

Agricultural.

Why Fowls Cannot be Kept in large numbers.
It is pretty generally conceded that no one is successful who attempts to keep together a large number of fowls, and that those who keep the smallest number together have the best success. It is not only true, but easily to be accounted for.

Every one who has kept fowls knows that they are very uncleanly birds. They clean themselves in the dirt, and that evidently not for the purpose of cleanliness, but to rid themselves of vermin. They prefer clean, light sand, because if in the sun it is generally warmer, and it is easily moved; but they seem generally to enjoy any soft, dry earth, although it may be very sweet and clean. They are notoriously filthy in their coops, roosting under each other, taking no pains to avoid the droppings, soiling their food, water and nest, and with their droppings, and doing no account apparently towards cleanliness. This is more apparent in the house where they are confined, and where the air should be as pure as possible. If they are at large and few in number, they move around so much that they cannot soot the ground. They are by nature clean, but by habit the reverse, and the only way to keep them in the natural state is to give them range enough, so that they may not soil their heads, or also cleanse their haunts carefully and faithfully every day.

We kept one solitary hen on our place for several months. She was of the common barn yard breed. We never saw her, but she was one of those that kept fresh and perfect, and she was a constant layer. No care was taken of her, and we always attributed her thrift to the fact that she had the whole range of our place for exercise, and her quarters were always perfectly clean. As soon as your flock becomes large you will find them crowding together, and always soiling their haunts. If there are a sufficient number to do it, they may do something towards cleaning up, but they cannot keep very large flocks very clean.

We have often seen it stated that not more than fifty hens should be kept in a hen-house twenty feet by ten. Except with constant attention, they are sure to become soiled and dirty. You may as well not attempt to keep more than a smaller space. Close up such a house once more, when you have neglected cleaning it for a few days, and go in from the fresh air in the morning, and you will be surprised at the filth in the air. Drive the flock out into the open air and you will see what a change it produces in them, and how lively they will become in a few minutes.

Save the Dead Leaves.—If every horticulturist and farmer would think for a moment on the nature of fallen leaves, which contain not only the vegetable matter, but the earthy salts, lime, potash, etc., by every means that grows and finally lost together. Nor would he give them away, as many now do. He would rather collect, from week to week, the leaves that fall under each tree, and by digging them under the soil, in this simple manner, receive all the enriching they required. Pear trees, and doubtless the peach, would be greatly benefited by this procedure.

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