes us "make a row this winter." We hope soon to have the pleasure of calling on this "high society" arrival.