

make eggs a specialty and live where the thermometer goes below zero in the winter buy Rose Comb White Leghorns.

There is a great difference between chicks that have range and those confined in close quarters. Exercise stirs up the blood, gives them life and vigor and keeps them healthy. The growing chicks need exercise, they will develop into healthy full sized fowls. Let them run in the pasture or field where they can get insects and grass and let them scratch and hunt for the greater part of their living. Chicks that are pampered too much never do so well. I do not mean by the above that you are to let your chicks hunt and dig for themselves on some barren place where nothing grows or insect lives for them to pick up.

There should never be such a thing as failure in the raising of poultry if properly attended to; when there is, look for it and stop the leak in time. One reason for it occurs sometimes in trying to do too much on the start. Another cause and the one that knocks the "props" from under many a beginner is starting out and trying to do business with poor and inferior stock. Another is to attempt to raise and breed a dozen varieties at one time. If you will conduct the business in a sensible and practical way there will be few failures in the poultry business.

The more vigorous the bird the greater the chance that its character will be impressed upon its descendants, but there is no rule that will hold good universally in breeding for there are many elements that help to decide the matter and some of them it is impossible to foresee. Many farmers that are good farmers in other respects, are careless, negligent and indifferent, in regard to their poultry. Better stir yourselves, build a new and better poultry house and help the good wife to look after the poultry. It will pay as well for the money invested as any other branch of the business of the farm.



Live-Stock.

AUCTION SALES OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK.

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The announcement made some time ago by the Dominion government of its intention to hold an auction sale of thoroughbred live stock next winter, somewhere in this part of the country, will be hailed with much satisfaction by all who are desirous of improving the quality of our local farm stock.

In undertaking to establish an annual sale of this nature the government is showing considerable courage, as the difficulties in the way are many and of a nature not readily to be overcome. The fact that similar sales have been tried again and again by private individuals and public associations and have almost invariably ended in failures, is one of the strongest arguments that is being advanced to prove the weakness of the new scheme. That it does prove it, is not admitted by the farmers and stockmen who have made themselves acquainted with the details of the proposed movement. The failure of these attempted sales has almost always been due to the fact that the confidence of the people was never gained. It was generally believed, and not without reason, that only an inferior class of animals were offered at many of these sales, stock such as the owners had been unable to dispose of by private sale owing to their indifferent quality.

Great care will therefore have to be taken with the first government sales held to see that only first class animals are offered for auction. Only in this way will the confidence of the buyers be secured and not until that has been gained will the sales prove a success.

The idea of establishing such sales is a good one. Scattered throughout the country are scores of farmers who annually produce from one or four first class breeding males, and perhaps a few females. Many of these men understand the principles of stock-breeding exceedingly well and have from time to time produced prize winning animals. The great difficulty they have all met with however has been an inability to promptly sell their surplus stock annually. In some