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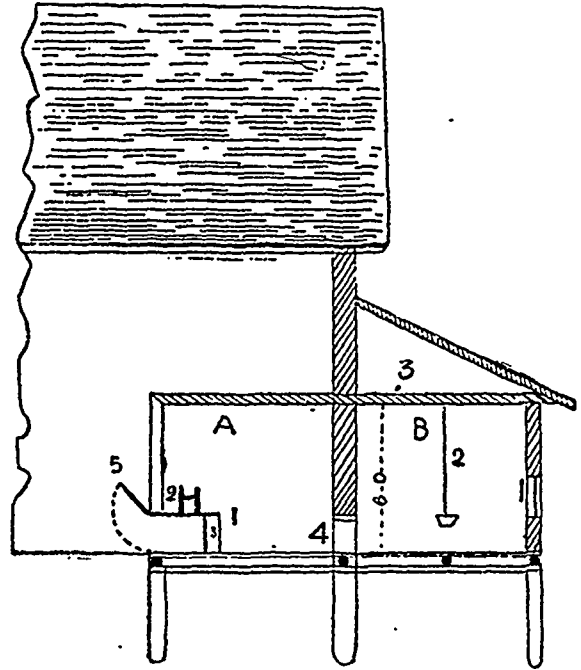
PLANS OF POULTRY HOUSES.

MR. A. G. GILBERT'S IDEAS ON VARIOUS STYLES OF SEPARATE AND ATTACHED BUILDINGS, FEED TROUGH, ROOSTS, ETC.

WITH the object of embracing the desirable points mentioned the following plans of easily constructed poultry houses, or plans, whereby portions of old buildings, barns, etc., may be adapted to poultry keeping, are given.

In report of 1893 a diagram of a poultry house intended to embrace many points of usefulness was given. The same diagram improved and modified in internal arrangements, with reasons for making alterations, is reproduced and shown below. It may be stated that the plan of 1893 has been adopted by several persons in the construction of poultry houses, with the most satisfactory results. First is given the plan of 1893 altered, so as to be more modern, and the reasons for making the changes:—

The above diagram represents a house and addition that can be added to the end or side of a barn facing south. A small portion "A" of the end of the barn is partitioned off for the roosting and laying room. The ceiling is made low, and under this low ceiling is the platform and roost so placed as to economise the animal heat of the fowls during the cold nights, and keep them as comfortable as possible during that period. The roost should be a 2 x 4 inch scantling, broadside down and placed 10 or 12 inches over a platform which should be 2½ feet wide and 18 inches from the ground. Under this platform should be the nests so arranged that by boarding the front of the platform, they (the nests) will be kept dark. The partitions of the nests will support the platform. The object of keeping the nests dark is to offer no inducements to the hens to stay in, or about them, after the egg is laid, and to keep the other hens



A.—1. Platform. 2. Support for roost with notch. 3. Entrance to nests under platform. 4. Slide door to scratching house. 5. Hinge board or door by which access can be had to nests from barn.

B.—1. Window facing south. 2. String with cabbage attached. 3. Space for straw, sand, gravel, etc., to be let down below.

from seeing the eggs. Egg eating is so prevented, and prevention is a great deal easier than cure. After keeping themselves comparatively warm by scratching busily all day in the scratching room, the layers require some warmth during the night, and in most poultry houses that is the very time they are coldest.

"B." This is an addition that can cheaply be made to the barn and should be to the south. A slide admits the fowls from A to B.

The floor may be of boards or earth, but it must be kept perfectly dry. On the floor should be placed chaff, oat hulls, straw, dry leaves, or other material suitable, and in which