

give these two meals by lamp light. For the first day or two feed the chicks on any of the following, the more the food is varied the better :

1. Hard-boiled egg (the infertile ones removed from the incubator or from under sitting hens will do very well for this purpose), chopped fine, shells included, and mixed with an equal quantity of stale bread crumbs, the whole moistened with milk into a friable condition.

2. Coarse, dry oatmeal.

3. Stale bread alone, or moistened with milk or water.

After the first few days any of the following foods may be given :

4. Coarse oatmeal, dry or moistened with milk.

5. One-third oatmeal to two-thirds barley meal, scalded with boiling water, and mixed into a crumbly condition.

6. Five parts oatmeal to one of boiled rice, mixed as the last.

7. Boiled rice, mixed into a friable state with meal. This is a specially good food for chicken diarrhoea.

Accustom the chicks early to crushed wheat, afterwards giving them the grain whole. Bran is very indigestible and irritates the bowels, unless well scalded to soften it, then it forms an excellent bone-forming food. Animal food, chopped very fine, should be given in moderation from the first week. If the chicks are not provided with a grass run, green food must be supplied without stint. Onion tops, cabbage, lettuce, and nettle leaves are specially good.

Chicks do not eat much at a meal, but they eat often. Give them regularly as much as they will eat, then take up the remainder till the next meal. It is a good plan to keep a box of ground bone always accessible to the chicks. Sharp grit or sand should be scattered on the food, and a dry dust-box should be provided. Lime water added to the drinking water is beneficial. If there are any signs of leg weakness from rapid growth, put a teaspoonful of citrate of iron and ammonia in each quart of drinking water, or a few rusty nails will even answer the same purpose. The state of the droppings is a good test of health. When they are of a brownish color, capped with white, the chickens are thriving.

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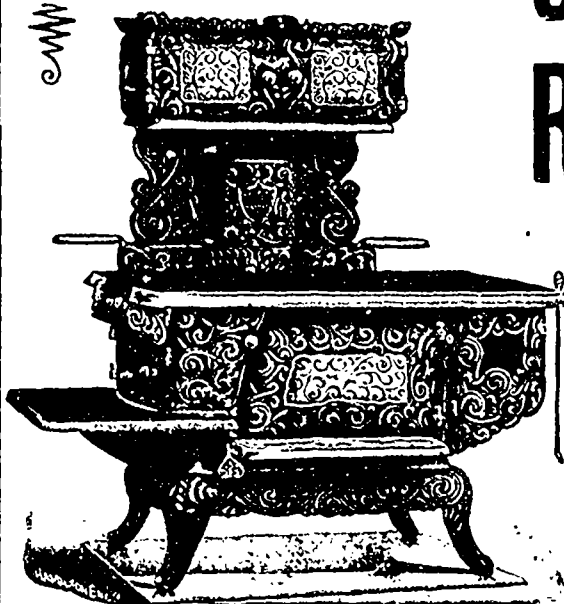
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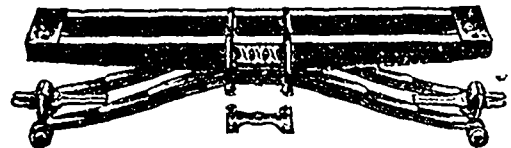
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