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HE early hatched pullets are usually the best winter layers. Pullets hatched during the first three weeks of April hot only lay from two to three dozen more eggs during the year but lay many more eggs during the winter. The average pullet begins laying at an age of six and one-half to seven months; the later hatched one: are slower to mature than those hatched early. To be sure your chickens will be hatched early an incubator is almost a necessity. The later the hens begin to lay, generally the later they become broody.

An incubator is a machine and responds to treatment the same as any other machine. It is not difficult to handle but it can not supply its own oil for heat or keep itself clean, nor yet can it supply the little chicks inside the eggs with good pure air un-

side the eggs with good pure air unless the room in which the incubator is placed has good air.

The room in which the machine is run should be clean and well ventilated. If you can sleep in the room comfortably it is good enough. Usually a cellar is the best place because the temperature is more even and the machine is therefore easier to regulate as to heat. The incubator should be clean; especially is this true of the interior of the machine. It is advisable to brush out the ma-It is advisable to brush out the ma-chine as clean as you can, then wash it out with water and soap and lastly disinfect it. Perhaps one of the easiest materials to use is the common tarry compounds that are used about the stables. Just spray or wash the machine thoroughly after each hatch. It does not take much time and saves a lot of trouble with the chicks. With some types of machines having cloth tops in the hatching chamber it is wise to remove the old cloth each season and replace it with

a new piece. Be sure and test the thermometer. Be sure and test the thermometer. Take it into a drug store and the druggist will test it for you alongside one of known accuracy. Many hatches are lost through bad thermometers.

Get only clean eggs and of good size or set the kind of eggs you want the pullets to lay. Be sure your hands are clean when you turn the eggs. Oily or dirty hands lower the hatch. Do not keep the oil can in the same room as the incubator.

them before they are at least forty-eight hours old. Should they pant inside the machine open the door a Give them plenty of air. Prof. W. R. Graham, O. A. College

Who Should Plant an Apple Orchard. The apple growing industry of the future in Ontario will be developed future in Ontario will be developed by men who like the work, and who have the perseverance and intelli-gence to meet the problems encoun-tered. The necessary practice and experience can be acquired as one goes along, and the difficulties of fin-ancing the business can be overcome by starting in a small way, or by putting one's time on other crops while the orchard is growing. The men who should not undertake apple while the orchard is growing. The men who should not undertake apple growing are those who do not like the work, and those who from lack of experience and knowledge expect to find in it phenomenal profits. The apple industry offers perhaps as good apple industry offers perhaps as good opportunities for profit as are to be found in any other line of agriculture or horticulture, but is at the same time no more profitable, on an average, than any other well-managed business; neither should encouragement be offered to land speculators, many of whom in the past put until misleading information as to protors, many of whom in the past put out misleading information as to profits to be made. The success of the industry will depend on, 1st, the man; 2nd, his local and farm condition. A man who understands orchard work and has a liking for it can make a success of apple orcharding as a side-line in general farming, in stock farming, or in dairying, although it may be pointed out that many dairy farmers find it does not pay to neglect their herds in order to care for a orchard. Orchards below five acres in size are likely to receive very little attention on most farms, and farmers who wish to develop apple orchards as a profitable velop apple orchards as a profitable side-line should plant not less than ten acres if possible. Orchards rang-ing in size from ten to twenty-five acres can be conducted as profitable

The commercial apple growing industry is developing along two lines.

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a great deal of herp is required at certain periods of the year, while at other periods there is little or no work to be done. The problem, therefore, becomes one of adjusting apple orcharding to other lines of production, so as to equalize the distribution of labor throughout the year. It would appear that an excellent systef of diversification could be worked out by using strawberries, rasptef of diversification could be worked out by using strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries along with apples or other tree fruits, excepting cherries. Cherries conflict in picking season with the small fruits, but can be handled along with apples unless strawberries and raspberries are preferred. — Prof. J. W. Crow, O. A. College, Guelph.

An Unpleasant Name.

Born in Austria twenty-one years ago, Jacob Hell, a clerk in the New York postoffice, stood it as long as he could and then applied to have his name changed to Jacob Hill. Permission was granted. In his petition Hell recited that his name was "often mistaken for a term of profanity and caused your petitioner's character to be besmirched."

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An incident which happened in a

New York hotel may give a hint as to why Orientals are slow at accept-ing American ideals at our own val-

An export manager was discussing with his Bombay agent the details of a campaign to cover the markets of India and Afghanistan. An American friend, calling the manager aside, whispered:
"How can you bear to talk with a

nigger?' The exporter explained his long friendship with the Indian and the importance of their business relations. Then he turned to introduce the two men. The Bombay merchant had hastily put on his right glove and shook hands with his hand cov-

"Why the glove?" the exporter asked when they were alone. "How else could I return the insult of his first glance without embarassing you, good friend? The fact that he did not appreciate the insult makes my enjoyment the keener."

Variety Is the Spice of Life. It was his first day as a boot, and he was having a tough job executing orders. The sergeant, considerably exasperated, yelled:
"Say, what did you do on the outside?"

"I was a bookkeeper, sir."
"I thought so," the sergeant com-

mented. The next morning, after a series of fizzles, the company's commander again picked him out.

"Say, you, what did you do on the outside?"
"I was an electrician, sir," was the response. "Er?" the sergeant said. "I

"Er?" the sergeant said. "I thought you told me yesterday you were a bookkeeper."
"I was, sir," replied the unabashed boot. "But I got another job."

Wolfe Dinner Cancelled.

The Wolfe dinner which prior to The Wolfe dinner which prior to the war was held every New Year at Westerham, Kent, England, where the hero of Quebec was born, was not revived this year, many of the old attendants still being in France. An interesting proposal, however, is afoot to secure a German gun captured by the Canadians to place it. tured by the Canadians to place in front of the fine statue of Wolfe, unveiled on New Year, 1911, by Lord Roberts.

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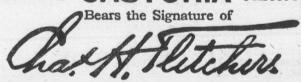
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