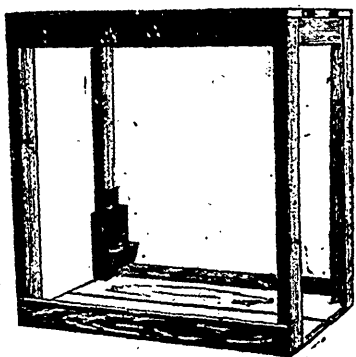


as with the human family, in a condition to be easily upset by any element that would augment the trouble, such as bad air in sleeping rooms, rotten fruit, sour food, and bad water. There is always a cause for trouble of this kind, and the best remedy is to avoid the first cause of disease.

Shipping Coops.

WE here illustrate the shipping coops to which the attention of fanciers is respectfully invited on another page. They are made up in skeleton form, or can be had in the flat and put together in a few moments. They are as light as they can possibly be made. Coops to hold comfortably a pair of large birds, or trio of light breeds such as Leghorns, etc., only weigh 5½ lbs, yet they are very strong and offered at such a low rate



SHIPPING COOP SHOWING FOUNTAIN.

that you cannot make them yourself for the price asked. We respectfully solicit a trial order from shippers and breeders, and beg to refer you to the price list before referred to. The drinking fountain illustrated in the coop is the same as referred to in the advertisement re coops, and holds one pint. The fountain can be attached to the coops. The birds cannot soil the water, and the contents will not upset by the jostling of travelling. This we think will be of great benefit to shippers who often have to send birds long distances, and as we know from experience what it is to trust to the tender mercies of expressmen generally we feel sure this fountain will be duly appreciated. To hold one pint we sell at the low price of

15c. For further particulars please see notice under heading of shipping coops in another column.

For the Poultry Weekly.

Sprinkling Eggs.

I AM trying to write you reasons why I think I had such poor results from eggs. I have always been very particular as to the proper kind of a nest, making it with moist soil &c., so as to be sure that the eggs would hatch, but result has been very poor. Out of my own and one for another party, with nests made as above only one of mine hatched, and one that I had set for a friend. I concluded it was too damp and the egg was addled by this, so I set six sittings up in the hay loft of the barn making nests of simply straw in boxes, and placed them around in the corners and sides of the loft, placing a dusting bath in the centre of the floor and putting corn and water in front of each nest. I concluded to try a little experiment with five of these sittings by sprinkling them, (our able editor once thought I had been guilty of this when I had poor luck in hatching but I was not), but this time I confess I am and I must say I am highly delighted with the result, and shall stick to the sprinkling idea until compelled to give it up. I sprinkled the five sittings on the sixth, eleventh, sixteenth and nineteenth, days with tepid water and the result was, that each sitting of 15 eggs each, hatched one 10, two 12, and two 14 chicks, all unhatched eggs were not fertile. The sitting that I did not sprinkle only 6 chicks came out and they had quite a time to get out. I had to help two of them, 7 died in the shell and two eggs not fertile; after this I shall be quite in favor of the sprinkling idea. G. H. SAFFORD.

Troy, N. Y.

Thanks for your letter, we are all interested in the hatching question. A great deal depends upon the quarters the sitters occupy. As you had your last lot set in such dry quarters the sprinkling was just right. And in very hot weather we have occasionally done it ourselves, as you will remember by our contributions to the "Monthly." A wet nest will always rot the eggs, and in very cold weather, dry sand is better than moist, but in summer a little moisture is better, at least with us.

We do not remember accusing you of sprinkling eggs. When was it?

Send in on a postal the names of the poultrymen in your vicinity, show them a copy of the WEEKLY and get them to subscribe.