



Photo by Dr. Shutt.

A HEATED POULTRY HOUSE NOT BEST.

Hen houses that lack sunshine and fresh air are unsatisfactory nor will artificial heat improve them. Such buildings are usually expensive and it is impossible to keep the birds housed in them healthy.

INTERIOR ARRANGEMENTS

The construction of the interior arrangements of poultry houses is almost as important as the structure of the building itself. It is sometimes the case that success or failure depends upon the convenience, or the ability to economize labour, and thus save expense. It has been said that the essential factors to be kept in mind in poultry house construction are good light, ventilation, freedom from draughts and from dampness. After these points have been obtained, then the builder will look to the arrangement of the alleyways, roosts, windows, dropping boards, nests, feed hoppers, yards and fences so as to receive the greatest service for the least expense of time and money in the building, care and upkeep of the same.

Alleyways.—Alleyways are expensive and do not always economize labour. There are conditions where an alleyway may be advantageous. Alleyways aid in showing various pens or breeds of birds to customers. For the practical poultry man, however, the alleyway is nothing but a bill of expense.

Some of the advantages of the alleyways might be mentioned; a person can go through the poultry house without disturbing the pens, feed can be fed and water given from the alleyway. The pens can be so arranged that some of the cleaning can also be done, and the eggs collected without having to enter the pens. It is also an advantage to see one pen without molesting or having to go