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HOW TO GET GOOD EGGS

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KILL OR

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BECAUSE

1. Eggs which have been fertilized make up a large proportion of the 45 million dollars' worth of eggs which go to waste each year in the United States.
2. A fertile egg starts to develop into a chick at a temperature of 70 degrees.
3. A germ which has started developing in an egg dies and putrifies unless the egg is held at incubation temperature.
4. Infertile eggs (free from the germ of the male bird) do not rot or spoil as quickly as fertile eggs.
5. Your hens will lay just as many eggs without the roosters.

THE HEN DOES HER PART.

The hen lays a fresh egg; the consumer demands a fresh egg. Fertile eggs deteriorate much more rapidly than infertile ones.

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ROOSTER WEEK

The first week in June has been set aside as "ROOSTER WEEK." During this week all Kentucky farmers should *kill, sell, or confine* for the rest of the summer, all their roosters, as they are no longer needed for breeding purposes.

FIVE SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW.

1. Have plenty of *clean* nests (one to 4 or 5 hens.)
2. Gather eggs at least *twice a day*.
3. Keep eggs as you would milk, in a *cool place*.
4. Keep eggs away from objectionable odors.
5. Market your eggs at least twice a week in hot weather.

THE FARMER NEEDS THE EGG MONEY;
THE DEALER NEEDS THE BUSINESS, AND THE
NATION NEEDS THE EGGS.

THESE EGGS WERE BOTH HELD AT INCUBATION TEMPERATURE FOR TWO DAYS.

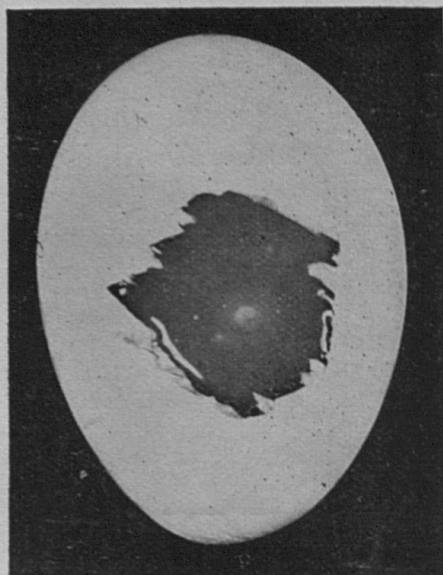


Fig. 1.—This is the way the INFERTILE egg looked. Still good to EAT.



Fig. 2.—This is the way the FERTILE egg looked. Blood has formed and made the egg UNFIT FOR FOOD.

DO YOUR EGGS GET THIS KIND OF TREATMENT?

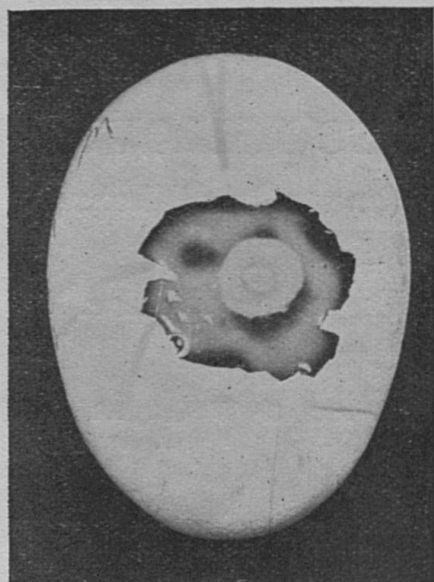


Fig. 3.—A fertile egg that has been exposed to the sun from early morning till gathered at night. Note the enlarged germ which renders the egg unfit for food.

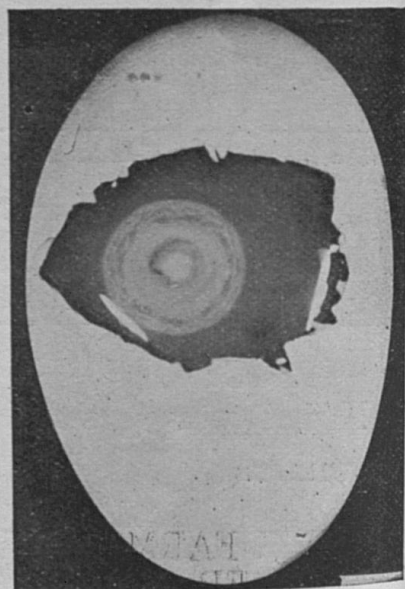


Fig. 4.—A fertile egg allowed to remain under a broody hen 24 hours. Note the rapid growth of the germ which renders the egg unfit for food.

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