

Raise May Chicks.

THIS is one of the best months in the year for hatching out the young stock. The eggs will hatch better and the chicks will be stronger and more thrifty than those hatched earlier while the breeding stock was confined by the snow. March and April have not been favorable months for young chicks on account of the changeable weather, but the fancier who understands the management of early chicks has provided comfortable quarters for his birds and will be rewarded with a nice flock of well-matured birds for the early shows. Chickens hatched from April 15th to May 15th will make the best layers during the next winter. Those hatched earlier are liable to begin laying in August and September, and then moult during the early part of winter when eggs are worth forty cents per dozen. April and May chicks commence laying in October and November, and will continue through the entire winter if they have proper care and comfortable quarters. Get out all the chicks you can this month. Vegetation is just springing up, insects are plenty, the weather will be fine and everything that nature can furnish will be in abundance. If you cannot raise thrifty chickens during May then you have missed your calling.—In Poultry Monthly.

WANTED.

Some one to invent a race of fowls to lay 305 eggs per annum.
And 360 in leap year
The fancier who won't then be satisfied.
A gun
To shoot him.
Two-inch combs
That won't freeze.
A medal
To the man who overcomes the last two.
More judges.
Names off coops.

Poultry men should note the fact that the JOURNAL issued weekly and that it visits the homes, and the advertisements catch the eye four times as often as the monthlies, at no higher scale of charges. The circulation is rapidly increasing.

Special inducements are offered to canvassers. Write us.

If fowls are penned up they must have a dust bath provided. It is as necessary as food.

Be gentle in your manner and kind to your stock and a host of fowls can be controlled without any trouble, on the other hand, bustling movements, and rough manners, stick throwing, &c., will make them entirely unmanageable, which, after all, is but natural.

QUERY * DEPARTMENT.

DIARRHŒA IN SPRING.

S. Mc P.—Since my birds have been out more I notice a loose state of the bowels. They seem well and are hearty, lay well. What shall I give them to stop it.

Collingwood township.

Don't give them anything, it is quite natural when they first get the young grass and get more exercise. Unless they seem feeble and ill let them alone. In case they should get sick, would say a desert-spoonful of Pain Killer, or better still, Radway's Ready Relief in the water is good. A desert spoonful in as much water as they will drink up is enough for a pen of eight birds.

INTERNAL HEMORRHAGE.

C. W. L.—A Brahma pullet was apparently in good health Saturday. Laid a large egg Sunday morning; an hour later was dumpy and seemed unable to stand, died about 4 o'clock. Had no diarrhœa, no discharge from mouth until within an hour of death. What was the matter with her?

Tecumseh, April 10th, 1889.

As you say the pullet was in good health, there is no doubt that she died of internal hemorrhage, consequent on the efforts made to expel the extra large egg. Could not be sure of the cause of death without a post-mortem examination. One of my Brahma pullet's first egg this spring measured 7 inches round the long way and 6½ inches circumference. She has walked lame ever since; the egg weighed just a quarter of a pound.

WHAT IS WANTED.

W. CATTANACK.—I am confident a Weekly Poultry Journal is what is needed.
Sutton West, April 16th, 1889.

WILL BE GLADLY GREETED.

A. R. MCKINLEY.—I duly received your circular re POULTRY WEEKLY, which I think is a move to be gladly greeted by the high-class breeders of our country. I immediately fell in with the idea, under such good auspices, as the CANADIAN BEE JOURNAL, and in charge of Mr. Peter, whom I never met, but have heard him highly spoken of by some of our principal Toronto fanciers. I shall be pleased to do what I can for you.

Deer Park, Ont., April 15, 1889.

All the food should be as sweet as you would like to have it yourself and no musty grain given.