

IDEAL POULTRY FOOD.

According to One Authority, Linseed Meal is the Greatest Egg Producer Known.

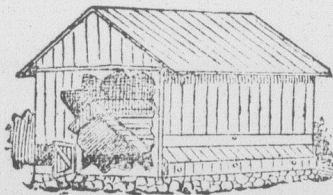
Mr. F. L. Hooper, Baltimore, who claims that linseed stands ahead of all other foods, says that linseed meal is to-day about the nearest perfect food for fowls that you will ever obtain for egg production. It contains the substances nearly similar to the composition of the egg. Its nitrogenous substance is large, with phosphates, potash, lime and other mineral matter in a large supply, and if it was not for the nuisance of poultry feeders and writers in advocating its use in a small quantity to help the fowls shed their feathers most persons would think it only a medicine for feather pushing, and good for no other purpose. Make use of a liberal supply of this wonderful egg producer, muscle grower, bone-maker, flesh former, health promoter and digester (better than grit), and a preventive of roup, indigestion and many other disorders of the fowl family. Remember that linseed meal is a cooked food, and also the fact that you cannot feed it separately, which is its only drawback, because by using it separately it gets clammy, or mucilaginous, and fowls fail to relish it, but it is an excellent feed to mix up in the drinking water of the fowls, say, about a gill to the gallon of water. Three-fourths of the production of oil cake made in the United States is sold in Europe. Is not this a crying shame on the total ignorance of the American feeders in not knowing its great value as an article of food for stock of every kind? Instead of making fowls shed their feathers when fed regularly, it has an opposite tendency. The feathers seem to get a better hold, and the beauty of plumage the birds get from feeding it is a special recommendation. It is questionable if raw oyster shell is a proper food for lime. It is liable to produce a caustic state, to some extent; it must so act to become soluble lime. In this state it would cause inflammation. Air-slacked lime is preferable, because it is soluble, and the carbonate of lime would be in the exact state for the hens to make use of it. Old plaster would be still better, because it would supply carbonate and sulphate of lime, the latter containing some nitrogen, besides a lot of grit, as most plaster contains sharp sand. Linseed meal is cathartic. Begin with a teaspoonful per hen and gradually increase to a gill if necessary, given every day.—Journal of Agriculture.

THE CHICKEN COOPS.

Health and Productiveness of the Flock Depend Upon Their Being Kept Clean.

The necessity of cleanliness about a poultry house is well understood by all who have had experience with fowls. Especially is this true in regard to roosting places, where one diseased fowl will communicate an infection to a whole flock of healthy birds. The coop should be cleaned every few days. By a simple arrangement of perches and slanting floor beneath this can be made a light and easy task, whereas it is generally a long and disagreeable one.

The perches should be placed in the form of an A roof, the top being through the middle of the coop. The pitch should be just enough to bring each perch well out from under the one immediately above. The bottom perch should be at least three or four feet



COOP THAT IS EASILY CLEANED.

from the ground. The slanting floor should be built on the same pitch as the perches and from one and one-half to two feet below the perches. At the sides of the coop, where the floor joins the side, a long box reaching the entire length and about a foot wide is placed to catch the droppings from the perches.

The opening for cleaning this box can be made at the end, if it is not too long. One end of the box can be elevated a couple of feet above the open end, thus, with a device made in the shape of a hoe with handle long enough to reach to the farther end, making an easy and quick job. By letting the end of the box-like trough extend a foot beyond the end of the coop a wheelbarrow or cart can be run beneath it and the contents emptied directly into it. If the coop is too long for this mode of emptying the receptacle, take a board one foot in width and make a door to close an opening along the side of the box. You can use this door as the side of the box. Fasten with hinges at the top and place buttons to hold it in place when closed. Also put a button above to hold the door up while cleaning. In the accompanying illustration a part of the front of the coop is left out to show the perches in position. Both ways of emptying the box are also shown.—Ohio Farmer.

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