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Hi All!

One of my hens stole a nest from a duck and laid her own eggs in it. So far she has hatched 2 ducklings, but no chicks. I was able to place one of the ducklings with another duck mother, but this one was rejected so she's staying with the chicken. The black hen is probably a Black Star, and the duckling is a Cayuga. I have not let them out yet, but this morning the gate was open while I was changing food and water and the hen trotted out while my back was turned.

HER sister-in-law, Mrs. Rebeccah Puddle-duck, was perfectly willing to leave the hatching to some one else -- "I have not the patience to sit on a nest for twenty-eight days; and no more have you, Jemima. You would let them go cold; you know you would!"

"I wish to hatch my own eggs; I will hatch them all by myself," quacked Jemima Puddle-duck.

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