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C.—The too common practice of allowing chickens to ‘pick up their own living,’ or in any other way neglecting them, will seriously affect their growth and quality.

D.—Roomy coops, freedom from lice, new ground and cleanly surroundings are requisites for quick and healthy development.

E.—If the chickens are reared in brooders, care should be taken that they are not over-crowded. This undesirable treatment is too frequently the cause of disease and death.

F.—A robust chicken should eat heartily, grow well and be so handled as to put on flesh rather than develop sinew and muscle.

G.—Chickens should not be given any food for twenty-four hours before being killed. This will ensure their crops being empty of food when killed, a matter of importance.

FOWLS WHICH ARE BOTH GOOD LAYERS AND DESIRABLE MARKET TYPES.

Farmers and other poultry keepers who desire fowls which are both good egg-layers and acceptable market types will find any one of the following varieties most suitable:—

- Barred, White, Buff or Partridge Plymouth Rocks.
- White, Buff, Partridge or Columbian Wyandottes.
- Buff, White or Black Orpingtons.
- The Dorking family.
- Rhode Island Reds.

The English market calls for a white skin of fine grain and flesh coloured legs. The bird to be in good condition when killed and put on the market.

Mr. GILBERT.—Before concluding I would like the members of the committee to look at some eggs which I brought with me. They are strictly new-laid eggs. I think they were laid yesterday afternoon. You can see how attractive they look when graded and put in proper boxes.

Committee adjourned.

Certified correct,

A. G. GILBERT.