

The Farmer's Department.

Poultry Hints for October.

The general management for this month differs a little from the past. They may be allowed considerable liberty if they will not damage tomatoes, vineyards, &c. They will still find some insects and scattered grain but not sufficient without other food to keep them growing.

Chickens intended for market may now be separated from the older fowls, and confined in more restricted quarters and fed liberally with a variety of food, of which grains of some sort should form the basis.

It is equally hopeless to attempt to fatten older fowls unless confined in a proper coop; and this, like most other appearances need not be expensive. To fatten a dozen adult fowls, of common size, a coop may be made, three feet long, eighteen inches deep, made entirely of shut, open on all sides, top and bottom.

Fowls subjected to fatted should be in good health, one diseased fowl might contaminate the whole; besides if there are any that seem inclined to be quarrelsome they should be removed at once.

No animal is easier kept than fowls. No kinds of food comes amiss to them. When at liberty they obtain their living promiscuously, and pick up every thing that can be made use of as food in the barn-yard; even the worms, grubs, and bugs give them the most nutritious food.

We have practiced another method for fattening fowls, which has proved successful. We confined a number of fowls, ducks and turkeys in the month of November in a small dark room, only giving them light when feeding.

Now that winter is approaching it would be well to cast about and see if we have suitable accommodations for the fowls. One of the greatest errors that prevails in the management of the domestic fowls, and one which must be destructive of all profit, is to the common practice of leaving them to shift for themselves during the winter months.

The way in which the farmers in general manage their poultry is not the best for them or the fowls. They

are allowed to run where they please, to lay and sit at any time they may deem expedient.

When the hen comes off with the chickens, she is suffered to ramble about exposing the young brood to cold and wet, which thus thins off rapidly; no suitable accommodations are provided for their roosting-places, and they are allowed to find a place to roost where they can, probably in some exposed situation in a tree or shed; no attention is given to feeding them; and under such circumstances, it is not to be wondered at that few or no eggs produced, that few or no chickens are raised, or that fowls are sickly or unprofitable.

When with so little expense to himself, a farmer may have an abundant supply of eggs and raise one or two hundred chickens, it seems strange that the poultry business should be so little attended to by the owners of the soil.

Where crops are sown immediately around the barns, it may be inconvenient to have fowls run at large; but in many cases fifty or a hundred of these birds may be kept, not only without injury but with benefit.

There are generally large quantities of grain scattered in the barn-yards and lost unless eaten by the fowls; there are myriads of insects, such as flies, bugs, worms, grasshoppers, etc., which require to have their numbers diminished by the cock and his followers; and if constantly kept up and fed experience shows that for the amount of capital invested, the poultry contributes, in proportion, as great a return as any part of the farm.

Now for the fowl house. If you have room in your stable or barn, a room partitioned off these will do. Having built the partition, all the cracks should be battened up to make it warm. It should have good sized windows, front to the south, if possible, and it should be well white-washed, both for neatness and to make it lighter.

Then divide it into two apartments; one to be used for the roosting-room, the other for their occupation during the day. The day room should be furnished with gravel, old lime mortar, and such other materials to assist in making the shells to their eggs. Also sand and ashes which are put into shallow boxes so that the room may not be made unclean. Or if you have a basement under your barn, partly under ground, but light, will answer a good purpose.

A poultry house need not be expensive, and yet be good for the farmer as one with a fine finish. Of whatever shape it is better to have it too small than too large, in winter especially. For if too large the hens get together in one corner in order to keep themselves warm.

While if of the right size, they can promenade as much as they please, and have the proper amount of exercise. We of the following plan, which a handy farmer with the necessary tools can erect himself. The building is designed to be 10 feet high in front, and 4 feet in the rear, 13 feet long. The length may be greater or less according to the number of fowls to be accommodated.

The above dimensions are large enough for twenty or thirty fowls. The materials for rear and ends may be frame, brick or stone. The south slope of a bank will be a good location, as warmth is an important point to be gained.

SHERIFF'S NOTICES.

GENERAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, in and by Act of the General Assembly, it is enacted upon me to give public notice of such election, and to encourage in such notices that officers, to be elected, to wit: POLK BRACKENRIDGE, High Sheriff of the county of Butler, to hold a General Election to be held at the seat of justice in the County of Butler, to-wit: at the Court House in the City of Butler, on the 11th day of said month, at 10 o'clock, to-wit: on the 11th day of said month, at 10 o'clock, to-wit: on the 11th day of said month, at 10 o'clock.

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