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Poultry Chat

Written for The Western Home Monthly by H. E. Vialoux

APRIL is the most important month in all the year in the poultry yard. Breeding pens must be mated up and the fowls kept in the best condition to ensure a good percentage of fertile eggs. Fertile eggs in early spring determine the success of the season's work, well wintered flocks will certainly lay hatchable eggs. Farmers do not bother with trap nests, but the attendant who daily looks after the fowl can usually spot the good layers and select a dozen or fifteen birds for the season's breeders. The working hen that chips about, scratching all day, will prove a good layer. The heavy winter layers often grow pale in head and shanks towards spring, but birds that have laid well all winter may not produce very fertile eggs in early April as their vitality becomes somewhat impaired.

I prefer to keep some of the good hens and pullets in a rather cold house and feed them no mash or other forcing egg ration until March is with us, then mate the birds and the eggs will hatch splendidly when set in April. We all like to raise a few April chicks, but our spring is too uncertain to hatch many very early chicks unless arrangements can be made to take good care of the early birds. The usual query comes to hand again, "What kind of an incubator is the best?" One cannot go far wrong in getting one of the machines advertised in The Western Home Monthly. Of course, every poultry keeper tries to get a couple of cluckers as soon as they get broody in March or early April, but for the regular hatch try and secure at least four to eight hens and set them in a quiet pen at the same time, and thus get a uniform lot of chicks. A dozen or sixteen hens properly looked after will hatch out. "A powerful bunch of chicks" as an old neighbor used to say, without entailing too much labor and fussing.

To return to the incubator question. Any person who has not the time to attend to a machine at regular hours had better leave artificial incubation severely alone, details count in running a machine successfully. I notice that experts are finding out that the electric incubators cannot always be depended upon, at all times; should the electric current be cut off for some hours the outlook for a good hatch is not hopeful. However, right in the city there should not be much danger of this accident happening. Out at the M.A.C. poultry plant the electric current has been cut.

IMPROVED WHITE WYANDOTTE, a splendid layer and a less setter. \$3 for 15 eggs. A. Elwell, Kelvington, Sask. 5-19

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off once or twice for hours, so the Jumbo Hatcher is heated by a small coal or coke affair instead of electricity.

In buying a machine 'tis well to remember that a cheap badly constructed machine will surely prove dear in the long run. These days eggs are too high in price to be wasted in a poor incubator. The materials must be well seasoned and the workmanship good. The walls should be double and the insulation perfect. For ordinary use choose an incubator holding 100 to 125 eggs. In the East a great deal of hatching is now done on the co-operative basis. A mammoth incubator being used and a small fee is charged for hatching out the farmers' eggs. This plan is proving very satisfactory in many places in Ontario. The directions sent out with any reliable machine should be closely followed, and a good incubator is manufactured here in Winnipeg by a local firm. Often the first hatch or two run off by a novice are much better than later ones which simply means that the operator has grown careless in regard to the rules. Second hand machines seem to cause plenty of trouble to beginners, usually some small thing has got out of repair or the machine has been allowed to get warped and will not keep the right temperature.

Select medium sized eggs, leave the extra large and very small ones for cooking. A rough shelled egg should be discarded also. Our Canadian climate is so dry that moisture should be supplied in some form or other, as moisture checks the undue evaporation of the eggs. The hygrometer tests for moisture can be supplied with the modern machines. A humidity of 50 to 60 degrees inside the egg chamber gives good results. Testing the air cells will give a person a good idea of needed moisture. At 7 days the air space ought to be about one-eighth the size of the egg, on the 16th day about one-quarter.

A reader of The Western Home Monthly has recently asked why so many chicks were dead in the shell in her machine last season, neither ventilation or moisture seems to have been provided for. If chicks are dried up in the shell with large air space the eggs have lacked moisture and probably had too much ventilation. If on the other hand the chicks in the eggs seem drowned with a tiny air space, too much moisture has been used and not enough ventilation. Moisture can be given in the pan provided beneath the egg tray, or by means of a large sponge, or flannel rung out of hot water. Turning the eggs does not mean taking each one and turning it over. Run the hand over the egg tray and shuffle them about (hen fashion), thus work these at the outside to the centre and vice versa.

In running a machine the heat will run up too high towards the end of the hatching period quite often. At such times I like to take the egg trays out and cool them. I always run my hand gently over them giving a turn for "luck." All machines are supplied with an egg tester, and practice only will make a person perfect in testing for a live chick or a dead germ. Doubtful eggs need not all be discarded at the first test, 7th or 8th day of incubation. Mark them with a pencil, and on the 15th day test them again, and usually one can see whether the germ has grown or not. Weak germs often die between the first and second test. There may be seen a ring or streak of blood around the dead head. Discard all such eggs, they never hatch.

Only the best oil should be used in the incubator lamp which must be kept perfectly clean and which should have a bowl large enough to hold oil for 30 hours.

The eggs for hatching are better kept in a covered pan or jar than exposed to the air while enough are being collected for a machine. The fresher one can get them the better, but they should hatch well at 10 to 12 days old.

The most important thing of all is the breeding pen in the backyard when fertility is what we must have to secure a good hatch in any machine.

Eggs should be handled gently when first in the machine. In fact, I used to wear gloves in touching them when a novice, but this I found quite unnecessary when the chick is half grown in the shell. Rougher handling does no harm.

When the hatch is coming off keep the