

## MARKET FOWLS.

The first point we should look for is type; to have birds as nearly alike as possible, so that when they are dressed and put on the market they will have a uniform appearance. The birds must have a good constitution in order that they may be fattened early and economically. A good market bird should have much the same characteristics as a choice beef animal. It should be fairly low-set, broad-breasted, and, as a rule, should be rather short in the bill, bright in the eye, and broad in the head.

## PEN vs. CRATE FATTENING.

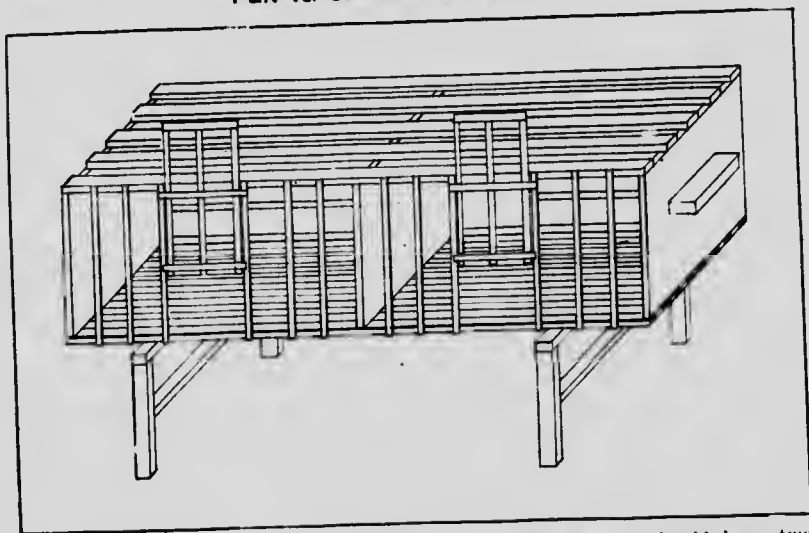


FIG. 12.—A fattening crate of right dimensions, though it should have two partitions instead of one.

**Pen Fattening.**—Poultry will fatten if kept in pens, and given a certain amount of liberty, but require a longer time to put on flesh than when fed in crates, such as is shown in Fig. 12. Birds fattened in crates, if properly fed, will be ready for market about three weeks after being put in the crates.

**Crate Fattening.**—A very easily made and efficient fattening crate can be made of laths and a few light boards which are used for ends and partitions. In Fig. 12 is shown a crate with two sections. Three sections would be much better. The crate should be 6 feet 6 inches long, 20 inches high and 16 inches wide. The top, back and bottom are formed of laths, running lengthwise. The