

The Poultry Yard.

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"FOR BETTER POULTRY AND MORE OF IT."

At the request of the publisher of Ranch and Range, the undersigned has undertaken the task of editing this department, devoted to the interests of poultry culture in the Pacific Northwest. It shall be our aim to present in each weekly issue of the paper, at least one page of readable matter, appertaining especially to those phases of the poultry industry in which the farmers, as a class, are more immediately concerned. On all questions of practical poultry culture, the important utility points, we especially invite contributions. All breeds and breeders will be treated with like impartiality, though to none will be denied the privilege of, in a concise, pointed article, over their own signatures, advocating the especial merits of his or her particular favorite variety. We firmly believe the farm to be the most suitable place on earth for breeding thoroughbred poultry. Certainly no class of people are more vitally concerned than the farmers in clearly understanding the superiority of thoroughbred breeds and modern improved methods of breeding, caring for and marketing them over cultus stock and still more cultus methods of rearing and marketing the poultry product of the farm so general in vogue. We ask the assistance of all readers to the end that this department may be of material benefit to all.

We will endeavor, to the best of our ability and information, to cause to be answered through these columns such questions as may from time to time be propounded. All communications will be addressed to the undersigned at No. 435 Pioneer building, Seattle, Wash.
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SOME POINTERS.

Do not hesitate to invest in and use a variety of thoroughbred fowls because they have been bred to secure "fancy points." "Standard bred birds" means greatest perfection in practical as well as fancy requirements. The fancy has given us the most practical varieties. The nearer a bird approaches the typical, just so much better does its carcass become.

The male is one-half the breeding pen, but do not forget that the females constitute the remaining half.

Do not let your flock mate haphazard, but select out a few of the best females. Pen them for setting purposes. A little extra time and expense in this line means increased merit in your young stock and more chickens to the good this fall.

In selecting females for breeding, the prime consideration is her prolificness as a layer. Aim to select those which lay the greatest number of months in the year.

A satisfactory flock of layers will pretty generally possess the following characteristics: Large boned, rather long in leg and neck; long on the back; deep up and down behind, with legs set fairly apart; breast bone somewhat prominent; flesh hard, strong and muscular; in good condition, but not fat; comb rather above the average in size; eyes bright and full; disposition lively, but not scary; more inclined to follow after and crowd about the attendant than to run and fly at his approach; large consumers of food and always hungry when fed regularly and given a chance for exercise.

A good layer is always a strong, vigorous bird, therefore select a male of good size (not too large), with vigor and lots of pluck, if from

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Kill off or sell all surplus roosters; they are an unnecessary expense. Outside of the breeding pen your hens will do better without any roosters at all.

Most farmers would do well by keeping two varieties, one of the large and one of the smaller breeds.

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