

about the first of March. We find that if they are set earlier than this, the per cent. of chicks that live is rather small. By looking well after our eggs, so as not to get them chilled, we obtain a pretty fair brood, provided the hen and rooster are not over two or three years old. Our plan is to set if possible two or three hens on the same day, so that when they hatch we can take all the chicks and put them with one hen and set the others again; in this way a hen can take care of thirty or forty chicks. We have had hens sit for nine weeks and hatch three broods, but six weeks I think is long enough, for if they sit for nine weeks it takes too long for them to commence to lay again. When setting a hen the second or third time be sure to make a new nest or the lice may bother you. Always use shallow boxes for nests, say about fifteen or eighteen inches square, on the floor if possible, and in a portion of the hen house protected from the laying hens. If a hen should break an egg the others should be washed with a little warm water, as a dirty egg will seldom hatch. Now as to care of chicks, provide suitable coops for the hen so that the little ones can go in and out at will and be protected from rain. The very best feed for the little ones is small or cracked wheat, which nearly every farmer has of his own. It is a dry healthy feed that cannot be beaten for the first five or six weeks. After this they will take any coarse grain that a farmer has to hand, but to make your chicks grow fast use plenty of wheat and corn and avoid wet or sloppy food as much as possible. I believe soft food is the forerunner of all disease. As soon as the hen starts to lay, the chicks will take care of themselves. We give them full liberty and allow them to wander at will; by so doing they gather fully half their living and we allow them to do so till fit for market. By this method we manage to raise from three to five hundred every year, making them average from 50 to 60 cents per pair in our local market, which is London. Our style of dressing is this: The chicks are starved for twenty-four hours before killing; by so doing their crops are quite empty before they are stuck, which is done with a pen-knife inserted into the mouth and cutting the roof, which I think is the neatest and cleanest way to kill. They are allowed to hang by the feet for a few minutes so that the blood may drain out; then the feet and head are washed clean and the fowl is ready for plucking, which is done dry, I think chickens thus dressed look cleaner and more attractive than if done in any other way. Our style of tying up is to fasten strings securely around each foot, turn the feet back by the side of the breast, pass the strings down between the wings and the body and tie them together on top of the back; take another string, pull it through the legs, drawing them tightly together at

the joints, and also passing the string around the tail and secure firmly. This gives your fowl a neat, plump appearance, and you then have them in proper shape for packing for the Old Country market or home market.

Feeding and Care of Turkeys.

By R. H. Harding, Thorndale.

A word or two on the feeding and care of turkeys. While they are quite young we feed stale bread, bran, pea-meal, cornmeal and herbage, moistened with curd, and keep them closed up in coops by night, allowing them to roam at will during the day when it is dry. After they are four or five weeks old they need very little attention, especially if there is a good field of corn convenient, until the snow appears. Turkeys are very fond of boiled turnips. The sweepstake turkeys at the Fat Stock and Poultry Show were fatted on boiled turnips and flint corn (shelled). They were kept well filled up with the turnips during the day, and then fed a liberal feed of corn before going to roost. There is not much fear of your flock going to roost in your neighbor's yard, if a good feed of shelled corn awaits their return every evening. As to the different colors of flesh, the yellow-skinned turkeys are preferred in the home market, but there does not seem to be much preference in the British market. As to which gives the nicest flavor I cannot say, but would say that, if you want to produce the yellow appearance, you must feed plenty of corn and milk; and, if you want to raise large turkeys, get a good pair of Bronze.

FARM HELP EXCHANGE.

The Farm Help Exchange has been started with the object of bringing together employers of farm and domestic labor and the employees. Any person wishing to obtain a position on a farm or dairy, or any person wishing to employ help for farm or dairy, is requested to forward his or her name and full particulars to A. P. Westervelt, Secretary, Live Stock Association. In the case of persons wishing to employ help, the following should be given: particulars as to the kind of work to be done, probable length of engagement, wages, etc. In the case of persons wishing employment, the following should be given: experience and references, age, particular department of farm work in which a position is desired, wages expected, and where last employed.

These names when received together with particulars will be published FREE in the two following issues of the "Agricultural Gazette" and will afterwards be kept on file. Upon a request being received the particulars only will be published, the names being kept on file.

Every effort will be made to give all possible assistance, to the end that suitable workers, male or female, may be obtained. Every unemployed person wishing to engage in farm or dairy work is invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Help Wanted.

Wanted, two farm teamsters. Must be able to milk and be good ploughmen. One will be hired by the year, with wages \$180; the other for seven months at the rate of \$17 a month. Farm is within one mile of Ottawa. No. 519. a

Wanted at once, three good men that can milk, for farm in British Columbia, on an engagement of one year or more. Must be sober, steady

and industrious, and ready to put their hands to all kinds of work. Single men preferred, but employment as cook could be given to wife of one of the men. Wages \$25 a month for the summer and \$20 a month for the winter. No. 510. b

Wanted, married man with children, or members of a family old enough to help on a farm and in a cheese factory in Welland Co. Will hire, give share, or sell to one with some funds to start a creamery in connection with good paying business. Send credentials. No. 511.

One or two men required to work with stock and do general farm work on a farm in Missouri. One could be a married man. Steady work for years if men are satisfactory. No. 512. b

Young or middle-aged man, single, wanted on farm in Kent Co. Must understand general farm work and care of stock. Engagement to commence April 1st. Wages \$150 for year or \$120 for seven months, with board and washing. Boys from English Homes need not apply. State age and size and give references. Address Box 66, Duart, Ont.

Wanted, working foreman, married man, capable of looking after stock and handling machinery. Good wages to steady, industrious man. No. 513. b

Am in need of good cattleman on large milk farm near Ottawa. Present man has been 14 years in the place and leaves to start farming himself. Six other men kept. Wages \$18 in summer and \$16 in winter, paid monthly, and board and lodging, no washing. Travelling expenses allowed here. Middle-aged man, Scotch or English preferred. No. 514. b

Wanted, at once, a single young man who understands all kinds of farming, is handy with horses and is a good milker. Must be a total abstainer and not use tobacco, and be a Protestant. Wages \$175 a year, or will engage for six months if desired. Give references, age and size. No. 515. b

Man, married or single, wanted on farm. Permanent position to good man. Also man required for two months during haying and harvest. Man could be boarded or board himself. No. 516. b

Good, strong boy, about 17 years of age, required for general farm work near Hamilton. Eight to twelve months' engagement. Must have no bad habits. Give age, weight and references and state wages required. No. 517. b

Wanted, young man accustomed to all kinds of farm work. Must be honest and trustworthy. Will hire by year or for eight months. Box 58 Wyoming, Ont.

Wanted, married man about 30 or 35 years old to work on a ranch in Assiniboia and take full management.