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## My Poultry Experience

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sior, straw and hay, and have had but one case of serious breakage reported. However, I have never yet been called on to replace broken eggs. I guarantee safe delivery or replacement, but do not guarantee any percentage of chicks hatched. I do all humanly possible to have fertile eggs and fresh, but so many circumstances over which no breeder has control enter into consideration after the eggs have left his charge that it is really impossible to make a practice of guaranteeing a certain number of chicks unless the original price of the eggs is increased greatly. I have in a case or two reported to me of poor hatches replaced the same free of charge, eggs from same pens and purchasers have reported good hatchings from them, thus going to prove that circumstances determine the success of the hatching. A few things that destroy a good hatch may not be out of place. Jarring and rough handling by express companies, long drives over rough prairie roads, chilling or overheating in transit, too much delay before setting, a bad setting hen, a badly run incubator, accidents to same and meddling with eggs during hatching. All these are things over which a breeder has no control whatever and are not legitimate grounds for condemning eggs as poor.

### Shipping Live Birds

I ship birds in light but strong coops, providing feed, water and litter, and send birds and eggs charges collect. I send nothing now C.O.D., as unfortunately my experience in this way of shipping has not upheld my faith in human nature. One instance will show. Three birds were once ordered from me C.O.D. in a great hurry. I sent them. Two weeks after I heard from railway company that birds were in Regina and that there was no train service to the place birds were consigned, and there never had been any except construction trains. The birds came back unfit for sale and express charges amounting to three dollars as well to be paid by me. The intending purchaser naively wrote to say he took chances on birds coming thru by construction train, and did not consider he should pay half express charges (all I asked him), as it was bad enough to do without the birds, let alone pay anything! Besides C.O.D. is dearer to the purchaser and poultry products are too perishable to be sent this way. I always try to send what I think will please, and only in one case in seven years have had a complaint, which at first was very violent but dwindled by degrees to a grudging assent that after all everything was not so bad. At this point I recompensed the purchaser with stock a great deal better than he first ordered, and all finished well.

### Egg Grading Problems

Summer eggs, after hatching season, I dispose of in different ways. Some I ship direct to creameries on the graded system, and others I pack for winter use and sale. A word on the graded egg system. To procure a better permanent market for our eggs, and there is no reason why such should not be done, this poultry product must be graded. Grading eggs and paying for them on a sliding scale must eventually improve our product. We must have good stuff when entering into competition in foreign markets against producers with a short haul to market like the Irish, Dutch and Danish farmers. But, at the same time, purchasing parties at creameries, packing houses, etc., must not abuse the grading system. Unfortunately for the egg trade, I think from my own observations after candling what eggs I ship, that they do this. The producer must be discouraged by results after not getting for eggs only three days old as much as he can get from the local merchant who buys blindly and in good faith every old egg put before him, whether a day or a month old, and this often occurs. Collecting houses must be honest in their grading or not grade. It will surely result in the last stage of the egg trade being worse than first unless grading is done conscientiously and correctly. This brings us to the country merchant. As mentioned above, the country merchant, as far as eggs are concerned, is too obliging to the man who has bad eggs for sale and hardly as good to the man with first class eggs.

The day when "eggs is eggs" and all eggs the same is past. A good egg is a better egg than a bad egg, and that is why every producer should sell direct to a packing plant or creamery, governmental or otherwise, unless it is to a country merchant who buys by test, i.e., candling. The egg marketing is a large question and entered into fully even by me, who is just on the outskirts of everything egg, would consume much time, paper and patience.

Most failures in poultry raising are caused either by carelessness and ignorance or over zeal and fussiness. Under the first category can be named such mistakes as poor, ill ventilated and ill lighted houses, dirt and dampness triumphing over cleanliness and dryness; the neglect of keeping birds clean from lice, etc.; exposure to draughts, the feeding poor and spoiled grain unfit for use; dirty nests and perches and dirty drinking utensils; overcrowding and the neglect to kill off all affected birds, and the thought that any old thing does for a hen. Under the heading of over zeal and fussiness can be named the over-feeding of chicks and hens, the meddling with setting hens, the keeping of too many different breeds, etc.

### SHIPPING EGGS AND BREEDING STOCK

In shipping eggs the express companies allot the lowest rates with guarantee of safe delivery to the commercial carton of double corrugated cardboard. Any reliable poultry supply house carries these cartons, charging \$1.00 per dozen for 15-egg size and \$1.50 for 30-egg size. Larger sizes, holding fifty or one hundred eggs may be secured likewise. There is no objection to using baskets or boxes, packed with excelsior or bran, except that the express rate may be higher on these.

Specially ventilated cartons may be obtained for shipping chicks. For day-old chicks there is a special carton with a wooden bottom and slatted wood tops. These cost \$2.75 per dozen in single size and \$4.00 per dozen for double-bird size. For the sake of warmth the bottom should be padded with cotton batten. Chicks shipped direct from the incubator will stand a three-day journey without food; but if they are two days old before starting, they should be given a drink of milk, and some bread crumbs should be put in to eat on the train.

Exhibitors frequently use the cotton coop, but are required to pay double express rate. For pullets and hens market cartons about 3 feet by 30 inches by 10 inches deep are often used.

### Regulations

The regulations covering the shipping of live poultry are quite clear, and any farmers sending out coops not conforming to these regulations cannot be reimbursed for any losses occurring due to infringing on the regulations. These regulations are as follows: Coops containing live poultry for market or consumption must have sides, ends and tops slatted. Tops with slats more than 1 1/2 inches apart must be protected by wire netting. Coops containing chickens or ducks must not be less than 12 inches nor greater than 16 inches in height for each tier of birds. Coops containing turkeys and (or) geese must not be less than 16 inches nor more than 22 inches in height for each tier. Coops must not exceed 30 inches in width nor 48 inches in length. Shipments of live poultry in broken or weak jointed coops and coops not conforming to the above measurements must be refused.

When hens are crowded too closely in a poultry house, one sick bird will often give the germs to a dozen others in a single night, and if the others are not very strong and healthy they will at once develop these germs into the disease.

Hens with colds frequently tuck their heads under their wings and a lot of mucus from their nostrils is deposited there. In such cases it should be thoroughly washed off with water containing some disinfectant and then wiped thoroughly dry.

Always put the incubator in a place where the ventilation is good, the air pure and the temperature as even as possible, but not too cold.

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