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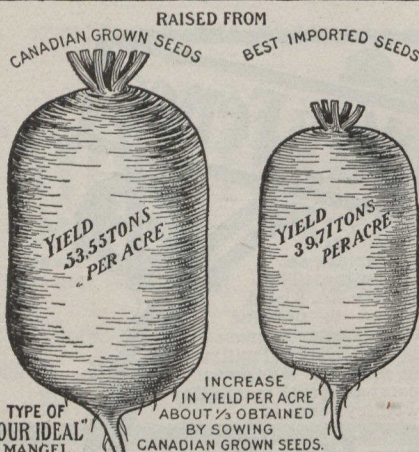
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fee. Others advertise egg layers and utility fowl of the same breeds at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per 13. You can therefore "pay your money and take your choice." By asking for information from neighbors who have had experience with thoroughbreds and breeders who advertise extensively, knowledge of reliable breeders and the best breeds for the required purpose may easily be obtained. The writer recommends White Wyandottes as a thoroughly reliable utility breed and one very easy to introduce as they are generally bred in this province.

The question of "thoroughbred versus mongrel" has been so often enlarged upon that space will not now be taken up to prove what has so often been proved that, if fowls are worth keeping at all, thoroughbreds should be kept.

If the poultry-keeper has already laying pens of fowls and he intends setting eggs from his own fowls, observations through January and February will have shown him some of the best layers which should be marked by leg bands of some sort and these put in a pen by themselves until sufficient eggs have been procured for setting.

The simplest way to hatch is by incubator in a basement or room of even temperature. If hens are used, a dark room is best free from interference by other fowl. Late March and April are the best months for hatching for next winter's laying pullets.

Crop-Binding in Fowl

Editor, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST: I have read Mr. Short's remarks in the November issue in respect to crop-binding

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in fowls. In my experience with this trouble, I employ no surgical operation. Try my way. Put the fowl's legs between your knees, hold firmly, keep the mouth up and open with left hand. Put the forefinger in the mouth and pour luke-warm water from a dipper into the crop until full. Then knead the crop until soft and stand up, holding the fowl, head down, in the right hand. With the left hand squeeze the crop. If the bird does not give up its load readily choke it somewhat and you will soon see the wheat, corn, oats and water scatter. Fill the crop again with water and empty the same way. If any grain still remains in the crop, repeat the operation a third time and then put a third of a teaspoonful of Rochelle's salts in a couple of tablespoonfuls of warm water and pour that down the throat. Put the bird in a coop by itself and in a few hours it will be the hungriest one in the flock. Feed soft food at first.

In filling the crop with water, don't pour for too long a period at a time. While treating a rooster in this way, he tried to breathe with the result that some water got into his lungs. There was a gasp and a gurgle, a kick and a struggle and there was nothing left for me to do but to plant him near a grape vine.—A. W. Graham, Elgin Co., Ont.

Naming New Strawberries

Editor, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST:—I read your editorial in the January issue entitled "Name according to Sex." I think your idea is an excellent one. The only wonder to me is that somebody has not thought of it before. It certainly would be a means by which we could know the sex of strawberries without making special inquiry in the case of varieties that we were judging for the first time.

The idea is certainly worth being pushed horticulturally. As some of our other fruits also are proving to be self-sterile, the same idea might in the future, perhaps, be carried out in other self-sterile groups.—J. C. Whitten, Professor of Horticulture, College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

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