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OF FRESH AIR AND HYGIENIC LIVING FOR EVERYONE

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Poultry-Keeping at Gravenhurst

The waste of a Muskoka Hospital turned into eggs.

By A. G. GILBERT, Poultry Manager, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in *Farmers' Advocate*.

THROUGH the persistent efforts of Mr. E. Turville, of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives at Gravenhurst, kindly aided by Mr. Wm. Marks, Secretary of the Agricultural Society of that district, I had the pleasure of addressing a meeting on the 23d of February, in the Town Hall of the pretty town of Gravenhurst, on "Profitable Poultry-keeping." Another meeting was held on the evening of the following day in the hall of the Hospital. For two afternoons I was at the Hospital, for the reason that, in connection with that admirably-conducted institution, there is a poultry plant of more than average proportions, managed by Mr. Turville.

When I say that it is well managed I mean what I write, for well managed is to manage to a profit.

THE PLANT.

There are two large poultry houses, containing over 250 fowls, if I remember aright. These houses are up-to-date in arrangement, having cotton fronts and a glass window facing southwards in each pen. And this

is certainly right, for while the cotton fronts permit a diffusion of fresh air throughout the pen at all times, without draft, the glass window permits the sun to shine into the interior, which is most desirable. Too frequently we see the window taken out and replaced with cotton, certainly giving air, but excluding the precious sunshine. Now, both fresh air and sunshine are requisite, and may be had as arranged in this case, or by having the cotton at top and bottom of window.

The hopper system, in combination with the feeding of whole grain scattered in the litter on the floor, is adopted, for the reason



AT THE HENNERY OF THE MUSKOKA FREE HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.