

### *The Use of "Water Glass"*

Water glass, or silicate of soda gives very satisfactory results as a preservative for eggs, the only drawback being its cost. It is usually sold by druggists at 25 cents per pound tin, which quantity is sufficient to preserve from 10 to 15 dozen eggs. If many eggs are to be put down your local druggist could probably arrange to get silicate of soda for you by the gallon at about half the usual retail price per pound.

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### A FEW GENERAL RULES

1. Use only perfectly fresh eggs. (On the farm it is well to put each day's eggs in lime-water as gathered. In a store the freshness of the eggs should be determined by candling).

2. Do not put in any cracked or thin shelled eggs—one broken egg in a crock may in time spoil 12 or 15 dozen.

3. Do not have containers too large—crock (3 to 5 gallons), are convenient. Butter-tubs or candy pails will serve well enough, particularly if they have previously been coated on the inside with hot paraffine wax. Aside from the greater convenience of small container, there is less risk of a broken egg spoiling a large number of sound eggs.

4. Be sure to keep eggs completely covered by the lime-water during the whole period of preservation. It is well to have an inch of liquid above the tops of the eggs.

5. It is best to store the crocks of eggs in an airy cellar or basement. A room in which the temperature does not go above 45° nor below 35°, is most suitable. If allowed to freeze the shells crack and the eggs are useless.

If the above instructions are carried out there will be no trouble in preserving eggs in good condition for six or eight months. At the college we have just finished using (April 15), some eggs put in lime-water last August.

During the first week of April, 1914, at a number of country points, eggs were sold at 12½ cents per dozen. Next winter, these same eggs or what is left of them will be sold out of cold storage at from 35 cents to 45 cents.

Two or three crocks and ten cents worth of lime will take care of all the eggs most families require during the winter. Try it once and see how you like using first quality eggs at 15 cents a dozen in January.