

It is important to construct dens so they may be opened from time to time for disinfection.

The size of an otter yard should not be less than 12 feet by 20 feet. It should contain a pool of clear water two or three feet deep, fed from a constant source.

The fence may be built of upright boards, galvanized sheet iron of 2-inch-mesh, 14 gauge wire netting. Its height must be three and half feet greater than the maximum depths of snow. An inward horizontal overhang, one foot wide, must be provided at the top of the fence, while the bottom should extend into the ground a foot and a half."

#### SABLES.

M. Vladimir Generosoff, who was some years ago the Russian Government Agricultural Assistant Commissioner at St. Louis, Missouri, furnishes the writer with the following information:—

One or two years ago, experiments were made in raising Sables in Russia, but without success. I think the causes of failure were ignorance of the habits of the animals and the use of too small enclosures.

#### THE CARE OF MARTENS.

*(From the U.S. Bureau of Biological Survey).*

The high prices realised for marten pelts at the late Montreal Fur Auctions, have turned attention to the money-making possibilities of breeding these interesting, but rather ferocious animals in captivity.

In the United States, Government officials have been experimenting with martens and other fur bearers under the supervision of Dr. Dearborn in the Adirondacks and elsewhere.