

At $5\frac{1}{2}$ or 6 months old the pullets should be laying. It has been found that pullets hatched in March or April give the best results as winter layers. If they are hatched earlier they may commence to lay late in the summer, may then moult, and will not commence to lay again before spring.

There are no hard and fast rules with regard to the time to feed and the order of feeding grains, mashies, green food and meals. If the flock is to produce maximum results, it should be fed a liberal supply of green food, such as clover, alfalfa, mangels, turnips or some green feed of like nature. Rape is easily grown and is exceptionally good for growing stock. It is also necessary that animal food be given them, such as ground bone, blood meal or beef scraps. Grain is essential and should be fed both ground and whole. In feeding grain, it is advisable to feed so that the fowl will have to work for it. If a little grain is thrown on the floor in the litter early in the morning, so that as soon as the birds come off the roosts they will have to work for their breakfast, it will keep

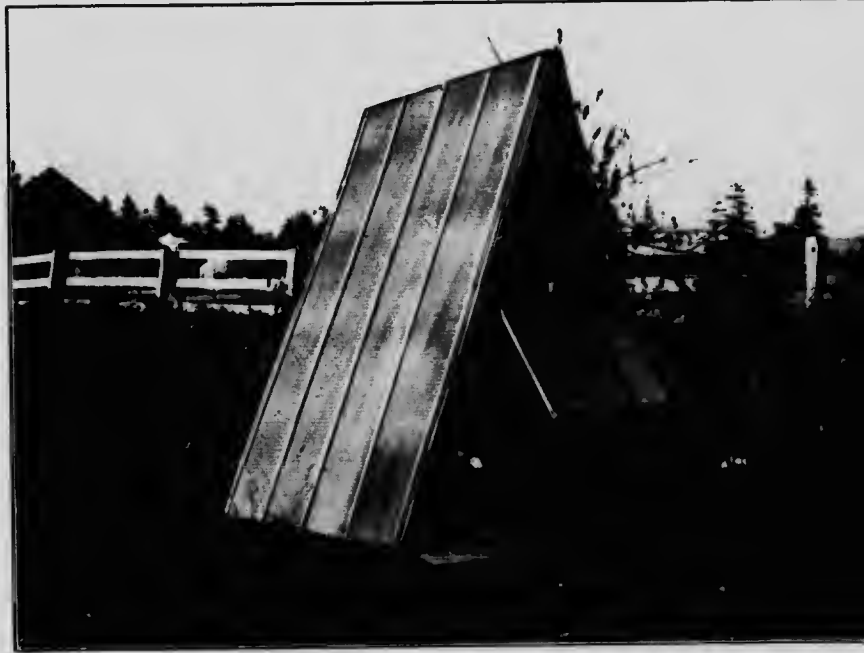


FIG. 5.—AN A-SHAPED COLONY HOUSE, SUITABLE FOR GROWING STOCK.