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WINGLESS CHICKS FLY IN FROM U.S.A.

Hatched out at a Newport, Shropshire laboratory farm are Britain's first wingless chicks - flown here (in the shell) from America. Poultry Institute Director Price and Professor Herbert Howes cast a scientific eye on that back-number, the common-or-back-garden chick, the kind that, when grown up, flies over fences and blunts the carver's knife.

Now meet the utility-bred, streamlined model, grounded by Science. Three dozen eggs arrived by air, of which seven survived premature hatching. Bred out at the Shropshire establishment, they're all doing well. The strain was produced by cross-breeding freaks, and a few of the chicks still retain the stumps of wings.

Having got rid of wings - how about docking the parson's nose?