

meals. But nearly all farmers feed corn, which keeps the hens warm, and, though the supposition is that the common hen receives only corn, yet no estimate is made of the varied food she picks up in the barnyard. The fact is that the common hen has better feed, so far as variety is concerned, than the purebred, but she must seek it, which she does, and in an industrious manner, her very industry keeping her in excellent laying condition. It pays to keep a few hens in the barnyard in order to utilize the waste that occurs. The farmer may not notice the loss from waste, but the alert hen, with her keen eyes, does not let a single grain escape her.

A Paying Business.

Mr. C. H. Wyckoff, of New York State, devotes his small farm of seventy-five acres to raising eggs. The breed he uses is White Leghorns. Here is an account for one year:

Hens, average number.....	600
Eggs each, average.....	168
Price per doz., average.....	12½ cents
Eggs, net.....	\$1,800 00
Stock sold.....	70 00
Manure, at 20 cents per bushel.....	270 00

\$2,140 00

Cost of feed.....	\$ 660 00
Labor 12 months at \$30.....	360 00
Interest, 5 per cent. on \$1,000.....	50 00
Net profit.....	1,070 00

\$2,140 00

A business that pays \$30 a month and 105 per cent interest on investment cannot be called a side issue. There is no "patent" on the means to success. Only the carefulness, regularity, and thought necessary for success in other branches are required.

A Sick Turkey.

Editor FARMING:

I have to thank you for your prompt answer to my question concerning a sick turkey. My gobbler died; he broke out all behind and died in a sad state. I had a hen which I found with her eye full of white. I gave her a dose of castor oil. She seemed better next day. I examined her a few days later and found the disease there just the same as the gobbler had. Of course I killed her, and buried her deep down. So far I see no more signs of it. As you are to give me more information next month, I may benefit by it.

A market for poultry is one thing that we are in great want of. I have a lot of Plymouth Rock chicks just the right weight. Some pairs weigh six pounds. A buyer was round a month ago; looked at them; some were ready then, but he could get none elsewhere. He was back last week. My young ones were ready then, but he told me to keep them two weeks and he would give me thirty cents a pair for all I had. Now I blame the farmer's wife for that. If all the neighbors had chicks like mine we should have got the price a month ago for all that were ready. I got rid of the remainder one week ago for more than we will get in the fall and thirty-five cents is the most I ever got. When I get thirty-five cents my neighbors get twenty and twenty-five cents, some thirty. The difference is all I get for keeping mine until theirs are ready to kill, as my man says he cannot ship until he can gather a certain number. I should be only too glad to try the experiment of shipping myself if I knew where to send my stock. Could you help me to find a market? If I only got a start this season I could be ready for another time. I have also a few very fine last year's pullets I wanted to sell. My man would give me thirty cents a pair for them too. I am killing them to eat and can recommend them to any one. All my stock is pure bred. They are Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes. I have also Bronze turkeys, and Rouen ducks. I have a few ducklings ready and my turkeys are coming on.

Your invitation is so courteous that I fear I have taken too much of your valuable time. You would confer a great favor on me if you could in any way find a better market for my produce. SUBSCRIBER.

[I regret to hear of the death of your turkeys. I submitted your question to some of the best turkey breeders in Ontario, and they were unanimously of the opinion that the bird had roup. All but one advised the hatchet, and all agreed that it would be unsafe to breed from him again. You did quite right in killing the hen. None of those to whom I wrote volunteered a cure. Apparently they think that once a turkey gets a disease it is better to kill it.

I am pleased to get your enquiry as to poultry for market. The prices mentioned for chicks of the weights given is ridiculously low. I inquired from some dealers here what spring chickens were worth on June 1st. They stated that they would gladly pay from seventy to eighty cents per pair for them, provided they went four pounds. They then have to sell them again. For chickens of the weight given by you, they state that on July 1st they would gladly have paid from seventy to