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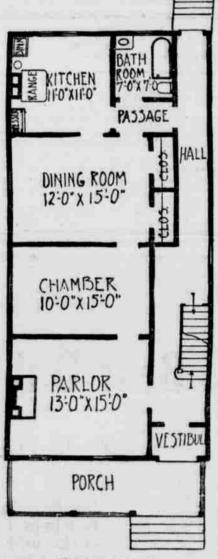
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As a rule, two family houses are built for speculative purposes, and it is always advantageous to erect them on corner lots. The two family house for which plans are herewith shown is desecured on three sides.

The location of the chambers on both floors is the same, but the dimensions



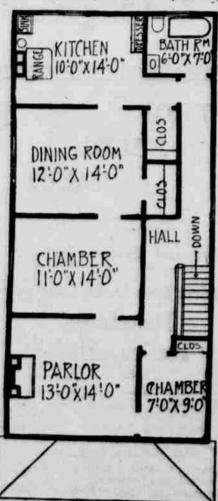
vary. The parlor on the first floor is place with tile mantel and mirror. The kitchen has a double window giving holds good of the dining room, which closets. The second floor contains one more chamber than the first, a small room over the hall in front. The cellar, which should have a concrete bottom.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

has two entrances, one from the yard the other from the hall, and is provided with coal bins and store bins for both families.

The foundation walls are built of hard burned brick, with footings of concrete twelve inches thick. The framing timbers are of well seasoned spruce, built in balloon style. The exterior is covered with surface hemlock boards, laid diagonally, with building paper and finally with white pine clap-



BOOMD PLOOR PLAN

boards laid six inches to the weather. All exterior trims are of white pine. and the exterior walls should be painted canary, with dark brown trimmings. Put plenty of red roofing paint

on the roof.

Dimensions.-Front, 23 feet; side, 48 feet. Height of stories: Cellar, 6 feet 6 signed for such a lot, as light is thus Inches; first, 9 feet 6 Inches; second, 9 feet. Cost to bulld, \$2,000.

THE SQUAB BUSINESS.

How to Make the Raising of These Birds Profitable.

The business of squab raising is not extensively carried on, yet there are people who devote their time to this occupation and derive from it satisfactory returns. It brings greater proportionate gains than poultry keeping. The pigeon house should be kept as warm in winter and as cool in summer as possible. When squabs are raised during the winter, the temperature must be kept above the freezing point. It is advisable to separate the sexes for two months during the year. This can be done either in very cold weather or at molting time, which comes in September and October.

A little hemp seed during the molting season aids greatly in putting on new feathers. It should always be kept on hand and fed at intervals during the year. It is a good tonic for the sick ones. Cracked corn is the best diet for lighted by two windows and has a fire- breeders, as it is fat producing and promotes the rapid growth of the squab. Whole corn should not be given to good light and ventilation. The same those with young, as the squabs cannot easily digest it, and it often lodges is further provided with two large in their necks. Neither should rye be fed to old or young ones, as it acts as an emetic. Doves are very fond of salt, but if given too much at one time without first becoming accustomed to it they will drink a good supply of water and then die.

The female skips a day in laying her eggs. Therefore a close watch should be kept of all nests and the first egg removed and replaced by a dummy or nest egg. As soon as the second one is laid replace the first. This insures hatching both at the same time and giving each an equal chance for life. whereas if one hatches a day or two before the other it gets the start and. being stronger, secures more than its share of food.

Squabs reach the best eating period in from four to five weeks. At this age the quills are soft, and they dress much easier and are not so apt to tear. The average weight of marketable squabs dressed is ten ounces. The price varies from 40 to 60 cents per pair. During the summer a ready sale can be found among city people at their summer cottages. In the winter they may be sent to the same customers at their city homes or disposed of in market. People who demand such a delicacy as squabs are willing to pay for them, and the market is not overcrowded.-John W. Vall in New England Homestead.

To Get Early Chickens.

The greater the improvement in the eggs. Let the improvement go on, but increase the stock and the care.

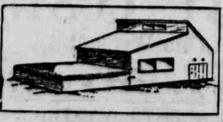
Early eggs, owing to a variety of cir- editor of that paper says: cumstances, are apt to be not very fertile. If one will feed a small flock of called on us and in the course of condant exercise, liberally upon meat and grain, with the addition of green stuff, the fertility of the early eggs will be increased and the number of chickens hatched will be larger.

If possible, set two or more hens at the same time, so that when the unfertile eggs are removed the fertile eggs may be placed under one or more of the sitters and the remaining hens be provided with a fresh lot of eggs. Don't put too many eggs under a hen early in the season. From ten eggs more chickens will be hatched, as a rule, than from twelve or fifteen. As the weather becomes warmer the number of eggs for each hen can be increased. A small number reduces the chances of becoming chilled in the nest.

Early chickens should be kept, with the hen, indoors until the weather becomes suitable for them to be put outdoors. They will do much better if so kept than if turned out at once. Chickens hatched in March can be kept until April 15 or May 1 indoors to advantage. after which time they will do well outside. Unless one has a good place for them he ought not to attempt to rear very early chickens. But with proper surroundings and good care they will do well.-H. Babcock, Providence County, R. I.

A Brooder Attachment.

In early spring the brooder chicks can be let out upon the ground and yet be protected from the cold winds by the attachment shown. A box without top or bottom is booked to the side of



RUN FOR BAD WEATHER.

the brooder, an opening being cut in the side where the door of the brooder comes. The top of the attachment is covered with coarse cotton cloth, or a sash may be used. The cloth lets in fresh air and the sun's rays, but protects the chicks from the cold winds.

FEATHERED CURIOSITIES.

China Has a Breed of the Longest Tailed Fowls in the World.

An interior province of China has produced one of the most remarkable curlosities in the shape of long tailed fowls in the world. Two specimens, recently brought to light and which were kept in the imperial household gardens, are illustrated. The cock has feathers six feet long and the hen a flowing tail twelve feet long. There are four varieties - white head and body, with feathers and tail black; white all over, with yellow legs; red neck and body feathers, and reddish color mixed with white of body.

All of these except the second variety have black tail feathers. As great



a length as eighteen feet has been reached. From seven to eleven feet. however, is the usual length. The tail grows about four inches a month and continues to grow while the bird lives, which is eight to ten years. When older, the tail grows about seven inches a month. The bens lay in the spring and autumn, one bird producing thirty exact yearly, which are hatched by other hens. The tails of the cocks are cut to allow of their walking freely, and their lives are a little longer than that of the hen. The tall feathers are not kept wound up, but are always allowed to hang free. When they touch the ground in the cage, a bamboo is put a little way back, so as to form an arch.

The birds sit all day on a flat perch three inches wide and are only taken out once in two days and allowed to walk for half an hour or so, a man holding their tails to prevent them from getting torn or soiled. Twice a month they are washed in hot water. They like plenty of water and are wonderfully tame.

Cowpens For Chickens.

The thing that is most wanted by all who keep chickens is something to make hens lay in winter. According to breeds of hens, the higher the price of the Southern Planter it is to be found in cowpeas. If so, the south should be who rests his head on a pillow and the great egg producing region. The bolster while he is sleeping is slowly Special attention given Country

During the past week a subscriber fowls, kept where they can have abun- versation said: "I had a wonderful egg yield from my hens last winter, and I want to tell the farmers how I secured it. I had an acre or two of cowpeas sowed near the buildings. In consequence of scarceness of labor I was unable to get all the peas gathered-in

fact, a large part of them remained. decided to let the vines and peas dle down on the land and lie there all winter. The hens soon found the peas, and they literally lived on the patch until spring and gave us eggs in quantity all the time." This report as to the value of cowpeas as a winter feed is confirmed by a report from a gentleman from Maryland who followed the same plan. His heus harvested the peas from a plot of ground last winter, with the result that he had eggs when none of his neighbors had any. We have before advised the feeding of cowpeas to hens, as their richness in protein indicates that they should make eggs.

Feeding Bran.

Bran is excellent for poultry, and one point in favor of bran is that it contains a much larger proportion of lime than any other cheap food derived from grain, and as the shells of eggs are composed of lime it is essential that food rich in lime be provided. It may be urged that the use of oyster shells will provide lime, but it will be found that it is the lime in the food that is most serviceable, because it is in a form that can be better digested

and assimilated than carbonate of lime. Clover is also rich in lime, and when a mess of cut clover and bran is given the fowls they will need no oyster shells or other mineral matter. Do not forget that in summer, however, all kinds of foods should be used with judgment. If the hens have a free range, give no food at all as long as they are laying, but if they begin to fall off let bran be the leading ingredient of the foods allowed. In winter the bran and clover are even more essential, as the fowls cannot then secure green food on the range.-Poultry

Regulator For Brooder.

brooder with heat regulator is watched closely. If they are com- beef.

fortable, they cuddle down contentedly; if too warm, their wings outstretch. while if too cold they pile up. Hot air is better than hot water, as the heat is more easily regulated. With hot air on warm days you may turn the flame of the lamp down or even put it out, knowing that you can heat the brooder to 98 degrees in fifteen or twenty minutes, while with hot water you cannot do this, as it takes several hours to get up heat; consequently hot air takes less oil and labor.

HATPIN HOLDER.

A Pretty and Caeful Article That Is Ensily Made.

Hatpins work dreadful havoe with a dainty pincushion, and here is a way to make a pretty hatpin holder and obviate the difficulty: Get_a long bottle, a wide necked one if you can. Then make a bag of silk or satin one and a half inches longer at both ends than the bottle and much wider than the width of the bottle.

Gather the end lightly together on the right side-this makes a pretty frill-



A PRETTY BOLDEN

then slip the bottle into the bag and gather the silk tightly round the neck to inclose it firmly. . You must have a frill at the top as well, so allow the extra material at the top for it. You now get china ribbon and form two smart rosettes, which you tack top and bottom, as in the sketch, and then make a long loop, which serves to hang the bottle over the side of the looking glass or on a nail. The bottle forms a receptacle for the plus and saves the pincushions. A few violets or small flowers mixed with the rosettes form a pretty finish, and, should you wish to make an elaborate present, embroider the recipient's initials on the silk and scent with sachet powder.

The Head In Bed.

A French scientists says that any one but surely committing suicide.

According to him, the only natural position for a man while sleeping is the horizontal one, and the first thing to do in order to accustom oneself to it is to remove the bolster. Within a few months, he says, one will be able to sleep much more calmly than ever before, and, moreover, the general health will be much improved.

This statement, he insists, is not made lightly, but is the result of long experience.

The next step, he says, is to remove the pillow, for not until then will the circulation of the blood be as free as it should be.

In further explanation, he says that the pillow and bolster keep the head and neck at an abnormal angle and that consequently the sleeper's entire body remains during the night in an uncomfortable position and one which impedes the free course of the blood through the vessels and organs.

The Girl In Her Teens.

Girls at the age which Longfellow poetically describes as "standing where the brook and river meet" are more difficult to dress than the tiny sisters, for their long limbs and unexpected outlines are disconcerting, and often their own whims demand an approach to grown up attire in preference to childish looseness. But it ought to be firmly impressed on them that at that growing time it is even more needful for their own healthy and beautiful development to avoid any compression of the figure than it is earlier and far more important than it will be in a few years' time. The notion of its being necessary to help to "form the figure" by stays firmly drawn in at the waist is an error, as any doctor will tell us The waist will come naturally as the hips grow to their full size, and in her own interests the girl in her early teens should be persuaded to let the weight of her dress depend chiefly from her shoulders and be tied in but loosely at the waist line.

In roasting meat or frying a steak turn with a spoon. A fork pierces the meat, letting out the juice.

Don't serve masked potatoes with preferable, although your chicks should mutton or chicken. Reserve them for HOTELS.

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