

little fellows but which will keep the others out. It seems to be the nature of half grown chicks to worry and domineer it over smaller ones, seeming to think that the little ones are getting something which they are not, but the lath enclosure keeps them out.

If bowel trouble appears, give them a little boiled rice. Boil the rice until crumbly and feed in a saucer or small dish. I wouldn't advise putting it in the chaff as


it would soon make a sticky mass, call a swarm of flies and quickly sour.

Corn in any condition does not enter very largely into my bill of fare, and I think little chicks do better without it. Wheat and oats I consider the best but, of course, the oats must be in the shape of the meal mentioned above, or hulled. The outer husk on the oats contains little if any nourishment and is very indigestible for the chicks and I think they make better frames and size from the wheat and oats. In my opinion the chicks will do very well for the first two weeks on crumbs, oat-meal and wheat, either cracked or whole, when they are large enough to eat the latter, without any animal food. If, later than that, it is inconvenient for them to be at large where they can pick up the animal food in the shape of insects, then it might be advisable to feed it, either as cut fresh bone, or the meat and bone meals. Cut fresh bone is the finest thing in the world for fowls of all kinds, but as it is a very rich food, would not think it advisable to feed much of it until the chicks are at least a quarter or half grown.

By following the above method I have had very few deaths in the flock of chicks from any of the troubles so common to them. Hatch out chicks from eggs laid by healthy, vigorous hens, or mature pullets, keep the chicks warm and snug—be sure that they are—and feed them something like the above and you will have very little trouble in raising a large percentage of the strong ones. The weak-

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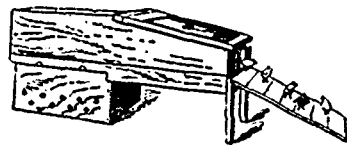
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er ones had better be put out of the way at once as it necessitates a large amount of extra care to make them live, and if you do raise them to maturity, you have something that is not worth much and when the winter comes on, they are the very first to succumb and perhaps be the means of getting rousp into the flock, or they will drag out a miserable existence and if any chicks are hatched from their eggs, it will be the same old story over again and pull down the general vitality of the lot.

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