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Maning Hens Productive in Winter. Germantown Telegraph. The common complaint of the diminished product of eggs in winter is so easy to remedy that the very existence of the complaint shows a want of knowledge in the management of fowls. Allowing them to go through the coldest weather without any comfortable quarters espec-ially provided for them, and to feed them irregularly with anything there may be on hand and not half enough of that, it is unnatural to look for a generous crop of eggs. On the other hand, where there is a cleanly, comfortable .chicken house to which they can retire at all times, with : portion set apart where the fowls will not be disturbed for their nests, and then fed regularly with a variety of food adapted to the season, there are very few breeds that will not render a good account for the kindness which has been bestowed upon them. For instance, give them for some four months generous supplics of food twice a day of different kinds of grain, say of wheat, buckwheat, barley and oats, as it may be on hand; commeal mush daily, chopped cab bage and onions once a week ; scraps of meat saved from the table once a week or once in two weeks; mashed potatoes once or twice a week; fresh cracked bones and pieces of lime, with a bed of gravel ; or hay, chopped up fine, fowls will cat eagerly : and there will be small lack of eggs. There is nothing better, we are informed by poultry-raisers, than wheat to produce eggs. All these should be used at times, but enough at all times, and the feeding should be at stated times. Pure water will of course be supplied by every one who understands the business of poultry raising. We fancy if farmers, or rather farmers'

families, who generally attend to the chicken department, will act upon these hints, they will have no just ground for complaining of the nonlaying of their

should receive similar treatment.

and top dressed where it was not done last autumn. New beds can also be made from the roots of the old plants, each piece having a portion of the crown, however small, planted with it. Quite early some of the plants will show a disposition to run to seed. These should be broken off, which will add to the size and tenderness of the other sprouts. The pieces should be set two inches below the surface.

which were laid down during the winter should be uncovered the first week in April and firmly staked, having of course been pruned before laying down, and the ground thoroughly forked-up. After the new sprouts are up six or eight inches, any olfal of the garden, such as the rak ings of the top-dressing, weeds, grass, then long manure should be applied as a



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