

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT POULTRY.

THE POULTRY YARD.

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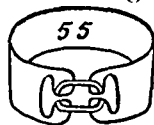
Hens are live stock and, like all animals, should eat to maintain their species, then to transform into either flesh, fat or eggs, the surplus food they are apt to take.

First—The free hen. The hen being omnivorous her subsistence is an easy matter when she can go and come and wander about all day long. Those which

live at liberty in the farm yard and its neighborhood, which can visit the stables whenever they wish, the vicinity of the kitchen, the manure piles, which can run on the street, in the orchard, fields and meadows, everything found is good for them and some scrap of food is picked up everywhere. Nothing escapes their notice; scattered grain, oats in horse dung, vegetable peelings, thousands of waste matters and myriads, to us, of invisible insects, weeds to be met with almost everywhere, near roads, by the sides of ditches, around fences, etc. Running around thus, hens partly feed themselves and, in fact, during the summer months, but little need be given them. Nevertheless, there is one fact to be noted: Are these external supplies in proportion to the number of fowls in your poultry house? The poultry raiser should supply such substance in proportion to what is lacking. Such should be the extent of his intervention at all times. Therefore, he should distribute, measure out, to them once or twice per day, and always in the

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