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Mrs. Craig McManus
R. R.
Montrose, Iowa

Dear Mrs. McManus:

Replying to your letter of Sunday, the 15th, the string which shows on the nesting box is a device that I use that tells me whether or not a bird or other animate object has passed through the hole. It is rather complicated to explain how it works but the operation is very simple.

I am interested to hear that you were able to rear 5 out of 7 young wood ducks. This is quite a remarkable feat. You must have hit upon a feeding method or diet that was compatible since young wood ducklings cannot be raised on scratch feed.

If you have trees in your yard, I am enclosing an instruction sheet which will tell you how to build and erect wood duck nesting boxes, just in case you are interested. Maybe you have some neighbors also who would be interested.

Thank you for expressing your interest in my article.

Yours very truly,

Frederic Leopold

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