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COLONY POULTRY HOUSES USED THE YEAR ROUND AT MACDONALD COLLEGE, QUE.

The three main essentials of a satisfactory poultry house are that it shall be dry, free from draughts, and be one in which there is no smell of hens. The colony houses illustrated have these characteristics, and other advantages as well. Dryness and fresh air are ensured by a loose board ceiling, over which straw is put, and a gable window opening into the straw loft. These houses provide suitable shelter in winter time, and are sufficiently cool in summer.

They are single boarded only, except where the roosts are placed, and yet out of several hundred birds wintered in these houses not a comb was frosted, the reason being that though the houses are cold, they are dry.

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