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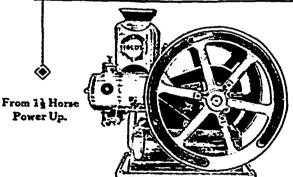
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Give Green Feed

Chickens running off grass should be given plenty of finely chopped vegetable matter between other meals. Fino law, mowings, onion tops, lettuce and cabbage leaves, thinnings from the seedling bests, or any other garden produce that is fresh and wholesome is good for chickens and they should have all they will eat.

A common cause of constipation in chicks is traceable to indirection brancht, about

is traceable to indigestion brought about through lack of grit. Unless the food fed to chicks is, by the aid of grit, properly dealt with in the gizzard, a great strain is not upon the other digestive organs, well put upon the other digestive organs, with the result that they become debilitated, and, consequently, the bowels become leaded with unassimilated matter. Not only should the chicks have a constant supply of fine grit, but they should have a little finely powdered charcoal added to their soft food occasionally to sweeten their crops and tone up their digestive systems. A sprinkling of sulphur also will have a beneficial effect upon the liver, and assist the bowels to properly perform their functions.

Chickens failing to feather up properly often cause anxiety to the attendant. Such often cause anxiety to the attendant. Such a condition is traceable either to low vitality, insect pests, or lack of animal matter in the rations. Such chickens as fail to produce feather should be examined for lice, and if they are found to be free from these pests they should be given a liberal allowance of milk and a little sulphur in their soft food. A little linseed meal in the food will also do good, as will also a daily allowance of well cooked and finely chopped lean meat. Finely chopped cabbage is a good feather producer, and this bage is a good feather producer, and this should be fed as much as the chicks will cat.—The Poultry Advocate.

Fruit Investigation

The Minister of Assiculture has authorized a special inquiry to be made into the ized a special inquiry to be made into the fruit growing industry of Canada, under the direction of Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storag. Commissioner. The well-known fruit grower, Mr. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catherines, Ontario, has been engaged to conduct the inquiry, and it is safe to say that no man in Canada is better equipped to undertake this important work. The officers of the fruit division will collaborate with Mr. Bunting in this work, as far as their other duties will permit them to do so. He will be assisted also by local officials of the different provinces and dustricts. The report, which should be a very ricts. The report, which should be a very valuable one, will be available for the Deminion Conference of Fruit Growers, that is to be hold at Ottawa some time next winter. The investigation will be conducted with a view of contents and the latest the conducted with a view of contents and a light latest the contents and the latest the contents are a light latest the contents and the latest the contents are a light latest the latest with a view of securing some reliable data respecting:

1. Area and extent of land adapted to

fruit growing in the various provinces, 2. Varieties of fruits which have been found to be most profitable and successful in the revoral provinces or subdivisions of the same.

3. General trend of the industry towards concentrating the production of large quantities of standard varieties.

4. Difficulties which are likely to be encountered.

5. Methods of production.

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