

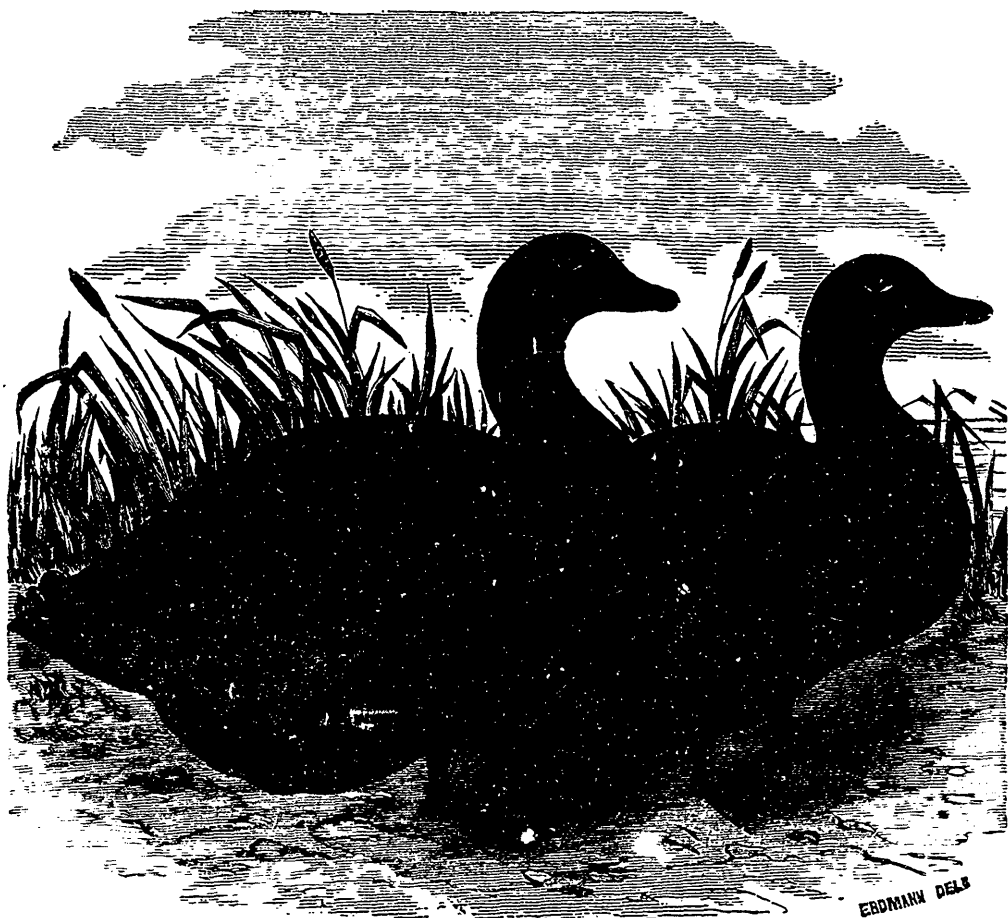
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Ducks.

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Contrary to the usual belief, an abundance of water is not absolutely necessary to successful duck breeding. One pair may be kept to advantage in a small yard and the number increased according to the extent of the range. Breeding stock, even in moderately large numbers, will not afford a profit in small enclosures. Low lands, marshy fields, ponds and the nooks in small running

streams afford abundance of duck food, and large numbers may be kept if they have free range, accessible to either. They are such persistent foragers that they will often yield an enormous profit under favorable circumstances, and I wonder more do not keep them. With a good range, very little food should be supplied, as they are much better off to take care of themselves. Feed them once a day only—in the evening. This will teach them to return for their regular rations and they