HENS ATTACKED BY MALARIA.

A Remarkable but Interesting Story Told by an Orange County Farmer.

"Among my flock of hens," said an Orange county farmer yesterday, "are at least thirty that have chills and fever every other day and as many more have died. The shivering comes on them at about the same time every twenty-four hours, and lasts for, perhaps forty minutes. While they are under it they stand with their eyes closed and their beaks nearly touching the earth, and their red combs and wattles grow nearly black. After several seizures the dark color remains, and even when the malaria is cured the red does not return. After the shivering has passed they grow burning hot and sit beside a fence or wall, every few minutes rushing to the water trough and drinking greedily. When the fever has left them they go weakly to the hen house and roost for the rest of the day.

"The roosters have the malaria worse than the hens, and all that have been seized by it give up crowing until they are entirely cured. I have treated both males and females successfully with quinine. At first they do not like the medicine, but after they have taken a few doses they seem to relish it. But the flesh of these I have so treated and afterward killed for the table always had a bitter flavor. It makes them so deaf, too, that they cannot hear the spoon rattled against the basin at feeding time. The hens will not lay when suffering from malaria."

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