

## The Poultry-Yard.

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### POULTRY HINTS.

Although hens are called *egg-machines*, do not forget that a machine will not work properly if neglected.

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It is easier to prevent disease than to cure it.

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There is no poultry flesh equal to that of a young, fat duckling.

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Among the laws of contraries we find: When lice thrive, chickens die.

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Road dust is a good disinfectant, and is a powerful poison to all kinds of vermin.

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As you value a bath so does a fowl, but she prefers dust to water.

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If there is one thing more than another that fowls enjoy, it is ground green bones.

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Variety of food is as necessary to poultry as to man.

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Clean white eggs are always attractive.

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When hens sit, they sometimes add an egg to the lot after beginning to sit, and yet this belated egg will hatch out with the others.

Eggs that have never lost their original warmth will hatch a day or two sooner than the rest.

It is usually best to purchase early hatched fowls for breeding, as late hatched birds are not so fully developed as is best for breeders. If a pair or trio is purchased, at a sale, it will be best to have either the rooster or hens some what the oldest. Get good fowls in every case.

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Between 40° and 50° is the best proper temperature to keep eggs for hatching during the winter.

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The pure bred hen will lay more eggs in winter than the mongrel, but neither will pay for their food if not given good care.

A veteran poultry raiser says that egg formation goes on chiefly at night, when the hens is asleep, and the hen that sleeps comfortably is the one that will lay early next morning.

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### HOW TO MAKE POULTRY PROFITABLE ON THE FARM.

There are a few rules, which, carefully followed, will invariably add to the farmers' income with very little outlay or expenses.

Have a good, permanent home for your poultry apart from all other buildings.

Keep this poultry-home so clean and sweet that you can visit it at any time, and if necessary, for half an hour without wishing you could get out to get a breath of fresh, fine air, or feel like taking a dive to get rid of the lice hurriedly running over your body trying to escape.

Feed the fowls regularly good sound food, and be sure they have a balanced ration, as the egg is a complete food and cannot be made unless the fowl has the right ingredients.

Let the fowls have access to pure water at all times.

Never overcrowd them in their homes. That is sure death to all profits and to the fowls themselves.

Don't try to fence out the fowls from the garden, lawn, truck patch, berry and fruit garden, etc., but once for all fence them in and keep them at home, where they belong.

An old hen, running at large on the farm, often