

POULTRY YARD

40 Hens Sitting at One Time

J. W. Clark; Brant Co., Ont.

While I make use of artificial incubation, I greatly prefer the hen hatched chicks since they mature more rapidly and make better exhibition and breeding stock than those incubated artificially. It is not the trouble that you would imagine to hatch a large number of eggs with hens if they are handled properly. I have about 40 hens setting at a time.

I make use of my root cellar for this purpose. Boxes are arranged all the way around the outside of the cellar. Of these 40, I endeavor to set say 10 hens at one time.

These hens when they are all in there together require but little attention. Corn and wheat and water are provided in the cellar where they can help themselves at will. A dust bath is also available. A setting hen likes to extend herself and dust herself when she comes off for her feed, hence the dust is provided. I use coal ashes for dust. When sifted these are excellent for the purpose. Wood ashes are not to be recommended since they damage the plumage. There is no harm results however from the coal ashes.

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Each nest or box is just large enough for one hen. A setting hen always wants eggs to set upon and when they come off for feed each will go back to a nest of eggs. Of course, I lose some eggs, but on the whole one is bound to lose some anyway and I find this manner of managing setting hens and natural incubation to be very satisfactory.

Spring Egg Production

Prof. W. A. Brown, University of

Spring is the natural hatching season, and as a rule the birds lay well. We cannot do so much towards improving the number of eggs laid in the spring, but we can do much in our poultry houses towards keeping egg production up to the maximum for a greater length of time.

There should be an annual spring cleaning of every poultry house in the land and the house should be kept clean all through the summer. Many of the poultry houses of the country are places where not only people dis-

ting up the seeds in the garden and other places.

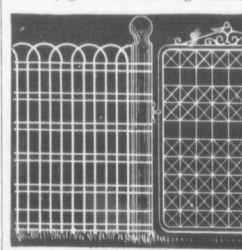
Sick Rooster

I have a rooster that does not stand with feathers ruffled as if he was cold. The excreta is like sulphur. Please prescribe. I feed wheat, buckwheat, whole corn, and boiled potatoes mixed with barley meal—H. L. Hastings Co., Ont.

The bird is probably suffering from a combined attack of cold and indigestion. Take him at once from the flock, dust him for lice, give a dose of castor oil, one spoonful, and a Carter's Little Liver Pill. Repeat the dose in 12 hours. Should his breath have a very offensive smell he had better be killed. Give the whole flock a dose of Epsom salts, one spoonful to 100 hens, in a mash. Put in a quart of drinking water one spoonful of muriatic acid. Keep the hens free from lice, keep the house thoroughly clean and well ventilated.—Prof. F. C. Elford, Macdonald College.

Sex of Geese

How can I tell the sex of geese?—J. L. Frontenac Co., Ont.
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