

is supplied with plenty of fresh air, but the hatchability of the eggs from such houses will be greater, and a stronger and more thrifty bunch of chickens will be the result.

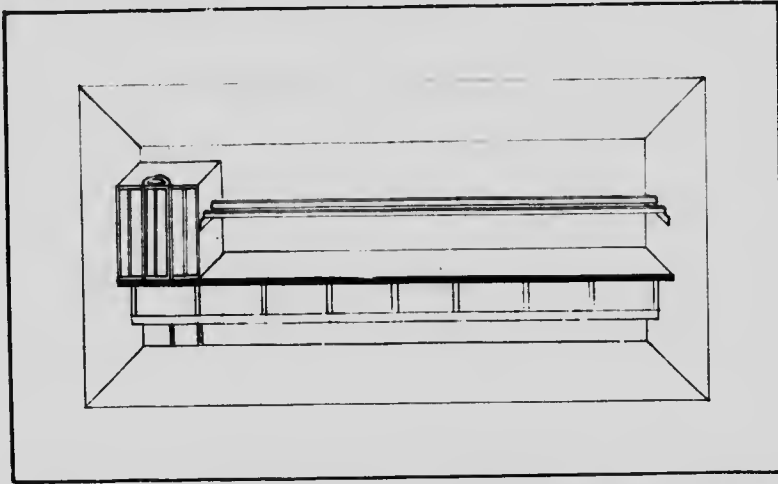


FIG. 25.—Interior of laying house, showing position of roosts and cock pen, with nests under the dropping boards.

There are many plans of houses which receive a wide use, and no one can truthfully say any one plan is the best. The house must suit the local conditions, but it is advisable to get as much sunlight and fresh air into the house as possible. Interior arrangements should be simple and as convenient as possible. The nests should be under the dropping board, so as to give the fowl all the floor space possible. The roosts should not be too high from the floor, or there is danger that the fowl may injure its feet in jumping from the perches to the floor. The dropping board for a single roost should be from about 18 inches to 20 inches wide, and 3 feet

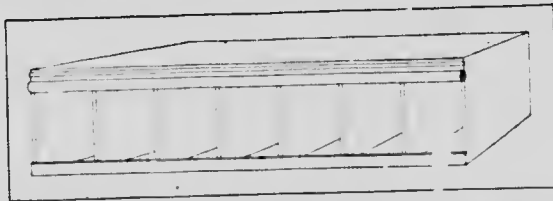


FIG. 26.—Showing nest boxes with curtain front. Curtain raised and lowered. It is usual to have the hens enter the nests from the back, and the curtain provides an easy means in collecting the eggs.