

about the barn in sheltered places two or three barrels on their sides, and in them make nice nests. In these the hens will lay. Gather the eggs every day, placing them in boxes and keeping in a cool place. When a box contains 23 eggs mark it No. 1 and begin to fill a second box, and when it contains 23 eggs mark it No. 2 and so continue as long as eggs are received. When a hen first desires to sit, pen her up just as you would a common hen and thus secure a second laying from her, or in some cases one may secure three layings. It is well to leave turkey hens on the nest two or three days, for they often lay one or two eggs after they begin to show signs of sitting.

When you have decided to sit a hen, give her a nest and 15 eggs and at the same time give a common hen eight eggs. These, when hatched, are all to be given to the turkey hen. Never try to raise turkeys with a domestic fowl, for, after much trouble, you will generally lose them all. When the young birds have hatched take the hen under your arm, gather the young ones into a basket and carry them all to a plot of grass land on which the grass is very thin, so that the young birds can run freely. Here throw down some feed and leave them. If you have no place free of heavy grass, you can start turkeys with difficulty. Feeding is of the greatest importance. For the first week I have found wheat bread moistened in water the most satisfactory. The birds should be fed very early in the morning. If you can feed them by sunrise for the first three or four weeks, you need lose hardly a bird. If not fed, the old hen wanders about, the little ones become wet and cold and speedily die. Feed them morning and evening, and each evening try and call them nearer and nearer home, so that you will not be troubled with their wandering to the neighbors. As early as possible train them to roost high, so as to be out of danger at night. With a little care they will soon learn to do this. Especially guard them against dogs. Bird dogs kept by many persons for hunting are often very destructive to turkeys, at times destroying a whole flock in a single night. When the flock is reared, fatten with corn, and do not kill until cold weather is established. I have long held that the turkey crop ought to be one of the most profitable on our farms.

Union County, Pa.

G. G. GORR,

# Report of the Poultry Manager of the Government Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM SAUNDERS,  
Director Experimental Farms,  
Sir,—I have great pleasure in submitting the first report of the Poultry Department of the Central Experimental Farm. Although the operations thus far have been on a comparatively limited scale yet some results have been ascertained which, it is hoped, will be of interest and benefit to the farming community and especially to those desirous of obtaining eggs and poultry for market or home use.

In the early part of the month of May last it was deemed advisable, in order to have a number of fowls ready for the occupation of the poultry building about to be erected on the Farm, to procure eggs of the most useful varieties and hatch them by means of sitting hens, a number of which had been secured. Accordingly 30 sittings, representing 388 eggs, were purchased from the leading breeders of Canada, Great Britain and the United States. Eggs from the latter country were obtained for the purpose of securing different strains for breeding purposes in the forthcoming spring. The following table will show the number of eggs purchased and the results therefrom:—

## EGGS PURCHASED AND CHICKENS HATCHED.

No. of Sittings	No. Eggs Set.	DESCRIPTION OF EGGS.	No Chickens Hatched.	Date when Chickens were hatched.
1	13	Buff Cochins .....	9	May 18
2	26	Andalusian .....	18	18
1	13	Black breasted Red Game .....	8	30
2	26	Plymouth Rocks .....	15	9
2	26	Wyandottes .....	8	29
2	26	White Leghorns .....	19	June 7
1	13	Silver Pencilled Hamburgs .....	5	May 25
2	26	Bearded Golden Polands .....	8	25
2	26	Houdans .....	15	25
1	13	Black Hamburgs .....	7	25
1	13	Langshans .....	1	28
1	13	Black Minorcas .....	9	June 5
FROM ENGLAND				
1	12	Indian Games .....	7	July 4
1	12	Red Caps .....	5	4
FROM UNITED STATES				
1	13	Dirigos .....	5	June 2
2	26	Black Minorcas .....	12	27
1	13	White Leghorns .....	6	16
1	13	Houdans .....	3	18
2	26	Colored Dorkings .....	6	16
1	13	Buff Cochins .....	4	16
1	13	Black Java .....	8	16
1	13	Langshans .....	4	27
		Hatched in Incubator .....	25	May 31
30	388		209	
DUCES				
1	12	Pekin .....	4	June 13
1	11	" .....	3	29
2	33		7	

It will be seen from the above that 209 chickens were hatched, which was satisfactory, when the very unfavorable season and the long distance the greater number of the eggs travelled, are taken into consideration. It is worthy of

**TO THE DEAF.**—A person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any Person who applies to NICHOLSON, 177 McDougal Street, New York.