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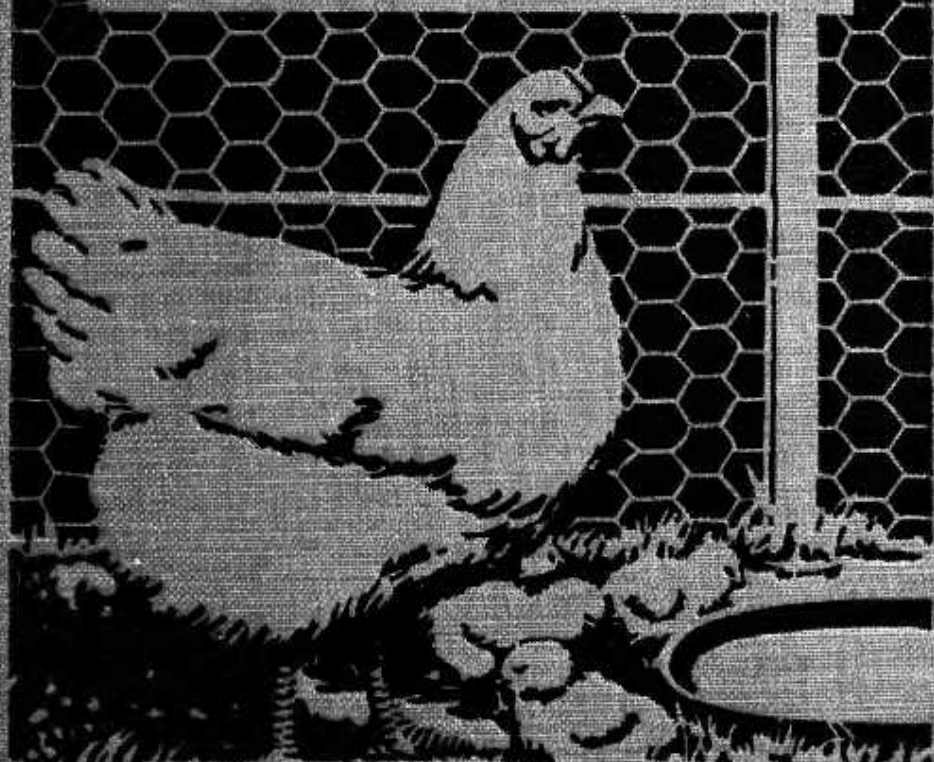
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PREFACE

EVERYBODY should be interested in a proposition which offers to the man or woman with limited means a chance to produce an article of food at a cost far below the market price, and, as a rule, of superior quality. The greater number of people are progressive enough not to let such opportunities pass by unheeded, and they are bound to take advantage of the opportunities possible in poultry raising. What other article of food which can be produced in a limited space offers as many varied forms of use as eggs? Eggs can take the place of meat, in fact, they are more healthful, and just as nourishing. It is a food that is recommended for the weak and the strong, for the workers and the invalids, for the old and the young, and for every one at all times and in every clime.

When one takes into consideration the limited space and capital necessary to equip a plant sufficiently large to supply the largest family with fresh eggs the year around, one cannot help but feel that the keeping of poultry should appeal forcibly to every one who has the opportunity. True, some are so situated that the keeping of poultry is impossible, but these are much in the minority. Even people living in flats, in large cities, very often have some

little yard space which could be utilized for the poultry pens. I know of cases where poultry has been kept successfully upon flat roofs. I have every reason to believe the vast majority of families are so situated that they can keep hens, or, better still, to make the hens help keep them, and I am also of the firm opinion that it offers to them the opportunity to materially reduce the cost of living. This opinion is also shared by the many thousands who are now doing this very thing, and who are in a position to speak from practical experience.

Most any one can keep a small flock of hens in the back yard and make it profitable, but when it comes to embarking in the poultry business on a large scale it requires some knowledge, some experience, and some business judgment on the part of the operator or manager. A person without these qualifications or who is not in a position to employ some one with such qualifications should not attempt too much, but should start in a small way and let the business grow with the experience.