

is fitted up for convenience and cleanliness. Our self-feeding grit boxes hang against the wall, just so fowls can reach them nicely. Also watering pans are fixed same way. This prevents getting as much litter in them as when set on floor.

I must boast a little about our feed troughs, as I think them a little the best and handiest I have ever yet seen. They are made of one inch lumber six inches wide, as long as is wanted for number of fowls. On the one edge is a piece nailed that is an inch higher than board. The other side of trough is hinged to wall about six or eight inches from floor. In centre of the trough is fastened a rest for trough when in position for feed. After through feeding trough is raised up against partition, where it is fastened with a hook which closes it up out of the way and keeps it clean. This trough is not patented, so any one can use it if they think it good enough. It can be made any width and any length to suit. We also have a rope nailed up in each pen, on which are hung cabbage for hens to pick at, and 25 of them will trim up a good sized head every day.

The canvas part of building spoken of in another place is merely an experiment, and may in time be replaced with boards or windows, but at present we feel that it is just what is wanted, as we intend compelling hens to hustle for their food, excepting the mash which is given at night.

Will not give our method of feeding in this article as the majority of breeders have their own method, which is no doubt as good as ours. The outlook now is for a high price for eggs, and we are going to make an effort to produce at least a part of them, and get all out of it that is possible.—Practical Poultryman.

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WHY I BREED ASIATICS.

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MANY residents of the cities or towns where ground space is at a premium, find the keeping of a few fowls becomes, as it were, a pleasure that many cannot indulge themselves in.

Many a small boy refrains from following his propensity of keeping fowls because they are apt to fly over the fence between his father's lot and that of his neighbor, who sits with a gun ready to send the first offending "chicken" that trespasses upon his property into the Great Beyond.

He who raises any of the Asiatic breeds need have no fear of his pets being the recipients of any such deeds for with their small wings and large bodies they are unable to fly over the ordinary four foot fence, which makes them so much more easily confined and less expensive, as one does not have to construct such high fences.

Then to the epicure their massive, plump bodies make a most enjoyable roast when they are killed; in fact they can be passed off when on the table for turkey.

They are recognized by nearly all poultry experts to be one of the best families for winter laying, at a season of the year when eggs are relished or command a high price, and though to many an egg is an egg whatever kind of a hen laid it, yet one would be surprised when they handle a few Asiatic eggs to notice how heavy they are indicating that there is so much more substance in one of these than in the smaller hen's egg. Then again, we have the crowing of the male birds which to nervous people is a great nuisance, especially the shrill, clarion notes of the smaller bird in comparison with the deep bass voice of the Asiatic.

It is a well known axiom in acoustics that the higher the note or pitch of a voice the more severe

is it upon the ear, and thus do we note the great difference between the crow of the large and small birds. This, of course, only refers to city or town lots where the fowls are placed close to the dwellings through necessity. And again, how much does the smaller bird ring out his clarion notes only to be followed by his consort who has laid an egg, which, to hear the noise she makes, you would think was the only one ever laid.

Then, when you wish to show your fowls to your friends you have some size to show, something you need not be ashamed of. Taken altogether the Asiatics are in the estimation of many the beautiful ideal fowl for the city, but like all others they have their drawbacks, the chief one being their propensity to put on fat, which can be guarded against by judicious feeding.

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