

pullets laying before cold weather. The result is that the months when eggs are highest pass, and the pullets begin laying only when the price is rapidly going down toward the lowest point. For this reason a quickly maturing breed like the Leghorn has a great advantage over the large breeds. I find also another advantage. Leghorns will produce a dozen eggs on not much more than half the food that the large breeds require for producing the same number. This idea I think will be corroborated by almost all who have kept Leghorns side by side with the larger breeds.—[Webb Donnell, Maine.]

**Prevents Dirty Nests**—Fowls can be prevented from roosting on the edge of their nest boxes by placing a 2-in roller at the front of the boxes as shown in the illustration. The roller revolves easily upon a wooden pin at each end. The sides of the boxes are made slanting for the same reason.

**Cured Egg Eating**—I saw in some of my papers that wheat bran mixed with vinegar would cure them of the egg eating habit. I had some very strong vinegar which I reduced with about one-half water and mixed up two large pans of bran with it and gave the hens, which they ate very greedily. In a few days I gave them another mess, which they did not eat as greedily as the first, since which I have not known of their eating even a frozen egg.—[N. S. Walker, Pa.]

**Poultry Housekeeping**—Earth or plaster is scattered on the platform under the roosts and with the droppings is gathered up twice a week (Wednesday and Saturday) and placed in barrels or bins, securely covered to keep out snow and rain. The floors are covered with straw, dry leaves or hayseed and chaff, the latter being chosen when it can be had. The litter is cleaned out as often as it gets dirty (not filthy) and placed on the pile of stable manure. Sulphur is sprinkled in the nests and dustbox often to ward against lice. The hen house is also whitewashed twice a year. The dustboxes are placed on legs, which are made out of 2x2 in scantlings, 2 ft high. These are filled with dry wood ashes and cleaned out often.—[Alter Ego, N. Y.]

**Early Hatched Pullets** are most desirable. Yearling hens fall far behind as "record makers." Pullets that come from stock having been bred for winter eggs will have a decided tendency in their favor. Chickens should be hatched sufficiently early to become fully mature before cold weather. If they begin to lay in Nov. it is comparatively easy to keep pullets producing eggs through the first part of cold weather, when fresh eggs are highest, but should they be just coming to the egg producing state at the approach of cold weather, I know from experience that it takes the best possible care to secure a satisfactory output of eggs before January.—[C. B. Cook, Oswego Co., N. Y.]

**How to Fatten Poultry**—I have fattened for market this season over 100 cockerels and have settled on this method as best. They are confined two weeks in a coop or pen, given plenty of room and air, but where drafts cannot strike them. Low roosts are provided, a dust bath, though I have never seen them use it, and boxes of grit and oyster shells. I make low benches of overturned soap boxes, on which I place their pans of food and milk, that they may not readily be soiled or spilled.—[Clarissa Potter, Maine.]

**Chicken Queries**—H. S. B.: Chopped clover ensilf is a good egg food.—C. M.: Some of the patent insecticides are very effective for poultry lice. Homemade incubators are hardly worth while, but cheap brooders can be made on the farm, that will work as well as any. One of these will be described later in the season.—Mrs. R.: To prevent tapeworms, change location of house and yards. Give fowls a tablespoonful of turpentine.—Mrs. M. L. H.: Your fowls which lose use of legs but have good appetite are kept in a damp place or have been overfed. Give them grit or charcoal, feed less corn and more oats, and make them scratch

for grain in litter.—M. H. J.: Raw meat is often a cause of worms. A spoonful of turpentine is the best remedy.—L. H.: The chickens which sneeze, breathe hard, have throats clogged, no doubt caught cold after the weather changes you describe. Give them sponges, six pellets, three times a day.—Mrs. L. N.: For the chronic sneezing and apparent fever, put tincture of acetone in the drinking water for three days, 10 drops to 1 qt of water.—N. Barker: Buff Leghorns are kept by nearly all the large poultry concerns advertising in F & H.

**For Best Prices**—We think a shipper should be not over 100 miles from market to obtain the best prices, and should advise any party who wishes to get the best returns to locate within 25 miles of market. He could then be advised as to a short market, and could often get stock in, realizing quite an advance above the market 24 hours later.—[W. H. R. & Son, Boston.]

**Cheap Meat**—Give all the butchering refuse to the chicks. If in a thick rabbit neighborhood, buy them of boys, dress them and run through a bone mill or else cook them and feed to the hens. If cooked, thicken the broth with bran. [Emma Clearwaters, Ill.]

**Lice and Indigestion**—To rid little chicks of lice, mix a little kerosene in some lard and grease their heads well with it. Give little turkeys plenty of black pepper tea to drink. It will cure summer complaint and indigestion.—[L. M., Clare, O.]

**Young Hens Better**—I have always found that yearling and two-year-old hens were the money makers. After they pass this age they begin to decline in their money earning value.—[C. A. Ford, Ark.]

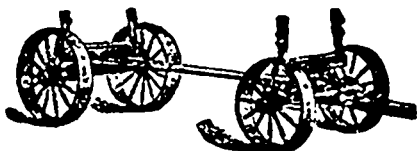
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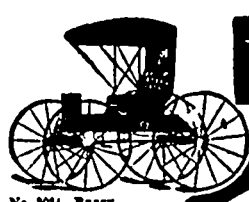


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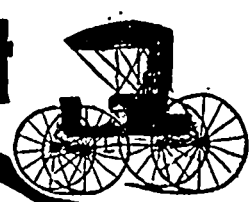
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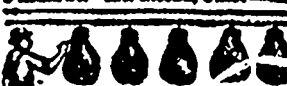
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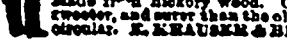
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