

MAKES AN IDEAL POULTRY HOUSE

Design That Is Thoroughly Practical, and the Fowls Will Flourish in It.

HAS LARGE SCRATCHING SHED

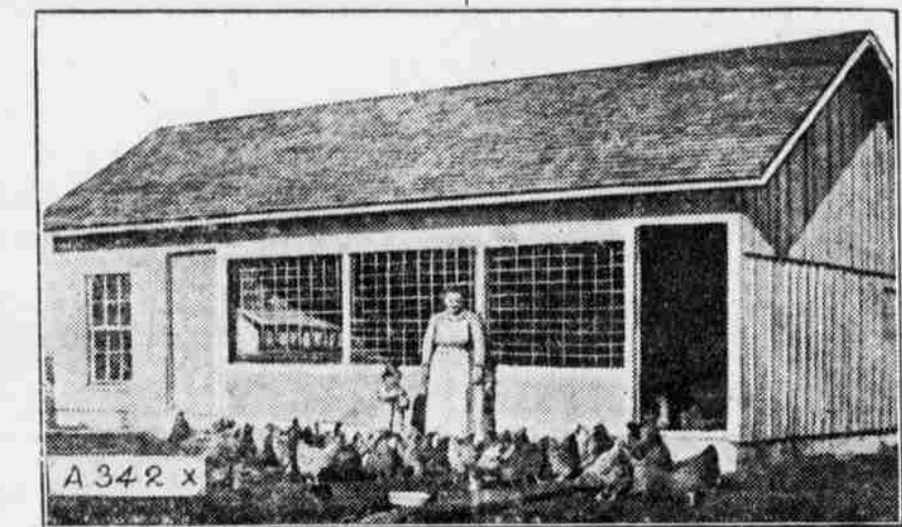
Main Part Devoted to That Purpose, Though the Hatching and Brooder Rooms Are Appropriated Due Space—Open Front Is Good Feature of Building.

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Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF CHARGE on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1327 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Keeping purebred poultry requires better buildings than were considered necessary for mongrel fowls so common a few years ago. Poultry associations are responsible for the wholesale breeding of valuable fowls, because the shows they have held and the gospel the members have preached has penetrated into every section of the country. The result is that a good many different kinds and sizes of poultry houses have been designed and built, many of which are thoroughly practical.

One of these is a combination poultry house having a hatching room and a brooder room besides the regulation winter scratching floor, as shown in the accompanying illustration. The main part of the building is devoted to the scratching shed, but the other compartments are valuable accessories. This building has a good solid concrete foundation and concrete floor. The scratching shed is built with three

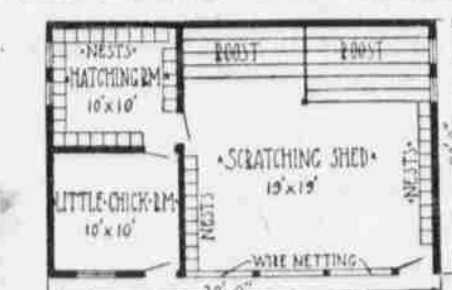


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large openings in the front or south side instead of windows. These openings are covered with wire netting. If necessary, thin cotton may be used over the wire. Inside there is a large scratching shed 19 feet square. In the back part of this room the roosts are supported by hanging wires suspended from the roof, so that the whole floor space may be covered with straw and used for scratching purposes.

The roosts and nest boxes are all made easily removable, to be carried outdoors at housecleaning time, so that all the walls and the ceiling may be sprayed with whitewash or crude oil. The nest boxes, roosts and all other chicken-house furniture are treated to the same kind of a bath, after taking them outside, and they are left to dry in the sun for several hours before being put back into place in the house. This is done frequently in warm weather and occasionally during the winter. The climate or length of the warm season has a good deal to do with the proper disinfection of the poultry house to keep it in proper condition.

The hatching room is provided with extra large nests, to make room for a layer of sod in the bottom and plenty of straw to make the nests comfortable. Sod holds moisture, so the eggs will hatch better. There are 28 of these nest boxes. They rest on the floor and occupy all the wall space,



Floor Plan.

leaving the center part of the room for the attendant to move about and visit each hatching box every day. It is a comfortable sight to see the biddies attending to business as close neighbors in these different little boxes. Rather close attention is required, however, by the poultry woman during the incubation season, because occasionally one of the hens wanders from home, and that is what makes trouble.

These nest boxes during the fall and early winter are used for the laying hens up to the time when incubation should begin. After the brooding season is early spring the same room is handy to shelter an extra brood or two of chickens when the other room—the regular brooder room—is overcrowded.

From the hatching room the hens with their little broods are transferred to the brooder room in front. There they are furnished with separate brooder coops, where they can nurse their little families until they are old enough and strong enough to go into one of the colony houses.

All the furniture in the hatching room and brooder room is made removable, or easy cleaning, the same as the movables in the large room. This is a very important provision in any poultry house, because it is occu-

pled for months at a time by a large number of hens and chickens, so that it is absolutely necessary to conduct the details of the business in such a way as to discourage little insects that are disposed to make themselves troublesome.

The general construction of the building above the concrete foundation is of wood, built in the usual way, except that great care is taken to have the inside workwork as smooth as possible, so it may be easily treated with disinfectants to destroy all forms of life that are not profitable.

The roof of the building is of the usual gable-end pattern, with a rainy weather pitch. In making the roof the rafters are first covered with roofing boards, then with building paper and shingles. The underside of the collar beams and the lower part of the rafters are celled with tongue and groove celling, carefully fitted at the purlin joints and at the plates to prevent openings that might form a lodgment for lice or mites.

The whole interior is thoroughly well painted with three coats of thin white lead paint, carefully rubbed into the grain of the wood, which makes the inside of the house light and clean. It is easy to care for fowls, even though the house may be crowded, when provision is made to keep the place clean without unnecessary labor. The success of a poultry house depends on little things, and there are a great many of them. The needs of a household of poultry are numerous, but simple when the business is well understood.

A good poultry man or woman is not likely to neglect well-bred fowls in a well-built house, because there is a great deal of pleasure in knowing that they are well cared for, and it is not difficult to do.

TURNING SMOKE INTO STEAM

Leading Railroad Has Recently Installed a New Device, Which Is Said to Be a Success.

Due, it is said, to agitation which nearly forced the electricification of the system, the New York Central railroad at Englewood, Ill., has installed a smoke consumer which washes the smoke before it is permitted to es-

cape. Asbestos conduits are suspended over the stalls of the engines, connecting with the smokestacks. These collect the smoke and carry it through a pipe to a large fan, which forces it into a concrete tank which contains hot water to the depth of 18 feet. When the smoke emerges it is steam. The coloring matter has been taken out—tar and soot—and a little moisture added which forms steam instead of a colorless gas. This steam is then permitted to escape. The residue, when skimmed off the water, looks like black lard. It is taken from the tank and stored in barrels. Although this waste contains 80 per cent of pure carbon, which is the active principle in coal, it cannot be used as fuel, according to the Technical World, because it is divided into such small particles that if an effort were made to burn it an ordinary draft would carry the most of it up the smokestack. It is said that it can be used in the manufacture of paint, and some such use will probably ultimately be found for it. Nine barrels of the black substance which formerly lodged in neighboring lace curtains is being collected daily.

Kinsale. Kinsale, made forever memorable by the tragedy of the Lusitania, keeps a modest place in the history of Ireland. It was here that Don Juan's fleet landed 3,000 men to join hands with O'Neill, out of which landing grew the story that the cottages at World's End are still inhabited by the descendants of Spaniards. It was from Kinsale that James II, on March 2, 1689, landed, and from Kinsale he sailed after his defeat at the battle of the Boyne. Thirty years ago the house in which he spent the night before his departure was still in existence. Kinsale was greater in the past than now, for we read that "of all the Irish ports it was the best situated for intercourse with France, and that in the town Marlborough found a thousand barrels of wheat and 80 pipes of claret."

Tyranny of the Senses. Those of us who give ourselves up to the senses strengthen our prison. Each day we add new bolts and bars. The time is sure to come when we shall realize our folly. Some particular sense, perhaps, after mastering us, will turn and gloat and jeer. Though once seemingly a friend, it has in disguise the deadliest of enemies. Now is the moment for us to strike for freedom. The strong souls know. Their example ought to give us courage. The weak souls know, too. Through failure to strike they may have abandoned themselves to lifelong distress.—Exchange.

New Use for Coconut Oil Recently coconut oil has been used as the basis for the manufacture of a "condensed milk" said to be chemically indistinguishable from condensed cow's milk, and claim is advanced that an excellent coconut oil "cheese" will shortly be placed on the market. Coconut lard is highly appreciated by Mohammedans, whose religion forbids them using any product derived from the hog.

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To unknown heirs of Asa Higgs, F. W. Moore and the unknown owners of the real estate described below, and to the occupant of the real estate described below, whose name is Tom Ream: Notice is hereby given that under a decree of the district court of said county of Dakota, state of Nebraska, rendered in the state tax suit for the year 1912, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Dakota and state of Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot seven (7), in block two hundred seventy-six (276), in the Village of Dakota City.

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Dated this 7th day of July, 1915. F. A. WOOD, Owner and Holder of the Certificate of Tax Sale.

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To John and Georgia Jay, and the unknown owners of the real estate described below, and to the occupant of the real estate described below, whose name is Tom Ream: Notice is hereby given that under a decree of the district court of said county of Dakota, state of Nebraska, rendered in the state tax suit for the year 1912, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Dakota and state of Nebraska, to-wit:

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To Charles A. Kirk, C. A. Kirk, and the unknown owners of the real estate described below, and to the occupant of the real estate described below, whose name is Tom Ream: Notice is hereby given that under a decree of the district court of said county of Dakota, state of Nebraska, rendered in the state tax suit for the year 1912, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Dakota and state of Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot 1, in Block 85, in the Village of Dakota City.

Was on the 6th day of November, 1912, duly sold at public vendue by the county treasurer of said county in the manner provided by law, and that the period of redemption for such sale will expire on the 6th day of November, 1915.

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To unknown heirs and devisees of Augustus Kuntze