

overturning. On this farm, Mr. Pollard will soon build a pipe brooder house 115 feet long fitted with the same brooding and internal arrangements that have given such good results in the home brooder described, also another house of the same pattern for a cold brooder, to receive the chickens or ducks as soon as they can get along without artificial heat. A system of water pipes with a steam engine to fill the supply tank once a week, as well as an incubator cellar will also be built immediately. There will be a drive about the place from building to building for the convenience of the team to be used in making the rounds when the feeding and other work is done. A flock of Embden geese will also be used for breeding, the nucleus of which has already been secured. The stone walls on the place, which are regular vermin harbors, will be used in making foundations for buildings.

#### PREFERS WHITE WYANDOTTE FOWLS.

As Mr. Pollard has been a buyer of live poultry for years, he is familiar with the various markets and has learned what stock sells best when dressed. He has found that pure-bred stock, especially if directly from the yards of the fancier, has usually been in poor condition and unsuited to his purpose, but that farm-raised poultry having free range, whether they were pure-bred, cross-bred, or scrub stock, usually could be depended upon to suit his customers. He found that certain breeds that he bought, no matter how favorable the circumstances under which they were reared, were, when dressed, so narrow-bodied, blue-meated and white-skinned, so very unattractive in appearance that they could not be sold and had to be used for home consumption or given away. Other varieties had such well-proportioned carcasses, such full breasts and yellow skin and legs that, even when rather thin, they were so attractive that they sold quickly at the highest price when dealers would refuse stock not so good at any price. This fact naturally caused Mr. Pollard to favor certain breeds and to discriminate against others. When buying stock for the market, he did not care what the breed was if the stock was good enough to suit his trade, but he did not fail to notice which blood had the best influence and gave the most value to a flock. Therefore, when he leased his first farm and commenced to raise poultry in considerable numbers, he decided that if it paid to buy and sell the best, it was still more important that he should produce the best. He, therefore, secured a flock of light Brahmas and silver Wyandottes, although he has since discarded them and now keeps white Wyandottes and white Plymouth Rocks. He considers the former the best all round fowl and much more pro-

fitable. The latter are kept because there is a demand for them, and they sell well for breeding purposes. Although a very promising fowl, the latter must be very much improved before they will equal white Wyandottes. White Wyandottes, in his experience, produce better eggs, as regards size and color, than white P. Rocks. The latter will eat twice as much and lay no more eggs. Their eggs, although not as handsome as those from Brahmas or Langshams, are nearly so, not five per cent of the eggs laid being light-colored. Only dark eggs are selected for hatching. Although they will not lay as many eggs as white Leghorns, Mr. Pollard claims that they will lay as many dollars' worth in the year and sell better in eastern markets, and when the fowls or chickens of each are dressed for the market, the difference in their value is great.

His breeding Wyandottes are kept in small houses about the outskirts of the farm away from the rest of the stock, and are given free range to insure vigor. It should be remembered that Mr. Pollard knew his market before he commenced operations. His brother is, also, head man at the stall of one of the leading poultry dealers at Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, and he is himself in a position to keep posted. After raising his stock, he knows when to sell it and how to get all the money that can be got for it. This end of the business is usually the last to be studied by the enthusiastic person who thinks of rushing into the business, but if he is wise, he will make it the first.

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#### NOTES.

MR. H. S. BABCOCK,

owing to change of office and increase of business is obliged to offer several nice lots of his stock for sale. At his new address—after June 15th—the latch-string will hang on the outside to all his friends.

MR. JAMES FORSYTH, RIVERSIDE, OWEGO, TIoga CO., N.Y. writes: "As a member of the revision committee of the American Poultry Association, I should deem it a favor and a great assistance, if those breeders interested in the varieties which I represent on said committee, namely:—Leghorns, Houdans, buff and white Wyandotte and buff Plymouth Rocks—would correspond with me regarding any changes in the Standard, which appear to them most desirable."