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OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Miscellaneous.

POULTRY HOUSE.

In "The Farmer's Advocate" of February 16th, is written an article on Philo system of poultry-raising. In it is mentioned the name of Prof. Graham, who constructed a henhouse for 100 birds, using Philo system on large scale. Could you give me his plan of construction, or his address, as I want to build such a house this spring? W. H. O.

Ans .- A description of the kind of poultry house referred to will be found in our issue of March 16th. It is not the Philo system by any means, but has certain advantages of the latter, without its pronounced disadvantages. Philo coops are small. Prof. Graham's house is large.

HENS NOT LAYING.

Please tell the cause of our hens not laying. In the morning, we give them a mash of chopped barley and oats mixed with milk fresh from separator, and after they have eaten this, they get a mixture of peas, barley and oats, thrown in a litter of straw on floor. At noon, they are let out into a shed where they can scratch, and are given a few ears of corn and mangels. The hens can dust them-selves in a kettle of coal ashes. At night, when going to roost, they are fed same as in morning, without mash. We have about fifty-four hens, mostly White Leghorns, and a few Buff Orpingtons, and get only about half a dozen eggs a day. A YOUNG POULTRYMAN.

Ans.-Every winter there come in such queries as "Why don't our hens lay?" There must, of course, be a good reason why some flocks of hens lay freely while others do not, but to give the right reason without knowing all the facts, would require, not only infallibility, but omniscience as well. These hens seem to be well cared for, and it may be that they had laid late last fall, and are yet taking their off spell. In that case, before this answer will be seen, it is likely that the need for it will have passed. However, there are three things which hens must have in order to be healthy and lay well. These are grit, lime and meat or milk, besides grain, water and vegetables. These the hen can get herself in the summer, if she has liberty, but not in winter. It is quite possible that if these were supplied, the eggs would shell out.

FERTILIZER FOR CORN AND FOR BEANS.

1. We have two fields of heavy clay loam; one is fall plowed, and we intend to plant it with corn, after top - dressing with about six loads of manure per acre, with manure spreader. I would like to know whether it will pay to use also commercial fertilizer, and what kinds should we use, and how much per acre?

2. The other field is similar, except that it is only half fall plowed; will dress this with the same amount, i. e., six loads per acre, as more than this will clog the cultivator. Intend to plant this with Marrowfat beans; have been growing beans for a number of years; get from 10 to 12 bushels per acre, while a mile away. on a black gravel-loam soil, they raise 25 to 30 bushels per acre. Can I get a fertilizer that will bring up the yield on our heavy-land? What brand would you advise, and how much per acre? I am told I need not buy nitrogen, as corn and beans will draw that from the atmosphere.

Ans.-1. In Ontario, artificial fertilizers occasionally prove profitable when used on large-yielding crops that entail much labor in their cultivation, such as garden crops, roots and corn. If there were any chance to get stable manure at moderate prices, it would certainly be more profitable to do so than to buy commercial fertilizers. A formula of fertilizers for corn that has had a part dressing of barnyard manure is: Nitrate of soda 80 lbs., acid phosphate 250 lbs., and muriate of potash so lbs. Apply nitrate in two dressings, after corn is up a few inches, and again in two weeks.

2. As beans are milliogen gatherers, they ate of potash, and 200 lbs, acid phosphate per acre, which is two-thirds of a full dressime.

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