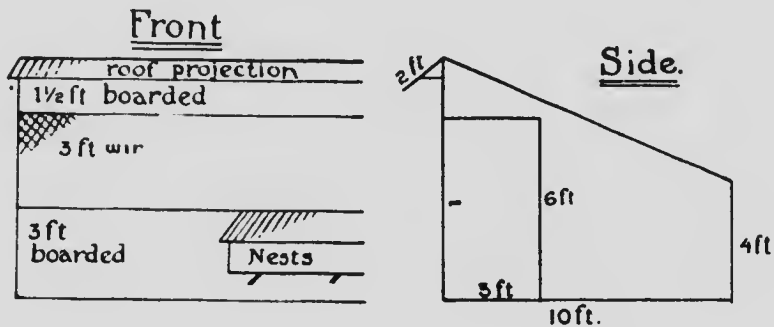


HOUSES AND RUNS

The open front is the kind of house to use, and there are a number of good designs. Five to six square feet of floor space per bird should be allowed; houses should face south or south-east to receive sun. The dimensions of a satisfactory house for a flock of 50 birds follows: Floor dimensions, 10 ft. x 30 ft.; height, back 4 ft., front $7\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Have a projection of 2 ft. out over front to prevent rain driving in. Roof and back should be covered with a one-ply roofing material, or else shingles. There should be a wooden floor about a foot off ground, and this space underneath should be boarded up. It is better to have floor not too close to ground, as it does not offer such a refuge for rats. The front of the house should be boarded up three feet from floor, and wire netting three feet wide, one inch mesh above this.



Drop boards three feet wide should be under the double perches at back, running the whole length of house. Nest boxes should be constructed which open out from the front of the house. Allow one nest box