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## MOVABLE BROODER HOUSE

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Movable brooder houses make it possible to reduce chick and laying house mortality as well as lower feeding costs. Chicks raised on ground where few chickens have ever been are usually quite free from diseases and worms. If the area is sown to a good green feed for grazing, the total feed cost will also be considerably reduced.

In order for a movable brooder house to be satisfactory, it should be small enough so that it can be moved with one mule. It should be narrow enough so that it will go through a common gate and over rough ground and over terraces. The one shown here meets these requirements. It is large enough to adequately take care of 150 chicks. The brooder house should be moved to clean ground at the beginning of each brooding season and moved a few feet each month during the time the chicks are using the house.

Often slight changes in method of construction will enable one to use scrap material available around the farm. Since new galvanized roofing is difficult to obtain at the present time, boards covered with roofing paper may be satisfactorily substituted for the tin. While the chicks are small the north, east, and west walls of the house should be tight enough to prevent wind from blowing into the house. The south side is covered with one thickness of muslin or white feed sacks. As the chicks get older, the south side may be opened; during the summer the east and west walls may be opened, making this brooder house into a range shelter. The nests, shown in the plan, can be omitted if the house is not to be used later for laying hens.

PORTABLE BROODER, RANGE, AND LAYING HOUSE

