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By E. I. Farrington

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The average farmer works without system. He gathers the eggs wherever he finds them, regardless of the fact that those from the hay loft may contain half grown chickens. He hauls them to the store in an open basket exposed to the broiling sun and cheerfully mixes fresh and stale, dirty and clean, white and brown in one indiscriminate lot. Then he trades them in for groceries. It is taken for granted that many of the eggs will be bad and the price is accordingly low. And this price goes for all. There is no inducement to turn in a first class article. It is an axiom in the country that anything with a shell on it can get by.

BANISHING the rooster is of great advantage in getting eggs that will keep. Infertile eggs will remain good much longer than those which are fertile. Washed eggs rot more quickly than those not washed. Somebody has figured out that for every dollar's worth of eggs produced, there is a loss of seventeen cents.

While the hen is being induced to lay more eggs, it would be well to coax her to make them bigger. Nothing is really gained if the number is increased at the expense of size. Take a look at the last dozen bought at the corner grocery and think on this matter. When eggs are universally sold by weight there will be a reform along this line.

Under present conditions the man with a little flock of hens has a tremendous advantage over his neighbor who must buy the eggs he uses. He can have not only fresh eggs, but large eggs, rich eggs, finely flavored eggs, eggs with yellow yolks, and white or brown shelled eggs, as he chooses. He can have them the year around and, if he manages his flock skilfully, in constantly increasing numbers. He can even make a profit by selling the surplus of his crop. A woman in Boston has made money raising poultry on a hotel roof. Another woman, living in a suburb of the same city, gets a good living from 400 hens. One man at Chehalis, Washington, clears over a thousand dollars a year from a poultry yard within the city limits. Hundreds of other breeders have made similar successes. They have learned how to get 100 eggs from hens that laid only fifty before and to that extent they are public benefactors.

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