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EDITORIAL COMMENT

The question of the Normal schools is again about to be forced upon our attention.

Having been educated at an Agricultural College, we cannot be accused of being biased when we say, after years of observation and comparison, that the Normal school is, and should be the most valuable institution of advanced learning.

Let this be observed, however, the Agricultural College extends its influence to the advanced student, who returns to his paternal locality to extend the influence of his improved intellectuality to his immediate family or by his own pursuits.

Not so with the Normal student. The aim of the Normal school is twofold: First, to cultivate the moral character and the intellect; second, to develop the power to impart these attainments to others.

A little thought will prove to anyone that the Normal is our most important school, and that it should have the best support the state gives, although that is not the general custom.

Having admitted the value and necessity of the Normal school, the question of location is of next importance. Since a large per cent of the pupils attending Normals are compelled to economics, a location where board is cheap, in a food producing section and where rents are low, is a first essential.

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Making Money On the Farm

XIV.—Poultry—The Question of Breed

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THERE are breeds, varieties and strains of poultry almost without end. To the beginner in poultry culture the question of which one to select is a puzzling one, and the older poultrymen often wonder if they would not do better to change breeds.

The General Purpose Breeds. Chickens may be grouped into four general classes: (1) General purpose breeds; (2) meat breeds; (3) laying breeds; (4) ornamental breeds.

The most popular and most widely distributed of the general purpose breeds is the Plymouth Rock. It is a medium sized breed, deep breasted and well proportioned.

There are three varieties of Plymouth Rocks—Barred, White and Buff. The great trouble with the Barred Plymouth Rock is the difficulty in keeping the color markings up to standard.

Plymouth Rock eggs are brown, which is something of an objection in some markets and an advantage with others.



FIG. XXVII.—GOOD TYPE PLYMOUTH ROCK HEN.

The laying breeds originally came from the region around the Mediterranean sea, and hence are often referred to as the Mediterranean breeds.

The Wyandottes are generally considered to stand heavy feeding for rapid growth a little better than most of the other breeds.

There are several varieties of Wyandottes, all the same type and having the same general characteristics.

great deal of time to breeding for fancy points a solid color is preferable. One of the newest of the general purpose breeds is the Rhode Island Red.

There are a number of other general purpose breeds, such as the Dominiques, Buckeyes and Javas. The latter are about the same size as the Plymouth Rocks, though of a little different shape.

The Opal. In judging an opal color is of the greatest importance. Red fire or red in combination with yellow, blue and green is the best.

The Meat Breeds. The meat breeds, most of which are Asiatics, are the oldest breeds in this country. The Brahmas, one of the

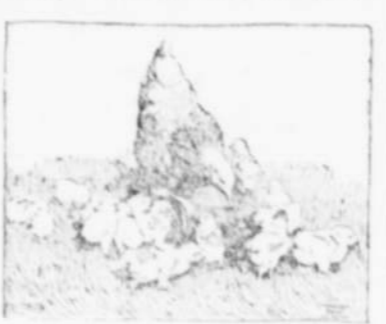


FIG. XXVIII.—WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS.

most common of these, are large, the male weighing eleven to twelve pounds and the hen eight and a half to nine and a half.

Cochins are the second of the meat breeds in size, the males weighing eleven pounds and the hens eight and a half.

Both these breeds have served a good purpose in grading up the mongrel strains of the country and providing foundation stock for the American breeds.

The smallest and quickest maturing of the Asiatic breeds is the Langshans. They are objectionable because of their black color, white skin and feathered legs and do not excel the American breeds in any practical qualities.

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They are very active and good foragers. They outrank any of the other breeds in laying qualities, laying both summer and winter if properly cared for.

The small size of the Leghorn hens makes them cheaply kept. They are early maturing, often beginning to lay when they are four and a half months old.

A Reluctant Candidate. During a local election in a German town only one man appeared at the nomination desk.

"Whom do you nominate?" inquired the official. "Myself," was the answer.

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Kept Them Dancing. A Washington official, speaking of blunders in the diplomatic service, told of a mistake committed by an American in Afghanistan.

"This American entertained the shahzada for three days, giving him a very handsome suit of rooms in his house.

Honey Creek grange, Indiana, still has the sheaf of wheat which O. H. Kelley, one of the founders of the Order, cut from a nearby field over forty years ago and which he used in teaching the lessons of the Order at its organization.

State Master Laylin of Ohio has been appointed a member of the Columbus centennial commission by Governor Hartman.

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