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DANGER OF OVERSTOCKING

The almost phenomenally high prices of eggs last winter may lead a great many into trying an expensive experiment this year by overstocking in hens. Some people imagine that because they have had twenty hens this winter, they may keep a hundred hens next winter in the same quarters, with proportionate profit. There are those who have tried this, only to harvest more disappointment and loss than eggs. The hen looks to be a very easily managed creature, having few and simple wants that are easily supplied. The truth is that she has a very highly developed organization, and that she demands areful and constant attention if she s to yield her owner a profitable return. Her quarters must be ample, free from dampness and well lighted. Indeed the average farmer has no idea of how needful is strict cleanliness in his poultry house. Fewer still realize that if they educed the number in their flocks by ifty per cent. that they would have higher profit than they now enjoy. If then, the farmer would increase his egg yield next winter, he must provide am ple shelter for his flock. Further, he will be making a costly mistake if he imagines that chickens do not require care during the summer. For this attention, too, he must make provision, or next September will see him shorn of his profits. Poultry-raising is a business by itself. It must be studied, and its practice learned under those who have already made a success of it. is a work equally exacting with that of the management of a dairy herd, and anyone who is not willing to make the sacrifice that the dairyman makes need not look for profits in the poultry busi-A second danger is that many village

and city people may think that they see in the poultry business a short-cut to wealth, and so engage in this work, not counting the cost. Unfortunately, the counting the cost. Unfortunately, the country is flooded with literature that misleads not a few of the unwary. Much of this literature impresses one as being prepared by writers of lively imagination, who have an easy way of not being governed by facts. Nearly every community has its quota of those who have read such literature, and whose whole labor has resulted in vanity and vexation of spirit. The man or woman who wishes to engage in poultry raising will do well to remember: (1 that intensive poultry-raising is rarely a remunerative success; (2) that the business has to be learned as any other business is learned, and that it takes time, study and close personal applica tion in contact with the work itself (3) that the only way is to begin on a relatively small scale, and to expand one's business as his power or control increases. All of which means that, while an occasional amateur may leap into success, that his good fortune is his because of happy chance, rather than because of his good management. The average man or woman who now has a good job and a little spare capital will do well to stop and carefully count the cost before he throws away his living or invests his capital in an enterto learn. EXPERIENCE

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