

# POULTRY

## BEST HOUSES FOR CHICKENS

Several Plans and Arrangements Between Two Extremes Which May Suit Conditions.

In the manner of housing fowls there are two systems widely different in their extremes. At one extreme is the colony plan, which consists in placing small houses for small flocks far enough apart to obviate the necessity of fences, thus giving free range with but little mingling of the different flocks. At the other extreme we have the continuous house. This kind of house consists of a series of separate pens, under one roof, opening directly into a hallway in the rear, or having doors between the pens without the hallway, or opening into a hallway and also into one another. There are several plans and arrangements between these two extremes which may be built to suit varying conditions.

The advantages of the colony plan, according to poultry specialists in the



Colony Houses Allow Flocks Free Range.

United States department of agriculture, are, first, small flocks on free range; second, no expense for fencing; third, there is less need for scrupulous attention to cleanliness and providing regular supplies of animal and vegetable feed during summer months. This plan, however, has the following disadvantages: First, extra cost of labor in caring for fowls in stormy weather, when it will often be difficult to get around to feed and care for the fowls regularly; second, houses built on the colony plan, if built as well, cost more than a continuous house of the same capacity, for partitions, which may be constructed largely of wire netting, are much cheaper than two end walls; third, the colony plan allows only about 100 birds to the acre, while the continuous-house system, with suitable yards, allows 450 to 500 birds to the acre.

## ROOSTS FOR LITTLE CHICKS

Difficult to Keep Youngsters Clean if They Are Permitted to Remain on Floor.

It is often advisable to teach the chicks to roost when eight to twelve weeks of age. When they are allowed to remain on the floor it is difficult to keep them clean and to keep them from crowding. If wide roosts—three to four inches—are used there is but little, if any, more danger of crooked breasts than if the chicks are allowed to remain on the floor.

The chicks can generally be taught to roost by putting the perches near the floor and placing with them one or two old hens or older chicks that are in the habit of roosting. If this plan is inconvenient or does not prove effective, the chicks may be placed on the perches after dark for a few nights, until they have learned to go there of their own accord, say poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

## TEST OUT BROODING SYSTEM

Greatest Loss Is Due to Chilling Received While Being Transferred From Incubator.

Chickens are usually left in the incubator from 24 to 36 hours after hatching, without feeding, before they are removed to the brooder, which should have been in operation for a day or two at the proper temperature for receiving the chickens, say specialists of the United States department of agriculture. A beginner should try his brooding system carefully before he uses it. After placing the chicken in the brooder they can be given feed and water. Subsequent loss in chickens is frequently due to chilling received while taking them from the incubator to the brooder. They should be moved in a covered basket or receptacle in cool or cold weather.

## CULL OUT ALL LOAFER HENS

Reason Why So Many Flocks Are Unprofitable Is Because of Presence of Nonlayers.

Lack of proper culling thus far has proved to be, in the majority of cases, the principal reason why a poultry flock is not profitable. Forty per cent of the hens in the average farm flock today are nonproductive and should be sold or eaten. It costs about \$2 a year, taking the country over, to feed each hen. If she does not produce more than that amount of eggs she is unprofitable.

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Edwin M. Bulkley, Financier and Philanthropist, Defines Near East Relief Work.

New York.—There is no spot on the globe today where there is more desperate and hopeless suffering than in Armenia. Edwin M. Bulkley, the well known New York banker, who has just been elected chairman of the board of trustees of Near East Relief, declared today. Mr. Bulkley succeeds the late Alexander J. Hemphill as head of the American relief work in Armenia, Turkey, Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia and Persia. He has long been connected with the banking house of Spencer Trask & Co., and is thoroughly conversant with the Near Eastern situation.

"Elsewhere," Mr. Bulkley continued, "there is famine that tears at our heart-strings and evokes our pity and our help. But in Armenia it is not starvation alone that the people face—but starvation coming after six years'



EDWIN M. BULKLEY

destruction, wrought by a war that has never ended and that today is not even ended. It is starvation following pestilence, and staining hand in hand with death from exposure, from violence or from disease.

"In the mountains between Kara and Alexandropol there are 263,000 human beings without clothing, food or shelter in the bitter winter, who are wandering from place to place like people in a nightmare. Unless they are succored before the end of another month, they will all be dead. In southern Persia, the remnant of the ancient family of Chaldean Christians have been forced to renounce forever all hope of ever returning to the homeland where they have dwelt and flourished for 1,900 years, and to become pitiful fugitives, dependent upon the generosity of strangers for life itself. In Cilicia, 36,000 Armenian refugees have crowded into the coast regions seeking safety from the anarchy which reigns in the interior, in terror for their lives. They live from day to day on the food which is given them in the soup kitchens, established by the Near East Relief. Scattered throughout the Near East, there are some 7,700,400 Armenians, the remainder of a nation of 4,000,000, who have neither government, country, homeland, shelter or hope of regeneration, save that which lies in the great heart of America.

"It is a tragedy so stupendous that it is difficult for us to grasp its meaning. A whole nation, a living, Christian people, face to face with extermination today, unless we help. We shall see an entire nation disappear from the face of the earth before our eyes if we withhold our hand now, when the call comes to us to save by giving, or by inaction to condemn to death.

### Save the Children!

"Perhaps we cannot save all the grown people of this oldest Christian nation in the world. But at least we can save the little children who hold the future in their hands. They have wronged no one. They have harmed no one. And they have suffered through the precious years of childhood a calvary of agony and wretchedness. For three years the Near East Relief, an American organization, incorporated by Congress, has built up the nucleus of a new generation in the Near East, with the little children that it has taken in from the roadside and barren places, and nursed back to health, fed, clothed, housed and educated, in the name of the American people who have furnished the funds for this great work.

"This has been our signal contribution to the world's future peace—that tens of thousands of these little ones shall all their lives look to us with gratitude and faith. It is a seed of world brotherhood that we have sown. Shall we let it die now?

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Jilted Lover Shoots Woman and Himself  
Rockford, Ill., March 17.—Arthur Bauscher, president of the Bauscher Brothers Company, florists, of Freeport, Ill., died here early today from a self-inflicted bullet wound, and Miss Helen Wilson of Rockford died several hours later from a wound in the head inflicted by Bauscher as they laughed from an interurban car here late last night.

Miss Wilson recently obtained a divorce from her husband, Clarence Widholm, an automobile salesman of Rockford and entered the employ of Bauscher, who, it is said, had implored her to marry him. Bauscher's wife died 18 months ago and he left two children, a boy of 5 and a girl of 7.

Miss Wilson, it is said, had been reconciled with her former husband and had planned to remarry him. She still refused to marry Bauscher and as she stepped from the car at Rockford Bauscher shot her through the right temple and then fired a bullet through his brain.

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