

hatching eggs can be bought in the spring, using broody hens or an incubator. In starting, commence slowly and gradually work up, as it is fatal to go at business in too big a way before being master of all the intricacies of this industry.

RAISING CHICKENS

To raise pullets for winter egg laying, hatch early—Wyandottes in March and April, and Leghorns in April and May. In hatching, if hens are used, set them in long boxes containing different nest divisions; shut them up and feed whole corn and wheat but once a day, giving water as well. By shutting hens on nests, nothing can go wrong during your absence, and a very high percentage of eggs are hatched. In making nests, put damp earth at the bottom of the nest, and then straw or hay. Scatter insect powder in the nest, and dust the sitting hens frequently. Always set hens in a quiet house away from other fowls. The 19th or 20th day the chicks will appear, and after 24 hours give 15 to 20 to each broody hen. They can then be put into coops on nice grass range. Coops should have wooden floors to avoid dampness.

If incubators are employed, which must be the case if large numbers are to be hatched, choose a good machine. A lot of the cheaper incubators will not give good results. The Cyphers is a tip-top incubator, also the Mandy Lee is a good machine. Always follow the maker's instructions in operating incubators. Brooders will be needed, either heated or fireless. Fireless brooders are now giving great satisfaction, and will have a great future on this Island. Chicks should