

By having the nest-box a foot deep, the chicks are not liable to get out, and probably get chilled; or, as sometimes happens, a hen will leave ten chicks in the nest, to mother one that has fallen out.

BROODING CHICKS WITH HENS.

The hen with her brood should not be disturbed too frequently during the first few days after hatching. As the chicks develop they require less restricted quarters, but it is wise to keep the mother hen confined. Chicks should not be allowed to run through long wet grass or grass heavy-laden with dew. Where the grass is long it is advisable to cut short a small space around the chicken-coop.

FIRST FEEDINGS.

Upon removal, which should take place twenty-four hours after the last chick has hatched, the first feed may consist of dried bread-crumbs, crushed egg-shell, or oatmeal, with milk, if possible, to drink. Milk in some form should be given chicks



Feeding-trough for feeding wet mash. Lid on top keeps fowls from "mussing" up the feed. Made of 10" x 1" board lid, bottoms 2" x 4", and sides 1" x 4".

regularly. It is almost impossible to get the requisite growth without it. It has been recently discovered that all kinds of young stock need for development milk, eggs, and thin-leaved vegetables. Various other kinds of feeds may be used, such as commercial chick-feed, hard-boiled egg, bread and milk (the bread being squeezed dry), etc. When buying chick-feed, if possible purchase it without the grit added. The latter is very heavy, and some samples contain more grit than necessary.