

table, must be hatched early in the season, consequently some rugged, hardy variety must be chosen. This may be obtained from crosses, and the hardy, persistent Brahmans are always called into use, from the fact that they are always at hand as sitters at the particular time of year, give no trouble, and have size and hardiness. These virtues are at the expense of quality. There is perhaps no better flesh than that of the Game-fowl. This breed matures early, is extremely hardy when young, and will soon grow to fair size. They will be ready for market fully three weeks before any other, when hatched at the same time. But they are pugnacious, great scratchers, and impatient of any restraint. The farmer and village d'like them, for they give much trouble, while the regular poultry-man likes them both as layers and sitters.

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to be esteemed. (1) They have size, mature early, are good layers, and the chicks are easily reared. They are not widely known. The breed is excellent for crossing on varieties of similar size. It is a mistake to mix the blood of large and small breeds. The Dorkings are large fowls, but the hen lays an egg of medium size. The smaller Leghorn oftentimes excels in size of egg, but the Dorking fowl will weigh twice as much. The Hamburgs are excellent for eggs, but indifferent table birds. The American taste prefers size and yellow skin. With the consumption of fresh eggs and poultry on the increase at remunerative prices, the query will often arise which breed is best for all purposes. The only way to become satisfied as to which breed is the best, is thorough trial.

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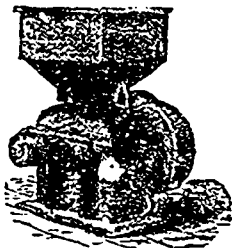
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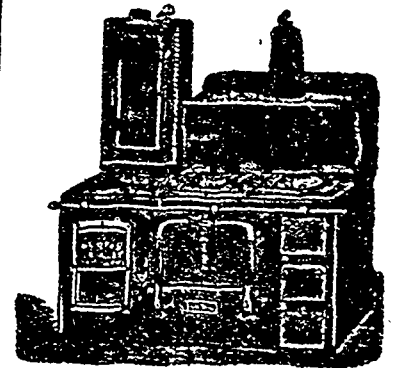
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