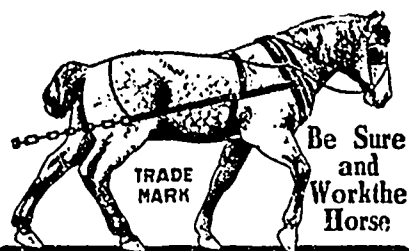


quires to be dusted with insect powder at least twice during the hatching period. It is safest to dust the chickens also three or four days after they are hatched and again

at intervals during the development. Inspection of the chicks will indicate when necessary.

In the March issue, an error occurred in the poultry department that changed the meaning of an important point. The word "exporters" should have read "exports." See third line from bottom of second column on page XVII.



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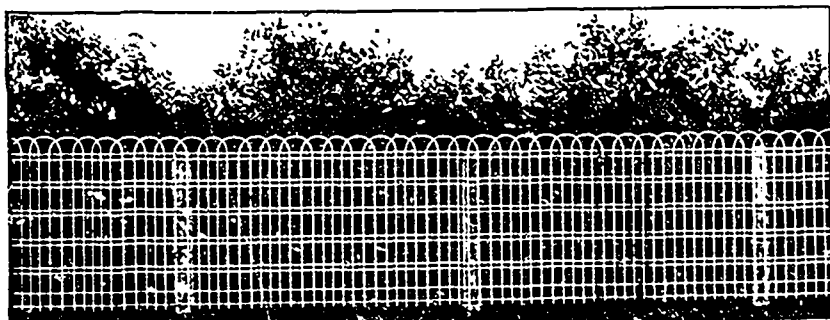
the check plot. Wheat in an electrified area of 7,675 acres yielded 32.5 bushels per acre, as compared with 26.15 bushels per acre in the area not so treated.

Some experiments have been carried out in greenhouses also, chiefly devoted to cucumbers, with which the first results of electrifying was earlier bearing, the first month's picking having been found to yield double the quantity obtained from the check plot. This great acceleration, however, did not seem to exhaust the plants, which not only began earlier, but also continued to bear much later than those grown under normal conditions.

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Notes and articles of interest to vegetable growers are requested for publication.

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