

BRITISH MARKET.

The requirements for this market are :—

1. Large eggs, if possible six or seven to one pound.
2. To be fresh, of good flavour and to be cleanly packed so as to arrive in good condition.

As to careful packing the shipper can attend to that, but it is the farmer only who can obtain the large eggs with the good flavour. The large eggs may be had by the farmers keeping and breeding the fowls which lay them, and the superior flavour can be secured by care in feeding. And more certain would the latter result be, if the farmer will take the trouble to have his eggs non-fertilized, which he can do by keeping his male birds away from the laying stock. His young birds will fatten quicker when kept by themselves. For breeding he can reserve the larger and most vigorous specimen to be mated at the proper time, with his selected female breeding stock. (See sub-head "How to breed.")

All particulars as to breeds which lay large eggs, the weight and colour of the eggs will be found on a preceding page. The following breeds, with proper management, will lay eggs in abundance suitable for shipment to the British market, viz. :—Black Minorcas, Andalusians, Black Spanish, Houdans, Light Brahmas, Buff Cochins, Langshans, and some strains of White Leghorns and Plymouth Rocks.

LARGE EGGS LAID—THE BREEDS MENTIONED.

During the past winter eggs were obtained from Black Minorca hens in the Poultry Department of the Central Experimental Farm, which weighed six to one pound all but three-quarters of an ounce. Eggs from the Andalusians were but a few ounces behind. A large number of eggs were laid by Light Brahmas and Langshans, which went seven to a pound. The eggs were not laid for a few days only, but production continued steadily from commencement of winter laying in December. And what was done in the Poultry Department of the Farm can be done by any farmer. He has only to follow the instructions given at length in another part of this paper.

MARKET POULTRY.

The Plymouth Rock, Dorking, Wyandottes and Houdan cockerels with proper care and pushing, as per instructions under head of "Care and management of chickens" will make development of one pound to one pound and a quarter per month. Bronze turkeys give better results in weight than the ordinary nondescripts kept on the farm. A Bronze turkey cock introduced into a flock of common females will result in better stock. Pekin ducks give the best results in flesh and eggs. All of the above mentioned give the greatest weights in the shortest time, of any other breeds, and as with eggs, large size and weight in poultry, is necessary to command a high price in the British market.

THE UNITED STATES MARKET.

Heretofore eggs of medium size, or from the ordinary barnyard fowls, have been found to answer the demand for this market, but lately large eggs are being more frequently sought for, particularly in the large cities.

BROWN EGGS PREFERRED.

Messrs. W. H. Rudd & Son, commission merchants and poultry breeders, of Boston, say that a large brown egg is wanted for their market, and will realize three cents per dozen more than the white ones.