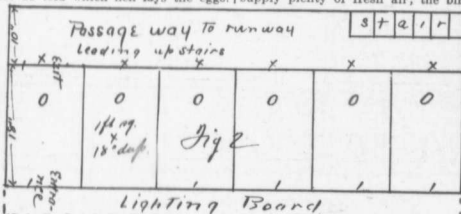


the nests and find their way to the cage upstairs. At noon and at night the attendant takes out the hens and takes their numbers registering them on the eggs found in the nests below. The large rectangular spaces in figure 1 show the construction of the cage above, and three sliding doors for convenience in liberating the hens.

There are two main objections to this trap: An individual record cannot be kept of eggs laid, that is it cannot be told which hen lays the eggs.



1.—Entrance when the trap is arranged. 2.—When the egg is laid. 3.—When the hen passes to the passage.

The other is, in case there are more hens in the cage than eggs in the nests, one cannot tell which hens did not lay. For accurate records it does not take the place of the individual nest, still, after a summer's trial, I think that from a farmer's standpoint, it fills the bill, as it indicates the hens that are doing the work.

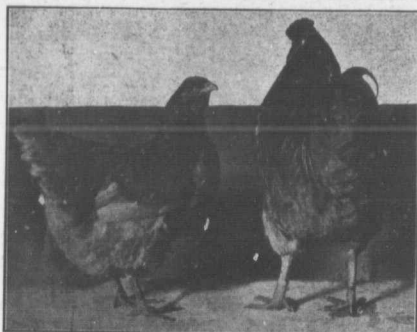
If this nest were used during the winter months, it would be a greater assistance in picking out the flock from which the eggs for hatching in the spring might be selected. The nests are placed about two feet above the floor. There is a lighting board in

front. Nothing is made fast so only a few minutes is required to clean everything out for cleaning purposes.

### Getting Fertile Eggs

Gen. Pazzano, Peterborough Co., Ont.

One cannot expect to get good hatchable eggs from stock that is over-fat. To obtain fertile eggs, early in the season, we must thin our stock down by making them work. We must supply plenty of fresh air; the birds



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ally winter 100 pullets and never keep them over the second winter. As soon as the hatching season is over, I box them up in June and July and ship them to Toronto where I get from 16c to 17c a lb. for them. It does not pay to winter hens. When shipped these pullets are still laying. However, I am through with them so I get rid of them at a good price and make room for younger stock.

### Care of Brooding Chicks

Harry Lush, Peterboro Co., Ont.

Brooders should be gotten out early and thoroughly cleaned and aired. A good coat of whitewash to which has been added considerable coal oil should be then applied. When dry set

your brooder where it will get all the nice warm spring sunshine possible. Get your lamp cleaned, see that it does not leak. The brooder should be heated and running well three or four hours before the chicks are put into it, so as to get it properly heated. A good coating of coarse sand (not gravel or sawdust) should be placed on the floor.

When placing the chicks in the brooder if you have 60 chickens another have two brooders put 30 chicks into each brooder instead of crowding all into one. You say my brooder is a 100-chick size. All well and good, just put 30 in anyway and see them come along. The 30 will beat the 100 in a 100-chick brooder—try it the first opportunity you get. The 30 chicks

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