

manding a high price. By a little attention to their breeding and management, poultry may be made very valuable to the farmer in many ways, one of the most important being the excellent manure which they make. A comfortable frost-proof poultry house should be constructed, in such position that the hens will have access to the orchard, for they are exceedingly useful for destroying the curculio, the apple worm, and other hurtful insects. Plum trees in a poultry yard generally yield an abundant crop of fruit, perfectly free from the attacks of the curculio. The best breed of fowls are always the most profitable; but even these should not be kept more than two or three years. Old hens should be got rid of, and young, vigorous pullets put into their places. The floor of the poultry house should be covered with wood ashes, dry muck, or old sawdust, for the purpose of absorbing the offensive smell. The house should be cleaned frequently, and the manure kept in a shed, or in large casks or boxes, until required for use in spring; its effect on field or garden crops is remarkable."

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