

variety for table and eggs we would personally prefer the Silver Laced Wyandottes.

I must not forget to put the Dorking on the list of excellent table poultry, and also good layers for a good breed. If you take a heavy variety, your market will need to be more for meat than eggs. You could begin in a cheaper way, or rather with less direct outlay of cash, by getting one or two sittings of eggs. These could be set at once and if your house is not ready for grown stock, you could be building it while chicks are being raised; and you only need a roomy coop or two till fall, and buy hens for sitters. May is the best month to hatch in, as the parent birds mate up well, and besides get green food. If this is not all you require to know write us again.

Now as to house for 25 hens, it would not be policy to build less than 12 x 18 made with shanty roof, say 6 ft. at back and 8 ft. in front; don't make the very prevalent mistake of making your building too low, causing you great inconvenience in attending the stock and cleaning the house; also have plenty of light.

The cost of such a house depends greatly upon the price of lumber in the district in which you may reside, but average cost would not be more than from \$12 to \$15. Of course the prices put on the birds are too low for fine specimens, but if you want them cheap and pure bred, they will answer well, and in all probabilities throw some stock to be proud of. In the fall you could purchase a few of young stock of better quality for the sum referred to. But so much depends on your surroundings. As to what is best, I can hardly advise you fully.

#### The Best Table Fowl.

I AM intending getting some eggs for hatching, and as I can only keep one kind, will you tell me which are the best? I want them more for table than for anything, but still pretty good for laying. Will you answer soon, so that I can get the eggs early.

Sunnidale.

J. C.

I really cannot tell you the best breed, there are so many about equal. Among the best are the Light and Dark

Brahma, Langshan, Dorkings of all kinds, colored, white or silver grey. Cochins are large, but the meat not quite so fine in grain; but still all are good for table. In the medium sized birds Plymouth Rocks, silver or white Wyandottes, and Houdans are all nice plump birds. The game fowl, too, is one of the best, not extra large, but of superior flavor. All the above except the Cochins (in our experience) are good layers, but the medium sized are better all-round layers. This is but natural, as the very large breeds make up more in flesh. The medium breeds, as a rule, are in condition for table use a little earlier than the very large kinds, but these last are grand birds when grown, in our humble opinion. The Langshan is equal to the turkey, and grows to edible size quicker, with half the risk, as they are very hardy.

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