#### Home-made Trap Nests

THERE are many kinds of homecare to attach them to.

on them need be covered only with bled with the buttons working loose, one-inch-mesh poultry netting. Other- then use the screw hooks.

The door is hung on screw eyes. made trap nests, but few have The screw eyes are placed in the upproven so satisfactory as has this per corners of the door. A gimlet or nest. The nests are of good size, 12x18 a small bit is used to make a small inches inside measure and twelve to hole through each partition at the top fifteen inches high. A board three of the nest where the door is to be cal condition of the manure so that it inches high is put across the nest hung. A long wire is passed through twelve inches from the back, which makes a nest twelve inches square, and this beard holds the nesting material in place. The most convenient wide of the nest. This one wire allows pounds of sawdust, good dried loam, or pounds of sawdust, good dried loam, go unit is two nests. The nests should be the screw hooks and the door to swing which a good large hen can be com-fortable either sitting or standing, ly back and forth. The doors must which is a desirable quality in a trap nest. This door and trigger can be used on any sort of nest or box you hinge and nermits the door to spins would furnish 50 nearly of nitrogen. built in pairs. This makes a nest in on it. This acts as a hinge for the used on any sort of nest or box you hinge and permits the door to swing freely in all directions.

light material, one-half or five-eighths screw hooks or thumb buttons. These inch lumber. The trigger and front serew hooks are made by bending door should be made of seven-eights down ordinary hooks of the proper or inch material. Nests which are to size and for purposes of this kind. be placed under tight droppings plat. The buttons are placed on the front of form or underneath any object which the center partition and net as a stop will prevent the fowls from roosting for both doors. If you should be trou-

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wise make the top of the nest tight. It is a good idea to leave an inch side of the nest box by using a long opening in the back or sides of the screw, but in every case must work nests for ventilation. Also leave an freely. The screw must be set square opening of three-fourths inch in the ly into the side of the box to abso back of the nest at the bottom. This lutely prevent the trigger from bind prevents the eggs or the nesting material from passing through this opening, but at the same time gives you a space through which to scrape the trash and filth which accumulates in the bottom of any nest.

over which small mesh wire has been to prevent the hen walking into the tacked. We like the wire door bet- nest without touching the door with ter than a solid wooden door, because her back. As she steps into the nest of the fact that it affords ample ven- and slightly raises the door, the trigtilation, the lack of which is one of ger



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The trigger can be attached to the ing against the side. Pree action of the trigger is positively required. The trigger must be set in such a

position that when the door is swung inward and rests on the notch it will be invitingly open and at the same time this opening must be small enough is released and falls backward. the glaring faults of the average trap The door then swings down and the nest. hind it, effectually locking it.

See that the nesting material does not interfere with the trigger. Long hay or straw may eventually get piled up in such a manner as to interfere with its action. To remove the hen, simply turn the button or screw hook and swing the door outward, or, if you prefer, turn down the point of the trigger and swing the door in toward the top of the nest, thus permitting the bird to come out that way. Of course the nest can be set in a partition with a back door through which the hen may be removed.

to drive the side of the box in such a manner as to check the falling trigger, when the sharp end rises to a point where it safely locks the door. The point of the trigger should rest near the bottom of the door when the door is closed. The trigger resting on the back of the door prevents any ken on the outside from coming in and the door closing against the button or screw hook prevents the hen in the nest from releasing herself.-Missouri State Experiment Station.

#### HEN MANURE.

THE POULTRYMAN or farmer can materially add to the profits of his business by properly caring for the droppings of his fowls. For example, it is shown that the droppings from 1,000 fowls if preserved without needless loss are worth at least \$300 per annum, and this estimate is based on the assumption that less than

half of the droppings, or only 30 pounds per hen per year, can be collected.

The droppings should be collected daily and mixed with substances which will (1) prevent loss of nitrogen, (2) add sufficient potash and phosphoric a better-balanced ferneid to make tilizer, and (3) improve the mechanican be applied to the land with a

peat, 16 pounds of acid phosphate and pounds of kainit. Such a mixture 185 pounds of phosphoric acid and 80 The body of the nest is built of The door is checked by means of pounds of potash, and at the present price of fertilizing ingredients is worth about \$10 per ton. The mixture would furnish a well-balanced stable fertil- lar attention is now being paid to izer, which, although not fine enough to work well in drills, can be succe fully applied with a manure spreader The treated mannre should be well sheltered until time to apply to the land-this is, shortly before plowing.

> Doctoring fowls is mighty unprofitable business for the poultry raiser, and prevention should be the watchwordstrong stock, proper feeding and housing cleanliness. When sickness does occur in his flock, his remedies should be simple ones indicated and the

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