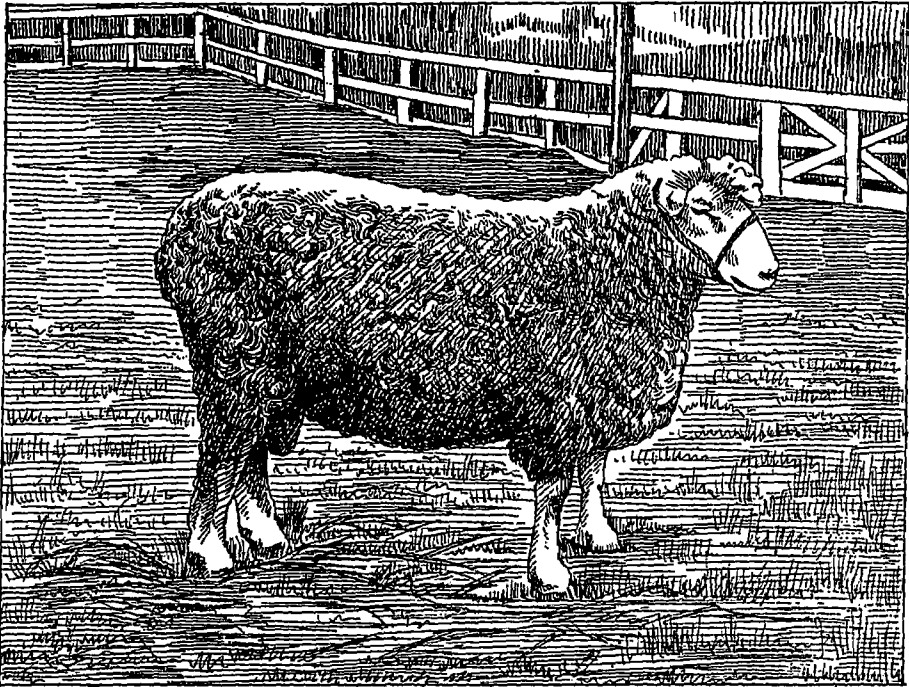


country. A friend says: "I have a flock of 22 chickens, 8 hens and 14 pullets, which I raised myself. I keep them in a coop, 5 by 9 feet, which slauds in a yard, 18 by 20 feet. In the month of January, I got 257 eggs and the cost for food during that period was 60 cts. for corn and meal.

"All the scraps from the table are saved, even the water the vegetables are boiled in. Then I boil enough of potato peelings, rutabaga and turnip peelings, cabbage leaves, etc., to last three or four days. With that the kitchen scraps and

22 hens, but he says, he got 257 eggs in January, which is evidence that he manages them on correct lines. The size of the yard is not so important as to keep the hens at work. They can be kept busy on a small plot as well as in a large space, by giving them litter in which to scratch. When feeding them be sure to give too little rather than too much. Allow them to finish each meal somewhat hungry and then scatter a gill of millet seed in the litter which will induce them scratch and work vigorously. It is not wise to feed them every time you leave scraps. A light meal in



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a handful of meal I feed my chickens morning and night, but give it to them warm. But where the city folks have the advantage over the chicken raisers in the country is in the feeding of green bone, which can be bought at the butchers for the asking, I have a green bone cutter and I would not part with it for a good round sum, if I could not get another. Of course, it costs a great deal for a few chickens, but the saving in food will pay for it in a year, leaving out of consideration the gain in eggs."

The house and yard are both rather small for

the morning and a full meal at night is sufficient, especially in the summer, else they will become too fat and in danger of bowel disease. One reason why a small flock pays in the city is that there is but little cost for labor. True there is some labor required, but it is so bestowed as to cost nothing. Fowls in yards should be fed at regular intervals and not too often. If fed often they will not scratch and will appear to be always hungry, following the attendant wherever he appears. This is only a habit which they learn. They are not hungry at all but too lazy to work. Keep