

which all can make improvement, the following suggestions deal directly with general conditions on the farm :—

- 1.—Keep only pure bred stock of the larger general purpose varieties.
- 2.—Discard all stunted, nondescript and all diseased stock.
- 3.—Give the poultry-house a thorough cleaning every spring and keep it clean ; spray often, and whitewash walls, roosts, etc., regularly.
- 4.—Feed the flock on pure and wholesome food and provide pure water in clean utensils.
- 5.—Hatch the chickens early ; keep them separate from the old stock and give them every possible opportunity to grow into strong, healthy, vigorous, well matured birds before the cold weather comes, in the fall and early winter.
- 6.—Give the poultry the care and attention they deserve and, if the farmer has not the time or inclination to do the work himself, let him delegate it to some responsible member of his family.

Specific Suggestions in Regard to the Proper Care of Market Eggs.

To the Farmer.

Remove the male birds from the flock immediately after the breeding season and market no fertile eggs.

Provide roomy nests and plenty of clean nesting material, preferably dry shavings or cut hay.

Keep the nests clean and sanitary.

Collect the eggs regularly at least once, better twice, a day in moderate weather and more frequently in very warm and very cold weather.

Remove at once in clean utensils to a cool, dry cellar.

Cover with clean cloth to prevent dust from settling upon them and also to prevent evaporation and fading.

Do not pack loose in a box when taking them to market, but rather secure a suitable egg case and thus avoid breakage.

Market as frequently and as directly as possible.

To the Merchant.

Buy on a loss-off basis, if possible, and encourage other merchants to do the same.

Insist that the farmers furnish first quality eggs only.

Keep in mind the perishable nature of the product and do not hold eggs on a rising market without proper facilities for storing them.

Realize that fresh eggs at any season of the year are much more valuable than stale eggs, when prices are higher.

When shipping, pack carefully in strong, clean cases and fillers.