

besides being a saving in food, the birds are really better, without it. All late pullets will do better if they do not lay till spring, I mean not forced to lay; I may say here that I am no advocate of this forcing process, it is cheaper and more satisfactory to raise birds of a strain that are naturally good in laying qualities. There is a wonderful difference in the laying qualities of strains or even individual birds, and every careful breeder takes note of such, and by a system of breeding secures a good family of layers, which, I may add, is not any hindrance to their being beautiful, or fancy specimens. In conclusion I beg to heartily thank those of our friends who, by kind remarks and good wishes, have given me such encouragement to contribute my little contributions to the REVIEW. It is to me a labor of love, I undertook the task with fear, being something new to me, though I was anxious to increase the interest, if possible, I doubted greatly my ability to do so. "A Happy New Year" to all, and "May God bless every one," as said "Tiny Tim," whose sweet memory prompts the quotation.

MR. THOS. HALL'S POULTRY HOUSE.

The proprietor of this establishment has been a breeder for a number of years. His specialty is light Brahmas, the "Lansdowne" strain, of which he is the originator, he has, by careful mating, brought to a pitch of excellence, seldom equalled, and been attested to in every show room he has exhibited for the last few years. The house is built in a manner to make the mouth of the ordinary fancier water. The plan is as follows:—Size, 20 x 40 feet, two stories high, built on stone foundation two feet thick, and rising one foot over the ground, with floor of three inch planks. The walls, both sides and ends, are also three inch plank, tongued and grooved, carried up to eaves 12 feet high in all, first floor

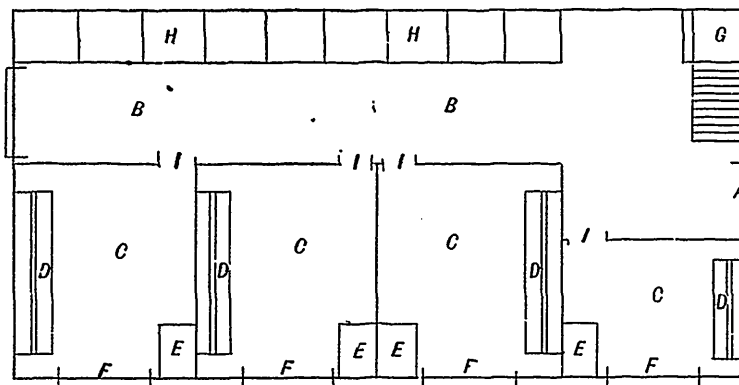
eight feet high and second four feet at eaves. There are strong joists supporting the second floor which rises to a height at ridge allowing ample head room. Inside the house is lined on scantling with matched boards filled between with sawdust, the ceiling of second floor is also treated in the same way. Above the ceiling is a good large attic used for shipping coops, baskets, &c.

The pens inside are all divided with wire netting. The outside walls are lined with tarred paper and finally covered with match boarding and painted. The roof is shingled.

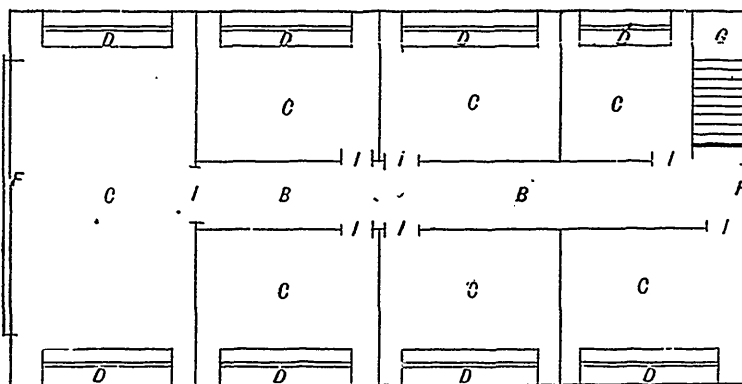
The south-west gable is all glass, and it and all windows are double glazed.

GROUND PLAN.

First Floor—A. entrance, B. passage 5 feet wide, C. pens 10 x 12, except one 8 x 10, D. roosts, E. dust box, F. windows, G. stairs, H. pens, for single birds 3 x 3 with sliding wire-netting doors, I. doors to pens. *Second floor*, B. passage four feet wide, C. pens, end one 10 x 20, gable all glass, the rest 8 by ten except one near stairs which is 7 x 8. Balance of plan same as first floor.



GROUND FLOOR.



SECOND FLOOR.

Ground Plan of Mr. Thomas Hall's Poultry House, Outrement, Montreal.