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I was sad and discontented in a garden that was fair,
For with all the joy about me, not a
friend of mine was there.

I'd have traded right that minute all
the fields where violets grow
And the balmy summer breezes for a
sight of northern snow;
For the beauty of the blossoms had
but little charm for me,
It was friendly, smiling faces I was
hungering to see.

Oh, what are scenes of beauty when
your friends are far away,
And who could like a garden if alone
he had to stay.

POULTRY

HATCHING BY INCUBATOR AND THE RESULT—THE BIG PROBLEM OF THE POULTRY BUSINESS—OTHER NOTES

The ambition of all raisers of poultry is to hatch his own chickens. For the man or woman to go to a hatchery and buy a couple of hundred day-old chicks, put them in an easily regulated brooder—and then lose or raise about half of them—this will not long satisfy the person of ambition who has in the future sometime, somewhere, the idea of making of the business a life-work. And we don't know that this is not about the right course to pursue from many viewpoints. Of course, there are a great many people who think that it is a great deal of trouble to hatch out their chickens—and they are right—but there is also a great deal of satisfaction of knowing, when the little fellows are dying, while you are doing all you can to keep them alive, that you incubated them—and, of course, they were incubated "right." Then, there is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing you hatched them if you raise more than the ordinary number. But whether you were the means upon which the eggs depended for incubation, or someone else, the chances are in favor of you losing a good percentage of the day old chicks and it makes little difference whether you feed them eggs and milk, or milk and eggs, or neither. It seems a part of destiny to lose a good number of the chicks by some means or another.

There are some rules however, that we recommend to our readers that our experience in incubation has taught us and should you contemplate purchasing an incubator it would be well to read this article over carefully before purchasing. The points to consider are as follows:

First—Don't purchase a cheap incubator, because it will be cheap in price and also cheap in results. We know it wont pay you.

Second—Don't buy an incubator of less than 250 or 300 capacity, that is, unless you contemplate raising a very few chickens, and then it would very likely pay you to set a couple of hens or buy the day-old chicks. We mention this because so many people figure that they can purchase an incubator of 60 eggs capacity and hatch out 50 or 55 chicks. It can be done but seldom. More than likely you will hatch out 20 to 30 and the same average holds goods up to the larger sizes. Should you contemplate having a flock of 200 laying hens and maintaining them you will need a four hundred egg machine and you will have to set it several times before you get enough chicks to get sufficient pullets to keep up a flock like this.

Third—After you have purchased an incubator of the standard make, one of recognized standing, with the guarantee of a reliable company back of it, read the directions over carefully and follow them out to the letter. If the directions say run the incubator at 103 run it at that; if the directions say operate it at 102 do that. The temperature that an incubator should be run at is determined largely by the make of the machine and the manufacturers ertainly know how their particular machine can best be operated. We have, however, seen incubators that the manufacturers or no one else could get results from, and these are more numerous than any other kind. We, however, got good results from lamp incubators and hatched good chicks with them. In fact, you can get out your chicks with lower temperatures with a lamp incubator than you can with a mammoth machine. This is due to the fact that a current of fresh air continually passes through the mammoth machines, doing away with the necessity of airing the eggs, with the result that the bottoms of the eggs are always much cooler than the tops. As a result, you are compelled, in order to get the chick out in 21 days, to raise your hatching temperature a degree or so, especially if the room in which the incubator stands is cooler than 70 degrees. Of course, in warm weather this is not necessary.

Incubators have not reached that state of perfection where they can altogether replace the hen, and it may be well that some people stick to the hen. The success of artificial incubation depends upon many factors that it seems an almost endless thing to attempt to chronicle them all. However, chief among the successes of incubation is the breeding stock back of the egg. Try as you may to avoid this, you can't do it. We have hatched out too many eggs in the last ten years to be fooled in this matter. We have seen one section of our machine hatch 150 chicks from 200 eggs—from hens that were on range. Right next to that we have seen that same incubator hatch out 100 chicks from 200 eggs—from pullets that were housed.

For the past three or four years we have been hatching for Mr. Marion Malcomb in Morgnec, formerly of Harford county. Mr. Malcomb bought his breeding stock from us. His flock has unrestricted range the year around. He never pens them up or never forces them for laying. What is the result? Invariably, his eggs hatch well. Our own flock is the same way, although we don't have unrestricted range, like Mr. Malcomb does. Our rocks are never penned up, unless a blizzard strikes here, but we do force them for laying, although they don't always submit to the force, but do partake of the feed. However, we find the eggs fertile and hatch well, with a further result that the chicks are usually strong and healthy.

To conclude regarding the incubation of your own chicks: Purchase a first-class incubator, study the directions and follow them, and, as necessary as anything else, have eggs to put in from good breeding stock.

We have seen a great many feeders for chicks and few of them are worth the trouble of putting up or the money you put in them. The simplest and the best feeder we have seen is to be made as follows: Make a box, or get one, six inches wide and three feet long, same being about four inches deep. Cut a piece of one-inch-mesh wire so that it will slide up and down in the box neatly. Fill the box two-thirds full and lay the wire on top. It will feed down as the chickens eat the mash and they wont waste a bit of it. Several of these boxes in a flock of 500 hundred will be sufficient and the birds can use them until they mature, and after that it you have not other hoppers.

Crows have begun to make their appearance around the vicinity where flocks of young chickens are being reared. They become very tame and you almost feel that they are harmless, until suddenly they begin to make secret raids on your poultry and before you realize it they have done you considerable damage. The best way to combat the crow is to begin to shoot at him the minute you see him in your neighborhood. Crows are deathly afraid of guns and a little gunpowder is far cheaper than a lot of chickens lost.

Perhaps the most valuable single asset to our poultry equipment is our rat dog. Day after day, from the beginning to the ending of the year, he is on the job, and many a rat dies as a result of his vigilance. We encourage the dog in this and every raiser of poultry should do likewise. The rat is the greatest enemy to the poultry industry that we know anything about and a dog that will hunt for them and kill them is a most valuable asset to your poultry equipment.

Perhaps the greatest problem of all in the chicken business, next to paying the bills, is to raise the young chicks to the age of six weeks or two months. After that it is comparatively easy. We have found that the prepared feeds, fed according to the directions, bring the best results in the long run. You must look for a great many to die, regardless of what you feed or do, and consider this as a part of the business. At the same time, keep a record of how many you lose, so that you will know exactly what you are doing. In a great many instances, when no record is kept, you think you have lost a great more more of the chicks than you really have. A careful mortality record lets you know just where you stand.

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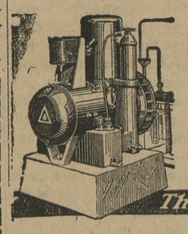
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