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Raising the Chicks.

Feeding: The best animal food is fresh beef. The heart, liver and lungs are all good, and can be purchased cheaply. Green bone shaved or finely ground is fine, but both meat and bone must be strictly fresh. Tainted meat or bone causes limber neck, a disease which kills both old and young chickens although the young are more susceptible than the older ones.

When the fresh meat or bone cannot be secured, the best substitute is the commercial beef scrap. The better grades cost about \$3.75 to \$4 per hundred pounds, but are much better than the cheaper grades, which are often old and contain a large percentage of fat. I usually mix about one part of beef scrap to two of middlings and two of bran, weight, not measure. This mash may be fed dry in a hopper or a chick feeder, or it may be fed in a wet mash, just enough water being used to make it crumbly. The McCandlish chick feeder is the best thing on the market for feeding the mash dry. It is made of galvanized sheet iron. The bottom is rounding, and it is set on standards which may be fastened to the floor or not, as desired. It comes in several sizes, from 15 to 50 chicks.

Always give the little chicks a daily feed of green stuff, and it must be tender and cut fine for the smallest ones. Lettuce is about the best green food for the first week or so. After that, alfalfa, kale, spinach, or any other tender green will do.

After the third week discontinue the cracked wheat and millet, and feed whole wheat three times a day, and either keep the dry mash before them all the time, or feed the wet mash for the first feed in the morning. Always mix just what you think they will eat up clean, for it sours quickly after being wet, and will cause bowel trouble if fed sour.

Always keep plenty of hard eastern oyster shell, charcoal and grit before the chicks, so they can help themselves when they feel the need. If you omit any one of the three, let it be the charcoal, but chicks which have access to charcoal are always healthier than those which don't get it. The charcoal is neither medicine nor food, but it is a purifying agent when taken into the intestinal tract, and by absorbing the gasses and poisons it carries them off in a natural way.

When the chicks are old enough to distinguish the sexes, which

time will depend on the breed largely, they should be separated, and if the pullets are to be kept for laying or breeding, they should be put where they will have range if possible, as the exercise and natural way of living will tend to develop a stronger and more robust bird. They should not be forced, but allowed to grow and develop naturally. This will take from six to eight months, depending on the breed and on the care they are given. When I say do not force them, I do not mean that you should go to the other extreme and retard their growth by insufficient feed or lack of attention.

If the cockerels are for market, they may be confined and fed according to the time you wish to put them on the market. If they are to be sold as friers at 2 to 4 pounds, which weight they may be expected to attain in three to four months, depending on the breed, they should be fed for the first twelve or fourteen weeks on the same ration as they were given for the first three weeks, except that it may contain more of the mash and less of the whole grain. The ground grains are more easily and quickly digested than the whole grain, enabling the birds to eat and digest more, and thus make more rapid gains. For the last two weeks before marketing, eliminate the beef scrap from the mash, and add two to three parts corn meal, and feed wet enough to crumble when dropped. For the last feed at night, give them all the whole corn they will eat up clean.

If they are to be kept until mature and sold as roasters, they should be kept on a narrower ration, similar to the one used after the third week, until about two weeks before selling, when the same fattening ration used for the friers may be used. They should not be more than six or seven months old when marketed. As soon as the combs are well developed they will start to grow tough, and are no better than an old fowl.

PERSONAL PICKUPS

Mrs. Homer Powers of Hillsboro, formerly of this city visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. J. Keese of this city is visiting her grandmother Mrs. W. H. Barker.

R. F. Emmerson took a flying trip to Hillsboro Tuesday.

Carmel Good was in Portland Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Morris of this city visited in Hillsboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Loving, of Gales City, who have been visiting in Portland, returned to this city Monday. Mrs. Loving will visit here for several days before returning to her home at Gales City.

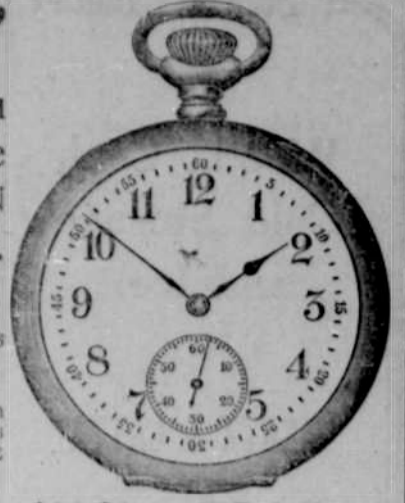
C. O. Shaw, of the local express office, went to Newport, Tuesday, where he will see about erecting a cottage on lots he has there. Joe Morley is driving the wagon during his absence.

Mrs. Belle Lilly, of Gales City, who was called to Kansas a couple weeks ago because of the serious illness of her mother, writes that her mother has passed away. Mrs. Lilly will visit in Kansas for a time before returning.

Charles Vandern brought in some fine strawberries from his ranch in the David Hill section, Tuesday.

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