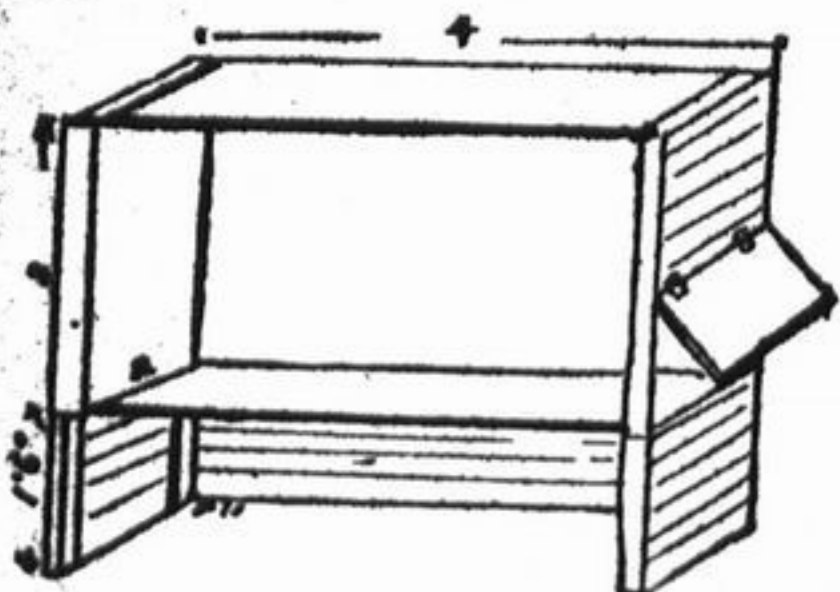


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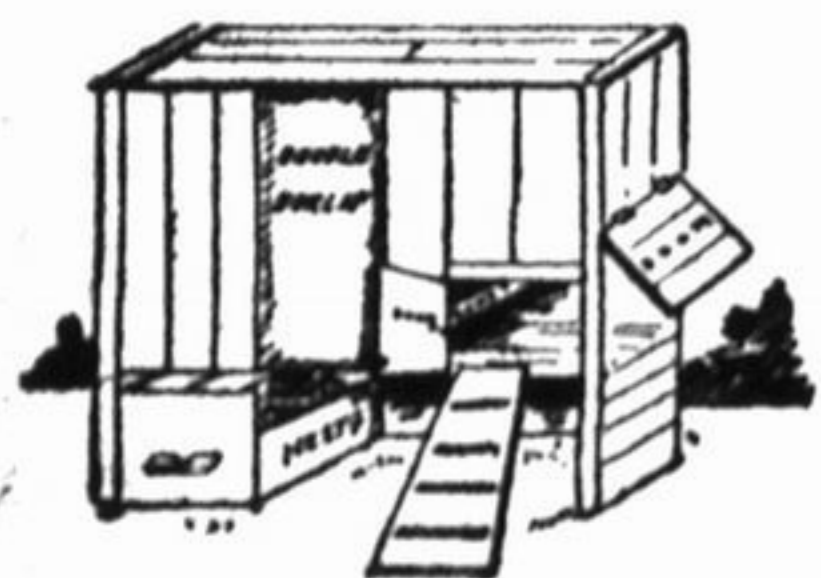
BOX COOP FOR SMALL FLOCK

Inexpensive Poultry House in Which Few Chickens May Be Kept With Minimum of Work.

(By T. H. VAN BENTHUYSEN.) The following plan is recommended to any one who desires to keep a few fowls for the purpose of supplying eggs for his own family.

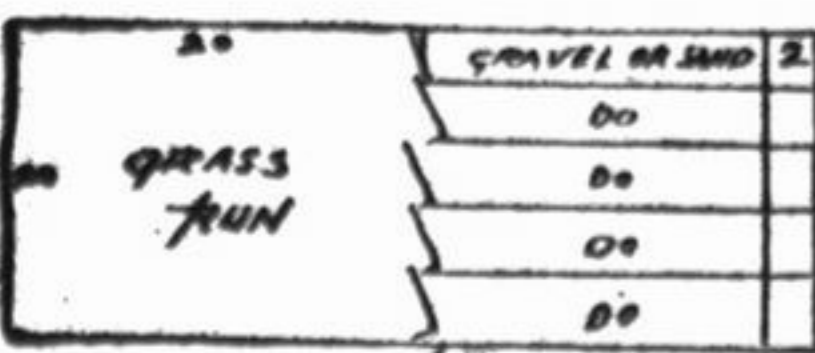


about 2x3x4 feet. This cost me 25 cents. The front, or top, was first taken off the case, and a section of one side extending its full width, was hinged so that easy access to the interior could be secured.



sufficient space to slide it in (or out) through the end hinged door. When placed in the coop, it laid directly on the floor so that the chickens roosted rough strips of one by three inch stuff.

It was made so that there would be about three inches from the floor of the elevated coop. This arrangement would not do for the lighter breeds, which prefer higher roosting places.



Arrangement of Poultry Run.

is necessary during the very cold weather.

Two box-seats and a small board (with strips) from the ground to the upper part of the coop completed the job.

The end of the nest facing the front was boarded up high, to give the hens the necessary seclusion.

When the coop was completed I raised the end door and laid an old newspaper on the floor, covering it very thickly with sand.

In summer, with one of these coops, it would be well to open a side door to afford sufficient ventilation, and it would be well to keep fewer birds in each pen.

Bearing in mind that about six hens could ordinarily be kept in each coop, any one may tell, from the number of chickens he intends to keep, how the system can be extended to his needs.

Layers for Next Winter. One great advantage of having early chicks is that you may have pullets ready to lay in the fall or early winter and thus have eggs when they are high in price.

Object of Barrels. Fresh poultry may serve a good purpose in the pot, but they should be used in moderation to propagate their kind.

POULTRY

BRONZE TURKEY IS LARGEST

Adult Males Required to Weigh 36 Pounds and Females 20—White Holland is the Smallest.



Bronze Turkey.

30 and the adult female 18. The Buffs, Slaters and Blacks come next and are about three pounds lighter for the adult male. The White Holland variety is the smallest, the adult male being required to weigh but 26 pounds and the adult female 16.

PLYMOUTH ROCK IS POPULAR

Leads in Number Shown at Poultry Shows During Year, With Wyandottes in Second Place.

That the Plymouth Rock breed still ranks as the most popular fowl in the United States is shown in the report of the secretary of the American Poultry Association for the year 1909, which states that in the poultry shows of that year there were 12,000 entries



of Plymouth Rocks, 10,000 Wyandottes and 8,000 Leghorns, with Rhode Island Reds and Orpingtons ranking next in order.

POULTRY NOTES

Feed oats for muscle. Breed only from the best layers. Poultry and dairy farming go well together.

No hen can produce eggs if the trait is not in her. The eggs for hatching should be gathered often.

Plan to raise more and better poultry this season. It costs no more to feed a laying hen than an idle one.

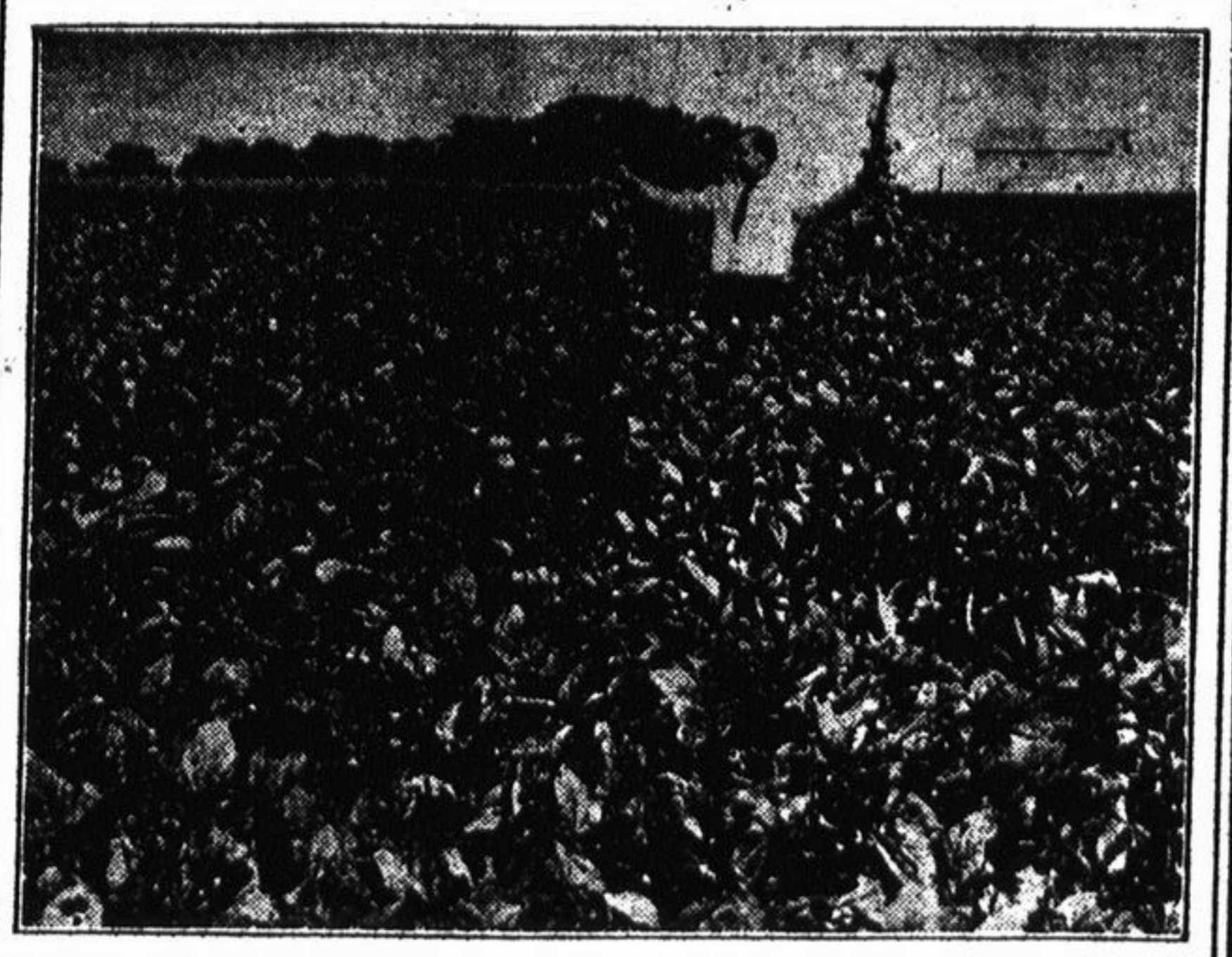
Grow mangels. They make excellent green food for winter feeding. Grit is to the fowl what teeth are to the ruminating animal, a necessity.

The value of the guinea as a summer egg producer is pretty well known. Milk-fed poultry in the fattening pens demand a fancy price over other fed poultry.

Kaffir corn is one of the very best grains for poultry, and more suitable than Indian corn. A gilt of linseed meal contains more bone making matter than a pint and a half of corn.

In feeding oats, hulled oats are the most desirable, clipped oats next and ordinary oats last.

SOY BEANS A MOST DESIRABLE CROP FOR ILLINOIS CORN BELT



Soy Beans in Northern Illinois Yield 23.7 Bushels Seed Per Acre, or Three Tons of Hay on Land Where Clover Failed.

By WILLIAM G. ECKHARDT, University of Illinois.

Soy beans are a leguminous crop and, like clover, have the power to use the nitrogen of the air in their growth if inoculated with the proper bacteria.

The frequent failure of clover makes it very desirable to have a crop that will provide a hay as good as clover—and that will be of the same benefit to the soil. Soy beans will do this and maintain the rotation, as they can be grown following small grain on the land where it was intended to have clover.

It must be kept in mind that there is a very great difference in different varieties of soy beans. Some varieties are very difficult to harvest, giving much trouble by the pods bursting open and the seed being lost.

The Medium Yellow mature perhaps ten days earlier than the Black Beauty, and are preferable in the northern part of the corn belt, also where it is desirable to follow winter wheat after soy beans.

Soy beans, in order to be of value as a nitrogen gatherer, must be inoculated. Very few soils contain the bacteria that live in the nodules on the roots of soy beans.

By far the simplest and most effective way to inoculate soy beans is to glue inoculated soil to the seed. This can be done by using a five per cent. solution: Dissolve six ounces of ordinary furniture glue in one gallon of water.

The ground should be prepared very similar to preparing a good seed bed for corn. Where soy beans are seeded on land on which clover has failed, plow the land as soon as the oats are seeded.

In case the soy beans follow corn, thoroughly double disc the corn stalks with a sharp disc. As soon as the weeds get a good start, plow the land about the same depth as for corn, then harrow.

Soy beans should be seeded the last week of May or the first of June, sowing about one bushel of seed per acre, and covering not over two inches deep. There are two methods of seeding that can be followed in the corn belt.

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