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and breeding for exhibition points, I was able to put them in the Winter Fair some years ago and got a share of the prize money.

I found there was good money and great prospects for the poultry business, and I saw that there was only a few people who were dealing in the breed I was handling, and concluded that there would be a great deal more in it than feeding chickens or raising them for commercial purposes.

I found that the great difficulty on a big farm was to devote enough attention to the chickens. It was all right when I had utility birds and did not have to pay particular attention to the mating and keeping the birds separate in the pens. I made up my mind that I could make a great deal more out of the poultry than I could out of a two hundred acre farm and with a great deal less labor for myself and my wife in the house, and I made up my mind that I would sell out and buy a little farm. I took considerable time in hunting up a farm, which I considered would be an ideal one for poultry. I have heard some people talk about buying a cheap farm. The first thing I considered was the land and another thing I wanted was shade. I examined a good many small places, some of them had the land that suited me, but they did not have the shade suitable for poultry.

I figured out that I could run poultry and fruit on the same ground, and get a double crop and it could easily be done. I had been keeping bees for some time and I thought I could add bees with the poultry and fruit and get three crops off the same ground. The bees assisting in complete fertilization of the fruit. With this combination I have been able to get better results from the twenty-five acres and have been able to make more money with less labor than I could from a two hundred acre farm.

In selecting the land I looked for a sandy loam. You can get lots of clay

land, but I do not think that it is as good for poultry as sand loam, because the sandy loam gives you far better results in growth. If you are to be successful with poultry you must supply them with green food during the summer months. I consider this one of the most important things in poultry feeding if you want to raise exhibition stock and want color, because I know that green food not only adds to the growth but you get better colored plumage.

I selected a farm that had been run down by neglect but yet it had a lot of fruit on it, five acres of apples and other small fruit such as pears and plums. It had a nice brick house and a nice hedge in front. The man who was working the farm did not know much about handling fruit and neglected the orchard and it was practically producing nothing. The fruit was very inferior and he was getting little or no returns from it; in fact he was not making enough from the farm to give him a bare living. I bought this twenty-five acres for three thousand dollars. I do not think the man could have got any more for it. I put some poultry houses on the farm, not very expensive, because I do not think it pays to put up an expensive house. If you do put up expensive buildings the hen has got to pay interest on this and sinking fund. The houses I put up cost about two dollars a running foot. I used cheap lumber and shingles for siding and lathed and plastered them. I figured it out that I could plaster these houses inside cheaper than I could line them with lumber, using one coat of plaster on the walls.

I know that fresh air is important in poultry houses, but still when we get the thermometer dropping below zero, if our buildings are not arranged properly we cannot prevent the combs from freezing. After I got this fixed up, my next object was to put the orchard in condition. This required some labor in pruning the trees and putting on fertilizer. I got