

POULTRY YARD

Pointers from a Poultry Woman

Mrs. Chas. Love, Huron Co., Ont.
To be successful with poultry I find that it is necessary to have only young birds. I do not keep any birds more than two years and very few that long. My flock consists of 100 single combed Black Minorcas.



Mrs. Charles Love

During the latter days of September, the fowls begin to moult. If we are to get good results during the winter we must give the fowls the best of care during this period and get them over it as quickly as possible. Give them a place free from draughts where they may enjoy the sunshine and feed liberally.

WINTER FEEDING

I give hot feed in the morning, consisting of oats and barley chop scalded. At noon they receive table scraps, a generous feed of cooked potatoes and skim milk. Mangles cut into small pieces are given occasionally for a change. At four in the afternoon, mixed grain is thrown amongst wet straw. A little flax seed in a self feeder makes a good tonic during the fall and winter months. Keep lime where the fowls can get at it at any time. Fresh water with a few drops of tincture of acetone, is a good preventive against disease.

When the weather becomes so cold that the fowls do not run out I gather up daily a basket of clover leaves, where the clover is thrown from the snow and throw into the hen house. This clover is much relished by the fowls.

Coarse sand, coal ashes and oyster shells are kept before them at all times. A dust bath of wood ashes is very useful in keeping the fowls free from lice. Do not overfeed the fowls and keep them busy scratching all the time. I have no trouble in keeping the hens laying all winter by following the methods I have just outlined.

Hatching Chickens Profitable

Mrs. E. Cottingham, Victoria Co., Ont.

My chickens are nearly all marketed when hatched. Feed bills therefore do not enter into my expenses in this part of my poultry work. I have an incubator which holds 150 eggs. I have Barred Rock fowls only and keep from 90 to 100 hens. Each year I buy pure bred males.

In the spring as early as March 12th or 15th I fill the incubator with medium sized eggs. I find the medium sized eggs with a perfectly smooth shell are more fertile. I follow directions sent with the machine, closely for three weeks or to be quite exact 20 days and take off the hatch. My average for each hatch is about 115 birds. I have had as many as 130 and as low as 108.

I set again at once. This I do as many as five times in one season. This last hatch coming out about the first week in July seems late but it is surprising how quickly these chicks grow.

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I have never shipped any of these little chicks as yet. Women of the neighborhood come to the house and take them away at six cents each, the day they are hatched. When eggs are 25 cents a dozen and it costs 35 cents for oil, my net profits on one hatch are \$3.22. When eggs are 17 cents a dozen my profits are \$1.22. As it takes one and five minutes work each morning and evening for three weeks I am well paid for my trouble. Some ladies provide both eggs and oil and run all risks while I do the work for \$2.50.

Last year I sold 21 pairs of broilers at 20 cents a lb. in my village. These averaged about \$1 a pair. If I were near a good market I would not part with any early chicks but keep them for the early July market.

I do not use a brooder but find that hatchling hens will take all the chicks I give them. I like to raise about 100 chickens each year and so always keep one hatch for myself.

The Charm of the Business Hen

Mrs. Annie L. Jack, Chateauguy Co., Que.

When one of my sex asks advice as to what she can do to increase her income at home I invariably ask "Have you tried poultry?" I am often surprised at the slight interest shown in this department of country work so suitable for women and remunerative as well, and yet I can look back to the time on our farm when the hens and chickens here were mongrels, with costs of many colors, and only supposed to be kept for the eggs they laid in summer to help the family larder. They were never expected to lay in the cold months of the year.

Later my attention was turned to the fact that eggs were very scarce



Poultry Keeping Pleasant and Profitable

Mrs. Annie L. Jack, of Chateauguy Co., Que., believes that poultry keeping offers to the woman on the farm a pleasant and profitable pastime. Mrs. Jack and her five White Wyandottes are seen in the above illustration.

and high priced in our nearby city, and by degrees the mongrels were disposed of and white fowls took their place. At first I tried White Leghorns—the single combed variety. I was well pleased with the production of eggs, but as they would not sit, and resented the intrusion of any one but myself to attend their wants, I decided that they were too nervous to give the best results. I then procured the White Wyandotte breed, which has proved satisfactory. They are so slow of movement to become hysterical.

There is a fascination in poultry work that gives it a peculiar charm. As the helpless creatures grow and develop the traits they develop that so closely resemble human nature: two tiny feathered balls of fluff will fight for a special tit-bit of their food. The

young cockerels emulate their superiors in trying which can crow the loudest.

The best advice I can give to poultry women is to buy mongrels, and go in for a special breed. With ordinary intelligent care the result will be an addition to the slender purse and an added interest in life.

Poultry Pointers

Air-slacked lime is a great de-fecant and should be scattered frequently about the houses and the poultry yards.

Vermin and filth are always found together, therefore it pays and pays big to keep everything clean about the poultry houses and yards.

The following petition signed by the leading wholesale firms of Toronto, was forwarded to the Hon. Sydney Fisher, the Minister of Agriculture, on Friday, October 7th.

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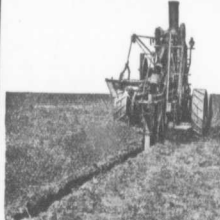
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