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February and greater part of March.

Mr. J. W. Newman, of Engle-side Farm, near Brockville, is a progressive farmer, evidently. He writes on May 2nd, last: "I have about fifty February chicks now weighing over two pounds each and 700 others closely following. Could you give me the name of some reliable firm in Montreal or Ottawa to handle them?" This is good work for a farmer. They must have been incubator hatched and brooder reared chickens. We want more farmers like Mr. Newman in the poultry business. There is no fear of producing too much of the "superior quality." They are willing to take any quantity in England.

It will be interesting to begin incubation next season at the middle or end of December, and find whether the eggs, at that period, from mated pens, will do better than those in February and March following, when hens have laid so much longer. The

subject is an important one, and demands careful investigation. Will your readers help?

Mr. A. G. Goodacre, of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, sent me in the latter part of April, thirty white Wyandotte eggs of remarkable size and fine color. I set twenty-six and hatched twenty-two strong chickens, which are now of substantial size and making good proto a pound. Mr. Goodacre is an wrote me that he "had hatched out twenty-two chickens from twenty-six eggs, that went when weighed before setting them, six to a pound. Mr. Goodacre is an ardent admirer and skilled breeder of white Wyandottes, which he claims are the real general purpose fowl. Certainly such birds as he has, will take second place to none.

THAT EARLY FERTILE EGG WITH  
STRONG GERM AGAIN.

There can be no doubt that the leading and all-engrossing subject among the proprietors of large poultry plants, devoted to

the artificial hatching and rearing of "broilers" or "roasters," is how to secure a satisfactory percentage of early fertile eggs. Rather, let us say eggs; January February and March, with strong germs, which will hatch strong chicks. Nothing is more discouraging or exasperating than to have a large number of chicks fully developed, dead in the shell. The subject, which has been discussed in your columns for some time past, is now being taken up by the leading poultry papers of the Eastern States of the Union, where broiler or roaster rearing is extensively carried on by numerous establishments. In a leading poultry paper we read that in a certain locality, hatching by incubators and rearing in brooding houses begins in September and October for "the reason, singular as it may seem, that it is easier to get fertile eggs then than later on." The paper goes on to remark, "that eggs laid in the fall are fairly fertile and the chicks strong, but as winter advances, eggs become less and less fertile, until, in January and Feb-