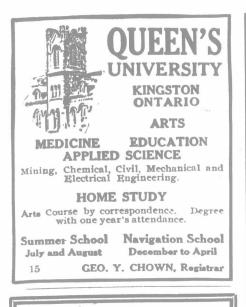
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Miscellaneous

Hired Man Collecting Wages.

Can a hired man collect full wages when hired by the year if he fails to put in full time? If not, how much can he collect?

Ans.-When hired by the year a man cannnot collect full wages unless he has exceptionally good reasons for leaving before his time is.up. It is hard to say just how much he could collect. It would depend somewhat on how the Judge would view the case if it should be taken to court. The employer should be given a reasonable notice and an endeavor made to come to some satisfactory agreement regarding wages. A man hired in the fall by the year cannot reasonably expect to collect the same rate of wages in the winter months as he was hired for by the year. On the average farm a man's time is not worth as much in the winter as it is in the summer. To leave a farmer at this time of the year puts him in rather a bad position unless he is able to secure other help. All these things would be taken into consideration when deciding how much a hired man should get.

Constructing a Hen-House.

I wish to build a hen-house. I have a barn 24 by 72 feet, standing on a stone foundation about 4 feet above ground I do not need all this building for hay and was wondering if I could convert a portion of it into a hen-house. The mow has a good double-inch floor. The build ing stands with its end to the south. How much of this building would be needed to accommodate 100 hens? State height of ceiling, size and material for windows. The building is boarded with inch pine lumber. I would like a plan of a building. D. W.

Ans .- It is possible to convert part of the barn into a hen-house. A pen 20 by 20 feet is a size very often recommended, but by partitioning 18 or 20 feet off the end of the barn you would have sufficient room for the number of hens mentioned. This would leave the pen 24 feet long. For best results it would be advisable to divide this pen with a solid partition as far as the roosts extend, and also the bottom 3 feet right across the pen. This is to prevent a draft over the birds which usually occurs in a building that is longer than it is wide. The ceiling should be 8 feet high in front and it could be tapered to $4\frac{1}{2}$



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feet at the back although this is not necessary when the hen-house is inside another building. As the building faces the south we would board up the bottom 3 feet and put the other 5 feet in height, on the front, in glass and cotton. The cotton is an excellent means of furnishing ventilation. On calm days the cotton screen could be left open but closed when there is a high wind and at nights. With a building 8 feet high and 18 feet deep the sun would shine to the remotest part of the pen. A window could be put in the east or west side although this is not essential when the front is in cotton and glass. With the ends of single board it would be necessary to either batten the cracks or else use paper and another layer of boards. The roosts could be put in on the level at the back of the pen about 3 feet from the floor. Nests could be arranged under the dropping board or along the end of the building. We see no reason why a very satisfactory henhouse could not be made out of this building. A run-way could be built so the birds could have access to the yard.

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