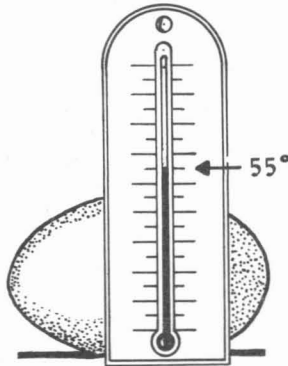


PREVENT BLOOD RINGS FOR GREATER PROFITS

Temperature from 68 degrees up will cause embryonic development in a fertile egg. Blood rings will result from this embryonic development in a short time if high temperatures are maintained. An embryo which shows development, but is dead, will reduce the grade and price of eggs when sold on grade. Blood rings in the egg cause a complete loss. This condition of the egg can be prevented by:



Gathering eggs 3 to 5 times daily.



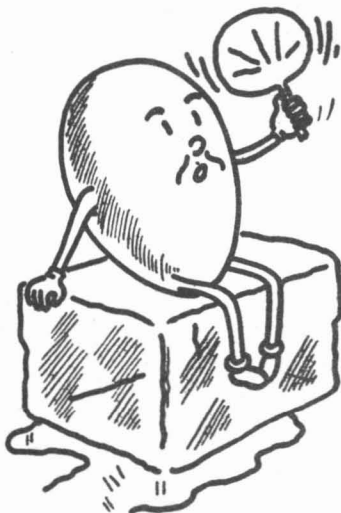
Keep eggs cool—below 55° F. and above freezing.



Keeping broody hens off nests



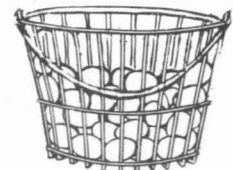
Producing infertile eggs



Not easing eggs until all animal heat is gone.



Commercial mechanical coolers are used for egg cooling and may be purchased in the size necessary to meet needs.



Do not fill basket over two-thirds full. Wire baskets allow rapid cooling.

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