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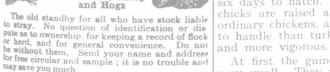
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NOTES ON GUINEAS

EDITOR FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

While guinea fowls are unlikely to become popular with the average Cannadian farmer, and under ordinary farm conditions can hardly be called profitable, they possess qualities that commend them to those who delight in having variety in their poultry yards. Guineas are among the wildest of farm poultry, but exceedingly pretty and next to the pea fowl the most noisy of poultry, their cry being both frequent and loud-indeed, offensively so until one gets used to it. I delight to hear them on the lonely prairie. Like geese, guineas are inclined to give an alarm if the poultry yard is molested.

The speckled variety is the most common, but the white is very attractive. Both are about equal in laying and table qualities. Heavy laying, however, is not characteristic of guineas. Although each hen will lay about seventy eggs a year, the eggs are small, and do not, although of fine flavor, sell as high as hen eggs. Most profit from guineas is in raising them to sell. When game birds are out of season, guineas sell at good prices in the cities. They are less difficult and exensive to fatten than ordinary fowls.

The guinea fowl is a wandering bird; it goes far afield, and at laying time, specially, it almost invariably goe away a distance to lay. I have had one lay in the nest in the hen house, but this does not happen often.

The male bird is more compact in shape; his neck is of a richer and more ronounced color than the markings of the hen; his wattles are also much larger and fuller and of a more brilliant red than the hen's. The call of the female is shrill, and sounds like: "Come back, come back!" or as some authorities contend: "Buck wheat, buck wheat!" The flesh of the young guinea is more delicious than partridge or prairie chicken, but the old birds are not specially prized for the quality of their

Guineas should be kept in pairs to atain best results. They rarely begin to lay till May and seldom become broody till August. They are good mothers, but because they steal their nesting place, their eggs are frequently hatched under a common hen. A large hen will cover sixteen or more. The eggs require twenty-five or twentysix days to hatch. Once hatched the chicks are raised almost as easily as ordinary chickens, and are less difficult to handle than turkeys, being hardier

At first the guinea fowl chicks are very small. They must be reared on grass, and it is an advantage to have them near bushes which afford cover, as they are very timid, and run for proas they are very timid, and full for pro-tection at the approach of strangers. Being so small, their food at first must be chopped fine, and should consist of hard boiled egg, a little finely chopped meat and bread crumbs. For the first two weeks they should be fed every two hours; when larger and stronger they can be put on the same food as young chickens. They are very fond of ants' eggs and any of these given them, besides what they pick up, are always relished. At the very beginning their forms are quaint, the bodies being beautifully striped with brown, while the legs and bill are bright orange Before they are half grown, they are the complete shape of the matured birds, but their prettily decorated heads do not attain their best furnishings until

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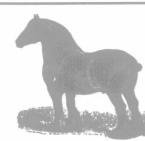
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