Coming back to the matter of shelter from the sun for which this crop makes special provision, it may be said that with a flat topped coop pen
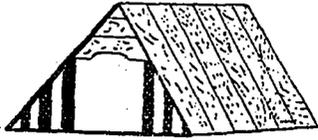

Fig. 4.—Mr. Hunter's coop.

Fig. 6.— Coop for ducklings with hens.

Same with pen.

With shelter board—rain shelter.

With shelter board—sun shade.

as in Figs. 1 and 3, shelter from the sun and also from light showers may be obtained by covering a part of the coop with a piece of burlap or old carpet.

Fig. 5.—A coop.

Figure 5 shows the simplest form of a coop that can be made, though very generally used, it is not on the whole a satisfactory coop for the permanent home of a brood ; but as it can be made in a few minutes, it is not a bad idea to be kept in the mind for use in emergencies.

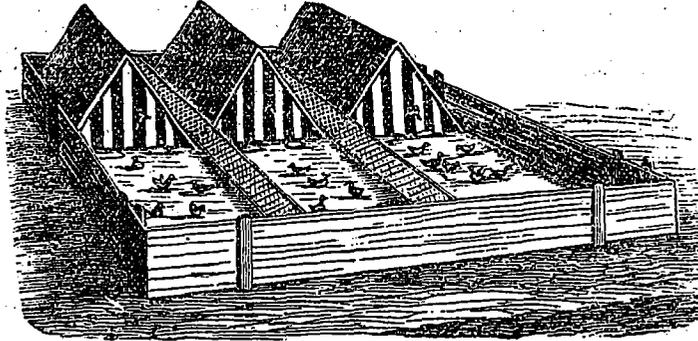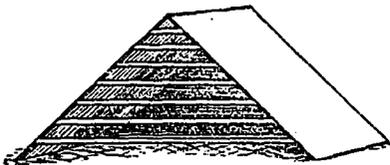Figure 6 shows the method of cooping young ducklings when reared with hens.

The Horse.

SPRING TROUBLES.

The capricious weather of early spring often produces serious troubles in animals as well as man. Frequently horses at this season take severe colds which their owners fail to notice until it is too late to do anything for them. There are certain symptoms, however, which demand attention and prompt measures. As soon as a horse shows signs of dullness and distaste for food there is someting wrong, and the owner should keep the horse quiet in the stable and send for the doctor. Should there be no doctor near he should prepare some bran mash as follows: Half a stable bucket of coarse wheat oran, one pint of oats and half a pint of linseed, all boiled carefully together in half a gallon of water and covered up for an hour, so that the feed is well soaked. After giving the mash have a bucket filled with clean, tepid water, in which an ounce of nitrate of potash is dissolved, placed near the animal, so that he may quench his thirst when he likes. The horse should be kept in a box stall, if possible, free from exposures, should be hand rubbed all over and his legs bandaged, then bedded down nicely with straw and