

CHAPTER XIII

THE YEAR'S WORK, MONTH BY MONTH

JANUARY

THE hen's working day is short. Be sure that she is kept busy every minute.

Give the evening meal at least an hour before the hens go to roost. Whole corn is the best evening ration at this season. If wet mash is used, feed it early and give a feeding of corn an hour later.

Gather the eggs several times a day; otherwise they may freeze.

If the fowls are closely confined, it is well to shovel some of the snow away from the door so that they can get out on the ground a few hours on bright days.

Don't make the mistake of shutting the house up tightly, even at night. Fresh air in abundance is the one thing needful.

The beginner starting this month can order breed-