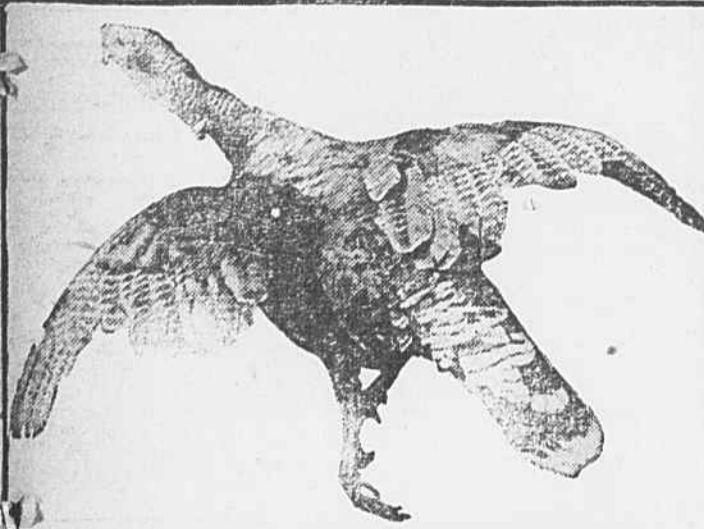


For the Poultry Fancier

Information Which Will Help the Man Who Raises Chickens for Pleasure to Realize a Profit.

TURKEYS MAKE PROFITABLE SIDE LINE



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From the United States Department of Agriculture.

Because the number of turkeys in the United States has constantly decreased in the last few years while the demand has perhaps increased, a more profitable side line than turkey raising for those favorably situated for the work could hardly be found. Given plenty of range, it is pointed out by the United States department of agriculture in Farmers' Bulletin No. 791, turkeys will readily find grasshoppers and other insects, green vegetation, the seeds of weeds and grasses, waste grains, and acorns and nuts of various kinds. In this way the cost of raising them is small and the profits large. Grain and stock farms are particularly well adapted to turkey raising and it is in such places that most of the turkeys are found. Little has ever been done in the way of raising turkeys in confinement, and when it has been tried the results have been discouraging.

Selection of Breeding Stock.

One of the most important steps toward success in turkey raising is the proper selection of breeding stock. Unhatchable eggs, weak poults, and small, scrubby turkeys are largely the result of carelessness in the selection of the parent stock. In selecting turkeys for breeding purposes, strength and vigor are the first points to be considered. To indicate this the body should be deep and wide, and back broad, and the breast round and full. The head should be of good size and of a clean, healthy appearance. A strong, well-made frame is shown by hick, sturdy shanks and straight, strong toes.

Inbreeding is harmful and if carried on very long will result in the loss of vigor and vitality. It is therefore advisable each year to obtain a new tom of unrelated blood, but of the same type. Nothing is to be gained by crossing varieties, as such practice soon reduces purebreds to mongrels.

The most satisfactory time of year to select breeding stock is November or December. By purchasing early in the season one not only has a larger number to choose from, but the birds are given ample time to become acclimated with their new surroundings before the mating season, which in the north ordinarily begins early in February and in the North about a month later.

Toms With Hens.

Fifteen turkey hens can safely be mated to a vigorous tom. If 25 or 30 hens are kept, two toms should not be allowed to run with them at the same time, but one should be confined one day and the other the next.

If breeding pens are used to confine the laying hens for a part of each day they should be of hog-proof wire. Rail, board, or stone fences are of no value or confining turkeys, which easily fly a top of them and then jump down on the other side. In the case of a wire fence, however, there is no place in which to alight, and under ordinary circumstances they do not make the attempt. For this reason steel posts are better than wooden posts for a turkey fence unless the latter are harpended at the tops.

Good breeding condition means being well fleshed, but not fat. Given free range where there is ample supply of natural feed during the winter and early spring, such as is usually the case in the southern portion of the United States, a good daily feed of grain, preferably oats or wheat, is sufficient to keep the birds in good condition. During the winter northern turkey raisers usually feed twice a day in equal parts of oats, wheat and corn.



CHAPTER I.
"You're the Black Sheep of the Family," said Lord Shropshire, angrily. "You're always woolgathering. And when you ought to be gambling or getting soused like a gentleman, what do you do? You dissipate your energies in mad orgies of different calculus and go reeling down Piccadilly chanting ribald problems in abstruse mathematics. Bah!"
"Don't bah! me father, don't bah me," retorted Reginald Shropshire. "I don't like to be bah-ed. If I'm a black sheep I'll do all the bah-ing myself. Bah by!" and he swung out of the room.

CHAPTER II.
Reginald Shropshire lay in a front line trench in Flanders humming a low lullaby to him in equations. He had just got to "if X-y-azm (2) equals the cube root of bvd 4"—when he saw some black figures crawling across No Man's Land. "Black Sheep," he said to himself at first, for they looked like that. "But he had a second thought. I will bah them," he said to himself, "and if they bah back I'll know they are sheep." So he lifted up his head and cried "Bah!"
"Bah," answered the leader of the sheep, but the bah had a German accent and Reginald gave the alarm and thus saved the trenches from capture, for the sheep were Germans.

CHAPTER III.
Reginald would not accept the medal the Colonel offered him.
"No," he said, "I am a black sheep, and do not deserve a medal."
"But this," said the Colonel, "is a mere bah-ble made in Woolwich."
"In that case," agreed Reginald, "I accept."
"Abah les Bohces!" cried the Colonel.

CHAPTER IV.
"My precious lamb!" bleated Reginald's mother, as she threw her arms about the returned soldier.
"Back to your muttons!" roared his father, proudly. "My boy, I'm glad to see you. It was Woolworth while I know you fought so well."
"Father," said Reginald, "your puns are getting worse and worse. You have sheered close to the intolerable in wit. And I can't think of any more good ones, either. Besides, there hasn't anything to do with mother goose anyhow, so I propose we call this the end of the Black Sheep's tale!"
"It would be a relief," agreed his father.
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men. White and Leonard are in good trim, the former taking on anyone who happens to come along and the latter making rounds of the various cantonments in the United States, staging exhibition fights for the soldiers' entertainment.
Benny has been keeping quiet about Charley White's anxiety to meet him. But a scrap between the two cannot be avoided. It is coming, and might soon, too.
Leonard has only to meet a man like Ted Lewis or Johnny Griffiths, both of whom Charley White fought to a draw. Then the fireworks will start.
Lewis and Griffiths are a bit too heavy for Leonard and they're more interested in higher stakes than the lightweight title, but Lewis' recent refusal to meet Griffiths at the 145-pound limit may give Benny courage enough to challenge Ted to a duel.
If Benny Leonard can go the full 10 rounds with Ted Lewis it will be proof enough of his ability to put up an excellent battle against White. In spite of the latter's advantages, the

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Charley White, the meek little schoolboy of 12 years ago, is aching to get after Benny Leonard for the lightweight championship.
The Chicago youngster—he's only 26—has fought Freddie Welsh, world's champion, three times to no decision and the East Side boxer has also met the champion in two no-decision battles.

Leonard happens to be five years younger than Charley and has had only five years' experience in the ring, while White has been fighting the last 11 years.
Although Charley boasts he would be the American champion if he ever met Leonard, there is some doubt when it comes of lining up the two

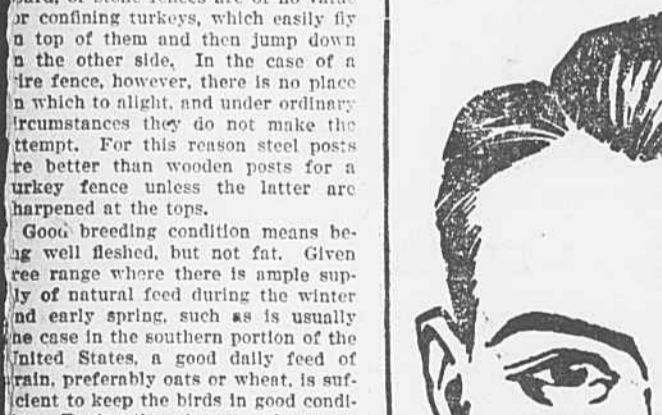
best Leonard could do against Lewis would be to fight to a draw, but it would be a mighty hard job for Lewis to get the best of the youngster within 10 rounds.
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