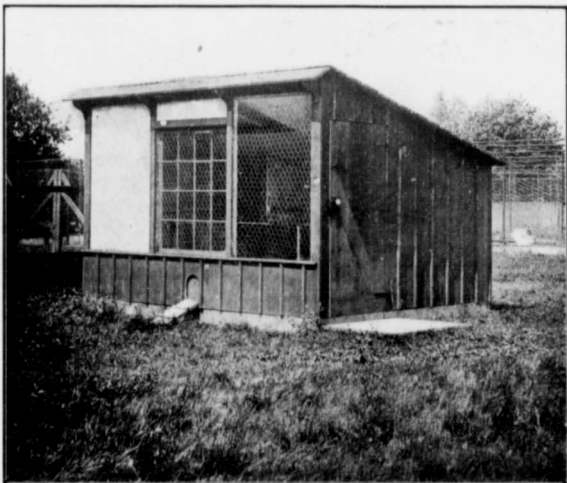


for flavour of eggs, have all received attention, and up to a certain point solved.

Among the most important conclusions arrived at as the result of long and practical experience are the following:—

That variety in rations is absolutely necessary to successful winter egg production, health of the birds, and immunity from the vices of egg-eating and feather-picking;

That germs of eggs in springtime,—under ordinary conditions of poultry keeping,—do not become strong until the fowls have run outside and recovered from their long term of artificial winter life and treatment;



Cotton front colony house.  
Two curtains rolled up on mild winter day.

That white diarrhoea etc., is in the great majority of instances in early spring due to the lack of constitutional vitality on the part of the breeding stock. One of the principal causes is given in the preceeding paragraph;

That germs do not—under ordinary conditions—become strong enough to hatch out a satisfactory percentage of chickens until the 12th or 15th of April;