

measuring 2 x 8 inches through which the droppings fall into a box as they are scraped from the boards. This does away with holding the box or basket continually while scraping the boards.



Cut showing Tolman open front arrangement.

NESTS.

Many houses about the Province have nests constructed on the front wall of the house. Though little trouble is given as a rule, there is danger of germination and too great evaporation in the egg itself, while the nests become too warm to be comfortable for the layer. One must cater to the needs and likes of the stock in order to secure all possible profits from them.

A strong objection is also made against placing nests under the drop-boards. Lice, mites, etc., are always more prevalent in this part of the pen. If nests be placed here, they should be high enough from the floor so the stock will not lay on the floor in corners. They should also be near the front edge of the drop-boards, and should be portable, removing and cleaning them often.

Perhaps the most desirable place to locate the nests is shown in the cut detailing the inside arrangement of a commercial poultry-house. Orange or apple boxes may be made to fit in a cabinet, as is shown in the same cut.

Nests should be 12 to 15 inches high, 14 inches wide, and, if single, at least 15 inches deep, thus being spacious and airy. They should also be dark, and the bottom well covered with dry litter.

About the best litter to use is a fine, dry straw. If eggs are broken in the nest, the nesting material should be replenished at once.

Trap-nests may be used, but they are not a strictly commercial proposition.