

## SOME POULTRY FARMS IN THE EASTERN STATES.

Down in the central portion of New York State is the little town of Groton noted for its Leghorn Farms. This town is one of the great centres for collecting eggs for shipment to New York City. The development of this trade is mainly due to the success of a few men, who keep a thousand or more Leghorn hens for laying eggs. The farmers in general noticed that

hence this has become a great centre for white eggs. The poultry farmers use only a limited number to supply their customers, but there are dealers who do a regular business in buying, storing, and shipping eggs.

It was my privilege to visit the farm of J. H. Blanchard, of this town. Mr. Blanchard keeps about one thousand laying hens; and ships eggs to



White Leghorn Chickens at Blanchard's Farm, Seaton, N. Y.

these men were making money; and moreover these poultry farmers could not supply the wants of their customers. Some of the most reliable farmers were approached to sell their eggs to the poultry farmer at a price of a few cents in advance of the market price, and were asked to absolutely guarantee every egg and to deliver the same at least once every week. In this section, practically every farmer keeps Leghorn hens, and

customers in New York. He guarantees every egg, and gets a price quite in advance of the general market.

As might be expected, incubators and brooders are in general use, not only by Mr. Blanchard but by the farmers. One would think to hear these people talk that this was the only way to hatch eggs, judging from their words of praise for incubators. They were equally as well pleased