

✦ QUERY * DEPARTMENT. ✦

MAKING SHED INTO POULTRY HOUSE.

W.L.M.—Would you kindly answer these for me in your next week's C.B.J. & P.W. Give me a good cheap way of making a shed into a poultry house.

As you do not describe the shed that is to be made into a poultry house, I can only suppose that it is a plain shed, and not over large. Would advise to put tar-paper on the inside boards, and board up again, and if not already done, batten the outside well; put in plenty of light facing south—don't put in a lot of small windows, but let the light enter in a flood, it is more cheery, as winter is the season we consider when building. Plenty of light should enter into our plans and always, if at all practicable, facing south. Put shutters on the inside to prevent the great radiation from the glass and consequent lower temperature in the house in very cold weather. Have the perches about two feet high for heavy, and three for light breeds; let the perches be movable, for facility in cleaning both them and the house, as you can get the work done much quicker when there is plenty of room to work in. Be sure to put dropping boards under the perches, made of half-inch stuff, and all in one piece and to rest on cleats. These boards catch the droppings and can be cleaned off once or twice a week in winter in a very short time, and keep the floor very clean. These afford an easy way of placing the nests, which we find the best yet tried. For description of this see WEEKLY of June 12th. You will see also, remarks on the best floor for a poultry house, in same issue, under heading "Malays; Dropping Boards, Etc." If you can get it done, Mr. Rayson's description of floor is fine. Have feeding boards or troughs to feed soft food, and boxes for gravel and such things hung upon the wall so they will not get dirty. See issue of June 26 for illustration and also remarks on same. This will help you a little.

WIRE NETTING.

Where can I get wire fencing for poultry yards?

You can get wire netting for fencing yards, at almost every hardware merchants, if in a town, or any seed merchant could procure it for you, or write to the D. A. Jones Co., Beeton, Ont.

The cost is about as follows: In rolls 150 feet long, 24 inches wide, \$3.25; 36 inches wide, about \$5.00; as near as possible, but you can apply as above for prices.

WHERE TO PROCURE BUFF COCHINS.

Where can I get a pair of Buff Cochins birds at a reasonable price, also Guinea Fowls?

You can see in our advertising columns that Mr. Hare, of Whitby, has some fine birds in Buff Cochins for sale. You can write to him for birds cheaper than these, but those advertised would give you fine stock. It is poor policy to buy this variety too cheap—they are always sure to be worthless. The price asked for these trios is very small for the quality. I cannot tell you where to get guinea fowl. Can some of our readers inform the inquirer?

CONCERNING INCUBATORS.

Where can I get a good incubator? Are they manufactured in Canada? I am only an amateur at the poultry business and these few hints would be quite a help to me.

You can get several good incubators. The Gerred incubator is reliable. There was a Bessy incubator, but I have lost track of it lately—it was considered good. Yes, there are several besides these manufactured in Canada. We believe from reports of friends that the Eureka, manufactured by J. L. Campbell, Alleghany Co., Pa. is very good; the "Monarch" and the "Monitor" are both well proved machines and give satisfaction.

BOILED FISH FOR FOWL.

Are boiled fish good for poultry, as I have plenty of them?
Painswick, P.O.

Boiled fish is good in limited quantities, but should not be fed for at least a week before killing birds for market, as its continued use imparts an unpleasant flavor to the flesh. You will not find the eggs taste strong, unless you feed too freely, and it is a good feed for egg production if carefully used as to the quantity.

An excellent mode, says an exchange, of giving milk to fowl is to add it to the food, should it be composed of ground grain, instead of water, and if desired it may be given as curds, or placed in an earthenware dish where they can always reach it. If the weather is cold enough to freeze milk, it should be given in the food. Bear in mind that as much profit can be made on skimmed milk when it is fed to poultry as when it is fed to pigs.