

POULTRY DEPT.

The Poultry Yard

If every poultry plant was a success the egg market would be well supplied, but many, very many, are failures so far as egg production is concerned. Among the chief causes is too much misdirected kindness. The hens are over fed, they are kept in warm, stuffy, air-tight houses. The old hens are kept from year to year, long after their usefulness has departed. Many a good flock has run out because of inbreeding and lack of exercise.

The poultry plants that are making money are not run in this way. These houses are open and afford plenty of pure fresh air and sunshine, even if the houses are cold. When the hens are well protected from draughts and dampness they will keep well and lay more eggs than when confined in a warm, unventilated house. The old hens should be killed off each fall

and their places taken with young pullets that will lay all winter.

The hens should be given a variety of feed, care being taken not to allow them to become too fat. Many successful egg producers feed large quantities of alfalfa either ground in the form of a meal or the hay cut up short with a cutting box. This alfalfa is soaked in hot water and mixed with the mash when it will have the same effect as a feed of fresh green grass. If possible, cover the floor of the houses with cut alfalfa. The hens will be kept busy all day picking it over. The results in the egg basket well justifies this expense. Many poultry men now say that they cannot keep fowl profitably unless they feed alfalfa liberally.

Neglect will spoil the best breed of fowl in the world. If it is worth spending time and money to build up a flock it is worth while to keep the birds in good condition afterwards.

Do not have the perches so high that the hens hurt their feet flying down. This is how they get bumble foot. A damp floor covering is unhealthy. It is no fun for the hens to scratch in litter after it gets damp and heavy.

Keep on the watch for lice and guard against them whether they are found or not. Have a good supply of road dust for the fowls to dust in. If road dust is not handy, wood ashes will do. Keep the house whitewashed inside and out. Give the perches an application of kerosene emulsion frequently and lice will be scarce.

Order pure bred roosters early to lead you flock. It needs new blood this spring.

If you are troubled by your hens picking cut and eating each others' feathers, it is probable that they have been idle too much and been given too much feed, but not enough animal food. Give them a variety of feed, including meat of some kind, coarse ground green bone, litter the floor with cut alfalfa, hay and straw, and throw the grain into this and make them scratch for their feed. If the hens are kept busy getting their living, they will not have time to pull the feathers out of each other. If any are confirmed in the habit either kill them or pare off upper and lower edges of their bills and nip off the hook. By the time the leaks have grown out again they will have forgotten the habit.

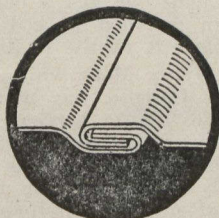
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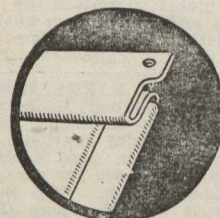
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