



Inquiries from this Department should be addressed to D. Tancred, Kent, Wn.

Best Time of Hatching Again

Recently a reader of The Ranch wrote to me administering a rebuke for publishing in some advertising literature of my own a letter from a customer who had been remarkably successful in getting eggs from a bunch of June hatched pullets. My correspondent reminds me that I have advised readers of this paper not to hatch so late as this and calls me to account for my apparent inconsistency. It is always a pleasant surprise to find that anyone remembers what I have written for these columns and I am therefore the more anxious that he should not labor under a misunderstanding. I am not opposed to late hatching but I have always hesitated to recommend it to our readers because not everyone can rear late chicks successfully and make a respectable profit out of them. There are plenty of people who can do this, and I know quite a number of them myself, but as editor of this department I feel it incumbent upon me to advocate conservative practices, when giving advice at all.

As a matter of fact some people can get good results with chicks hatched any time of year, while others, under

precisely similar or at any rate equally favorable circumstances, fail lamentably. There are several factors that make for success or failure in getting the eggs, there is the quality of the stock to be considered and the weather plays quite an important part but probably the greatest factor in the equation is the egg rancher himself. The best testimonial I ever received from a customer I never published because it was so favorable that I doubted if it would be generally believed. I might not have believed it myself but for the corroborative testimony of a neighbor. This man raised a good sized bunch of pullets hatched only three days from the end of May and got more eggs from them in November and December than I had ever before considered possible. I couldn't do nearly so well myself with the same stock hatched at the same time or even somewhat earlier.

There is no doubt but that May hatched pullets are increasing in favor and I notice that with increasing experience a number of successful egg ranchers have advanced the date of their hatches. They are hatching later and they are bringing off fewer hatches but more chicks to a hatch. If later hatched chicks can be matured at as early a date and a month's time (which means a month's work) saved in the rearing, to say nothing of the avoidance of loss through possible bad weather it is a gain well worth while.

I once received a letter from a party who wanted to hatch some chicks on the right date so that they would commence to lay October 1st and continue to lay well throughout the winter without moulting. That was all that person wanted; just to be assured that his fowls would lay well from October 1st onward without interruption. And it does seem a pity that there is no infallible rule for bringing about this much to be desired result. Poultry raising would then be as lucrative a calling as plumbing or tango teaching. Ah me! If we but knew.

TIMELY TOPICS.

I remarked not long ago that it was scarcely good business on our part to depend entirely upon a concatenation of adventitious circumstances to maintain decent egg prices for us. But as well whistle to windward as thus to caution the average poultry raiser while prices were unexpectedly good. "Don't talk organization to me" said one of these wiseheimers; "Here I'm getting 38 cents for my eggs in February. What more could an organization do for me? No sir! Don't talk co-operation to me. I don't want to hear about it at all." This gentleman

100%

Perfect Poultry Foods

When you buy **Albers Progressive Poultry Foods** that is the quality you get.

Albers Progressive Chick Starter

The correct food to start your chicks off on. It contains cracked wheat, cracked corn, cracked kaffir corn, oat groats, cracked peas, millet, sterilized proteina, charcoal, ground bone, oat meal, and pearled barley. Feed it for the first ten days.

Albers Progressive Chick Food

The food to feed after the first ten days. It contains cracked wheat, cracked corn, cracked kaffir corn, oat groats, cracked peas, millet, sterilized proteina, charcoal, ground bone, beef scraps and pearled barley.

Albers Progressive Mash Mixture

Is a most excellent feed for chicks. Feed it dry from a hopper.

The oat groats used in **Albers Progressive Chick Foods** are kiln dried. The Pearl Barley is the same as you buy from the grocer for table use. The other commodities used are the best obtainable.

Ask your dealer for **Albers Progressive Poultry Foods**. He carries them. If he is unable to supply you write us.

Albers Bros. Milling Co.
Largest Cereal Millers in the West.



Are standard—the best to be had for money-making purposes. We are Agents for Lewis Bee Ware. Send for Catalog. Most authoritative Bee Book issued, 34 pages of definite information. Illustrated.

The Chas. H. Lilly Co. Seattle.

Eggs, Baby Chicks and Pullets

FROM BRED TO LAY

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS

Eggs \$5.00 per 100. Chicks \$12.00 per 100. Pullets 4 months old \$1.00 each. Free Catalog.

Oak Heights Poultry Farm,
Route 3, Box 67, Tacoma, Wn.

Indian Runner Ducks

(Cumberland or Pencilled strain.)

Pure white eggs.

Selected eggs \$1.50 per dozen, \$9 per 100.

Light Brahmas—1st prize pen at Tacoma, Jan. 1914. \$2 per 13 select eggs.

Will Boundy, Kent, Wash.



Kills Prairie Dogs and Gophers of all kinds. Endorsed by State Experimental Stations. 1400 tablets prepaid for \$1.25. Warranted. Raticide Tablets, 25c. Ask druggist or send direct. Booklet Free. F. D. Chemical Co., Ft. Dodge, Ia.

then went on to say that he knew positively that the Seattle commission men no longer had any understanding amongst themselves as to prices, but were battling for eggs in the open market, and that eggs would never again be quoted below 25 cents a dozen in Seattle. I wonder what he thinks of his prophecy now. Unfortunately such people as he make up a large proportion of the poultry raisers of the Northwest. With every year a larger proportion for the total egg production of the country is produced by professional egg ranches, it should not be very difficult for them to effect an organization capable of maintaining remunerative prices on the choicest grades of eggs. Let the commission man and the storage man and the unscrupulous bakers and hotel keepers juggle the good old

country store egg to their heart's content. Control of the high grade eggs is all that is needed, and how easily this could be effected if the smart alecks amongst the egg ranchers would sacrifice their pet theories and faddy notions and throw in with the rest to build an association on plain, simple, good old fashioned lines. If the bluenoses of Prince Edwards Island and the canucks of Cowichan can organize successfully, run smoothly and make good money out of it, why should the clever American farmer fear to take a chance?

In raising chicks in large broods in room brooders a considerable saving in fuel can be effected by dividing the brooder into two apartments of equal size, one heated and one unheated. Instead of burning from

KLOCK PRODUCE CO.

SEATTLE, WASH.

CASH BUYERS

EGGS POULTRY PORK & VEAL

SEND FOR SHIPPING TAGS

Why don't you order your Day Old Chicks?

THE TANCREED FARMS,

Kent, Wash.

EVERYTHING IS COMING OUT RIGHT IN THE POULTRY BUSINESS