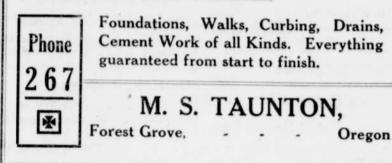
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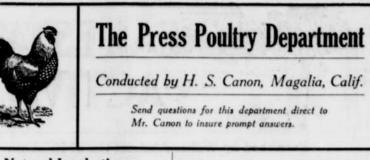
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way of hatching with hens. thinking about.

takes is giving the hen more that the chick cannot break eggs than she can cover well. through when the time comes for I know the temptation. One it to hatch. more egg may mean one more

the nest, the eggs naturally roll leave the nest the first day. to the center, and when she returns, she works her body down so that the breast rests on the hen is sitting. I think that I bottom of the nest and not on may safely say that every healthy the eggs, and in moving the eggs hen has a few lice. By the end around they are shifted from one of the second week these wil position to another, so that the number quite a few, and by the eggs which were in the center of end of the third week there will the nest yesterday are on the be many. edge today, and those which

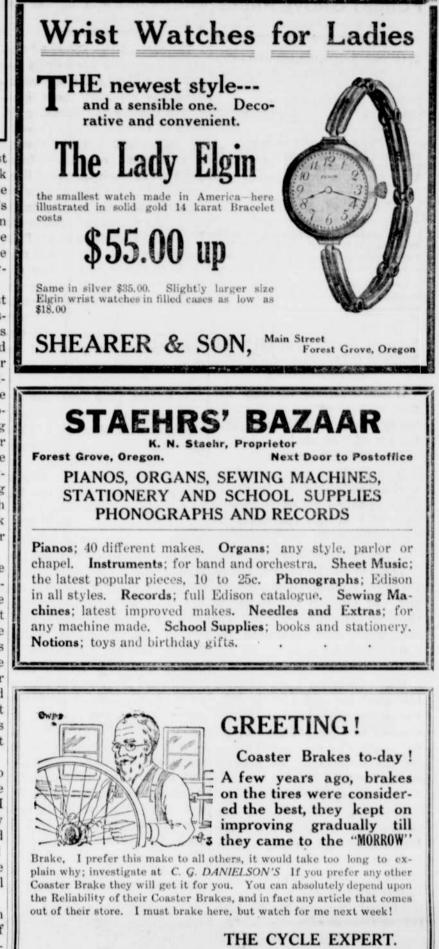
The object of building the nest Yet, for the "city lot" and of moist earth is to furnish mois-'back yard'' poultryman as well ture to the eggs. A hen knows as the farmer who only raises instinctively that the eggs need a few fowls, the natural method moisture, and in stealing her is quite satisfactory. And while nest away from from the buildsetting a hen seems like a very ing, will almost invariably make simple operation, it is seldom it on the ground, under the prodone as it should be done, for tection of some overhanging like so many simple things, it bush or under a barn or other seems that many people do not building. The moisture from the consider it worth studying or ground keeps the eggs from drying down, and keeps the lining One of the commonest mis- from becoming so dry and tough

Unless a hen is very gentle chick, we argue, and we keep and very broody it is best to readding one more and one more move her from the nest where until the hen that should not she has been laying to the nest have more than thirteen has six- prepared for her, at night. She teen or seventeen, and the hen will then settle down on the eggs that could cover fifteen has eigh- and by morning will have become teen or twenty. Now it would accustomed to the change in her be alright if the eggs remained surroundings. A supply of food in the same position all during and fresh water should be left the period of incubation, but they where she can get it when she is do not. When the hen leaves ready for it. Many hens do not

> Every effort should be made to keep down the vermin while the

Dust the hen frequently with were on the edge are in the cen- some good insect powder, and if ter, so that all of them take their fresh tobacco stems can be seturn, several times, partly, or cured, break up a few occasionentirely exposed, which, during ally and sprinkle them in the the early part of the season, is nest. A strong cigar will do as

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sure to result in chilling and well. Lice detest the odor and either killing the germ outright, or weakening it so that it cannot produce a strong, livable chick. Do not set the hen in the same nest she has been laying in. It is probably infested with vermin which will multiply rapidly during the three weeks the hen is sitting. Take a clean box 15 to 18 inches square, and about a food deep. Into this put about five inches of moist earth. Shape this into a well rounded nest. packing it well in the corners, and line with clean hay or straw, well broken. Put the nest in a dark place, where other hens will not bother the sitting hen by crowding into the nest with her to lay, as this usually results in one or more of the eggs being

breed where it is. Since most varieties of lice do not breed on the fowls, but in the nest material, straw and litter on the floor, the best way to fight them is in their breeding places. The head louse, however, breeds on the fowl, and must be treated accordingly. They are the deadliest enemy the baby chick has. and a dozen or so of them will kill a chick in a few hours. Coal oil mixed with grease will

kill off the head lice, but it must not be used on the hen, for it will kill the chicks in the shell. It can only be applied to the chicks after ther are hatched. using a feather and applying the grease all about the chick's head, neck, and throat. The

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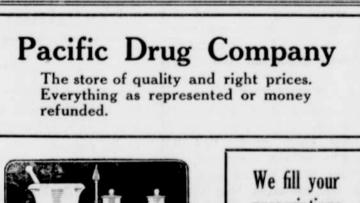
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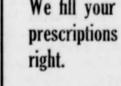
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