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## THE MAMMOTH BRONZE TURKEY.

The Mammoth Bronze is the largest and most hardy of our domestic turkeys. It is impossible for any one to see a fine flock of hens, with their gobblers strutting about, without admiring their majestic size and brilliant plumage. Being natives of this continent they thrive well, and are almost self-sustaining in summer, if allowed their liberty. Six weeks of care for the young broods and they will forage for themselves until the frosty nights deprive them of the insect food on which they principally subsist.

We clip the following from the Descriptive Catalogue of W. H. Todd, of Vermillion Ohio, who is a successful breeder of turkeys.

"Bronze Turkeys do not get their growth 'till

three or four years old, and, at maturity, the hens weigh fifteen to twenty pounds, and gobblers thirty to forty pounds each; greater weights even have been known. The first year, good weights for hens are twelve to fifteen pounds, and gobblers twenty to twenty-five pounds. Turkeys lose from two to five pounds each, if *changed* or shipped, but usually regain in a few days, if well kept. The Bronze are No. 1 layers (too heavy for mothers), hardy, make rapid growth, and being good foragers, are death to grasshoppers and insects. Mine breed true to color, and are of the largest size.

"Young turkeys may be raised by hens or hen turkeys. When first hatched, we place them on a clean, dry grassy spot, and, for a week, feed no-