

grades of inferior stock has increased very slightly. Each succeeding year finds greater difficulty in disposing of poorly fattened birds. The essential requirements in marketing dressed birds include a good breed, freedom from torn flesh and clean picking. The head and the feet should be absolutely clean and the vent should be free from dung. The heads of all classes of dressed birds should be wrapped, using either 30 lb. parchment paper or grease-proof imitation parchment.

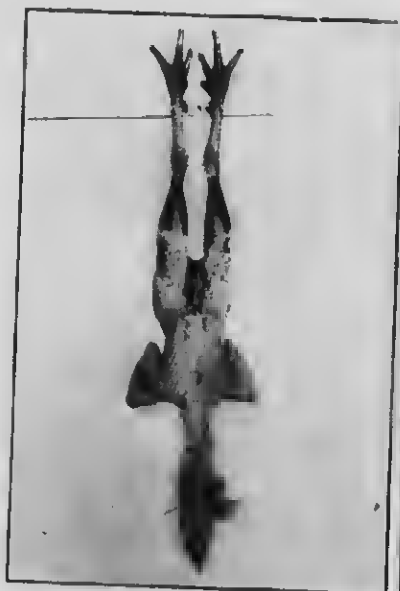


Fig. 85.—Showing the bad effects of scalding poultry.



Fig. 86.—A dressed bird with a crooked keel and a crop full of food, both of which are objectionable.

In some parts of Quebec dressed poultry is drawn before being sent to market. This is a very bad practice and should be discontinued, since drawn birds spoil much more quickly than do undrawn birds.

The buying of dressed birds by poultry dealers needs to be placed on a much better basis. Poultry dealers in Montreal, for instance, have no standard set of rules covering the classes and grades of poultry purchased. The adoption by the trade of such standard rules would greatly improve the present condition. The following classes and grades would be of great value, not only to the trade, but also to the producer and the consumer.