A FOWL HOUSE FOR RENTERS.

A Detached Building That May Be Changed to Convenient and Easily Moved.

In country towns and villages there is a considerable class of small poultry growers, who, being renters and therefore liable to moving about from one place to another, require poultry houses that may be transferred along with other goods and chattels without great expense. For the benefit of this class we have given an illustrated description of a plan of house recommended to the editor of Farm Poultry as suited to the requirements of renters. He says:

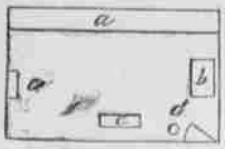
We give the plan of a house such as we should build were we on a rented farm, or, if we adopted the "cackey plan," of having detached houses for the apart over the fields with the fowls having free range. This house we should build 9 by 12 feet on the ground, 7 feet high in front, 4 feet high at the back, with a half window at each end, and a door, a

EXTERIOR OF POULTRY HOUSE.

half window and a little slide door in front. We would have sills 4 by 4 inches around bottom, all the rest of the frame being 2 by 4 stuff, all strongly spiked together, the studs and rafters being not over three feet apart.

Such a building made of cheapest boards and covered—roof and walls—with Neponset roofing felting (and painted) would be moderate in cost, so light it could be drawn by a pair of horses easily after being jacked up and two pairs of low wheel jet under, and would last many years. In placing it, the ground should be thrown up so as to make it a foot above the surrounding level; small stones or blocks set at intervals for the sills to rest on; then boards put down into the ground and nailed onto the inside of the sills.

In the ground plan *a* is the roost platform, 36 inches from the ground, with top of roost pole 18 inches above it; below it two or three movable nest boxes set back to the light; *b* is the dusting box; *c*, food trough, just under the window, for the morning mash; *d*, the water pan; *e*, oyster shells box. The center of the floor space is open ground



THE GROUND PLAN.

for scratching, and here should be litter, such as chopped straw, leaves or chaff, into which the grain feeds should be thrown to compel scratching. Such a building would house 12 to 15 fowls comfortably, and could be multiplied indefinitely, according to number of fowls kept.

Digging Potatoes by Machinery.

An expert can dig half an acre even of drilled potatoes in 10 hours if the crop is clean. But ordinary men would be about three days digging an acre. The cost of this amount of labor, including board, would be about $4. There are more farmers who get their potatoes dug at a greater cost per acre than this than there are who pay less. Thus writes Mr. T. B. Terry of Ohio, who has been very successful in potato farming. For three years past he has used a digger which cost $100. Hand labor has been entirely dispensed with except at the ends of the field and when digging unripe potatoes for the market. About an hour's work in the morning and an equal more after dinner would dig as many potatoes as his help would pick up. With the machines all just right, he has dug an acre in two hours, but ordinarily it would take about three.

Instead of paying out about $50 a season for extra help to dig his crop, the machine save them to, and of course to pocket the $50. This is more than literally true now, for of course the machine has some than saved its first cost. Again, he can work business, putting all the help at picking up. He is quite independent, also, for any one can pick up, but few can dig well and fast. The machine works fast, but probably $10 would cover the wear to date, writes the author of "New Potato Culture."

BASIC SLAG.

Compared With Other Sources of Phosphoric Acid.

It may be well to explain once more what basic slag is, since considerable is being said about it. Basic slag, otherwise known as "odorless phosphate," "Thomas phosphate," etc., is a product of steelmaking. All iron contains more or less phosphorus. It tends to make iron or steel brittle and is therefore undesirable, and one great problem of the iron maker is to remove it. The important process of steelmaking is based upon

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