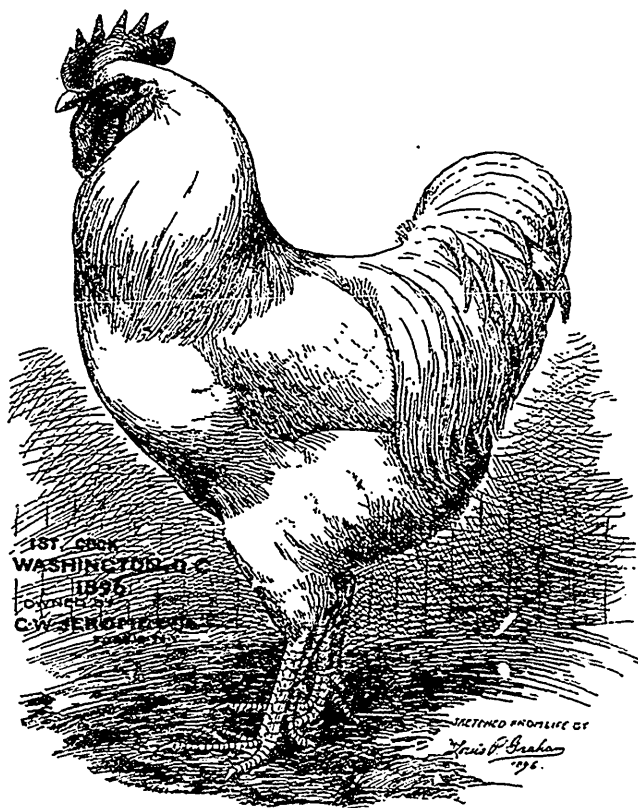


getting along without ventilators to the houses, while others affirm that they are not only unnecessary, but are positively injurious. And, lastly, one breeder favors the feeding of corn freely, while another is of the opinion that the feeding of corn, except in the most sparing manner, leads to the sum of all evils in the poultry yards.

But all this does not prove that poultry-keeping is a haphazard business, or that the results which are sought after are a mere matter of chance. It simply shows that all people cannot

Poultry-keeping is not the same in the north and south, in the mountainous country of the east and the prairie region of the west. The plan of management must be varied to meet the conditions peculiar to the different localities. Each of these will have certain methods most suitable for itself. When we consider, in connection with this, the individual tastes, education, habit of mind, and personal surroundings of breeders, we can easily find an explanation of the lack of agreement as to methods.



White Plymouth Rock Cock.

reach the same ends by the same means. No two farmers will perfectly agree as to the best manner of growing a crop of wheat or oats, though both are working the same kind of soil, and are subject to the same conditions of climate. The difference in methods will increase in proportion to the distance which separates them, and it would argue a poor acquaintance with their business for two people working under widely different conditions to try to agree upon a system which could be adopted with equal success by both. The same thing is true of stock farming of whatever kind.

The Barnyard Refuse.

The pickings of the voidings of horses and cattle, with the waste grains, hayseed, and broken leaves of clover hay, which the hens secure, amount to a large quantity, and also afford a variety. That is the reason why a common hen sometimes lays more eggs than the pure bred. The latter are overfed, get but little exercise, and as all writers teach — "feed heavily to purebreds," the common hen is compelled to work, while the purebred hen has nothing to do but patiently wait for her