

10s., and so on, up to twelve weeks. Why should the feeder pay practically double this for them? One great secret of pig-raising is, when the pigs are high in price don't lose your head and throw your money away; when pigs are low don't lose your head and throw your pigs away." *Farming.*

The Poultry-Yard.

FAILURES AND THEIR CAUSE. (1)

It is a strange fact that farmers know less in regard to the management of poultry than should be the case, and the reason is that while they have given their attention to other farm-stock, they have not examined into or studied the matters that belong to poultry raising as a business. In fact it has not been considered at all, but simply an adjunct or a pastime, the consequence being that while the farmer gives his attention to larger stock and learns daily how to manage with greater success he has allowed his hens to manage themselves. The sick horse or cow is a source of anxiety to the farmer, because he has in the animal perhaps a hundred or more dollars invested, and veterinary skill or the experience of the farmer will be used to its fullest capacity in order to avoid loss. Infectious diseases are guarded against, and due precaution is taken to ward off loss. Farmers are learning that there is a profit to be derived from the small things on the farm, and that the capital invested in poultry, though not usually large, is sure to bring in a return, and they are turning their attention in that direction, having the advantage of ready sales at all seasons of the year and home markets; but the long neglect of years places them at a disadvantage, as they find that, while they are familiar with the details of farm management and the care of animals, they are lacking in the knowledge so essential to success with poultry, especially when they desire to venture on the keeping of poultry in large numbers. Without any real experience in that direction, though accustomed to having hens in the barnyards from boyhood, they make many failures that might otherwise be avoided with the possession of knowledge in the matter of poultry raising.

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Failures occur from attempting too much without experience. There are essential details necessary that can only be properly performed by those who are experienced, and the first steps should therefore be gradual. The farmer should learn something of the breeds and their uses. He should know the breeds that will suit his climate and soil best. The best laying breed may prove a miserable failure unless it is surrounded by conditions for success. It is difficult to teach the farmer that the common barnyard stock is not as good as any other. That stumbling block he will not remove, and it is dangerous, for as long as the farmer clings to old traditions and adheres to old customs, he will fail to recognise the importance of improvement in other directions.

Better houses, better breeds, systematic feeding, cleanliness and careful selection of breeding stock are essential, and if neglected; result in failure of the worst kind.

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Household Matters.

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It often happens that people who have a good supply of clothes do not appear to be so much better dressed than their less fortunate neighbours, who have very little.

The latter will feel that their little must be used with the greatest economy, owing to the uncertainty of when more will be forthcoming. Time will be found to hang up and put away all garments not in use, the necessary stitch will be given in time, to save the nine, caused by negligence of this good rule.

Due attention will be given to the careful sponging and ironing out any little creases, so that the garment shall retain its freshness, and not look as if it had been thrown by carelessly in a corner till wanted, or, even worse, have the appearance that it may have been slept in!

A truly refined mind has the desire for nice things and will do much to keep up and enjoy the very best it can get. Trimmings that have become soiled and limp will be replaced, or freshened up, and made the very most of, in fact, no trouble will be spared to make the most of little.

The white skirt, worn by almost everybody just now, if laundried with due regard to its making, will always retain its good shape.