

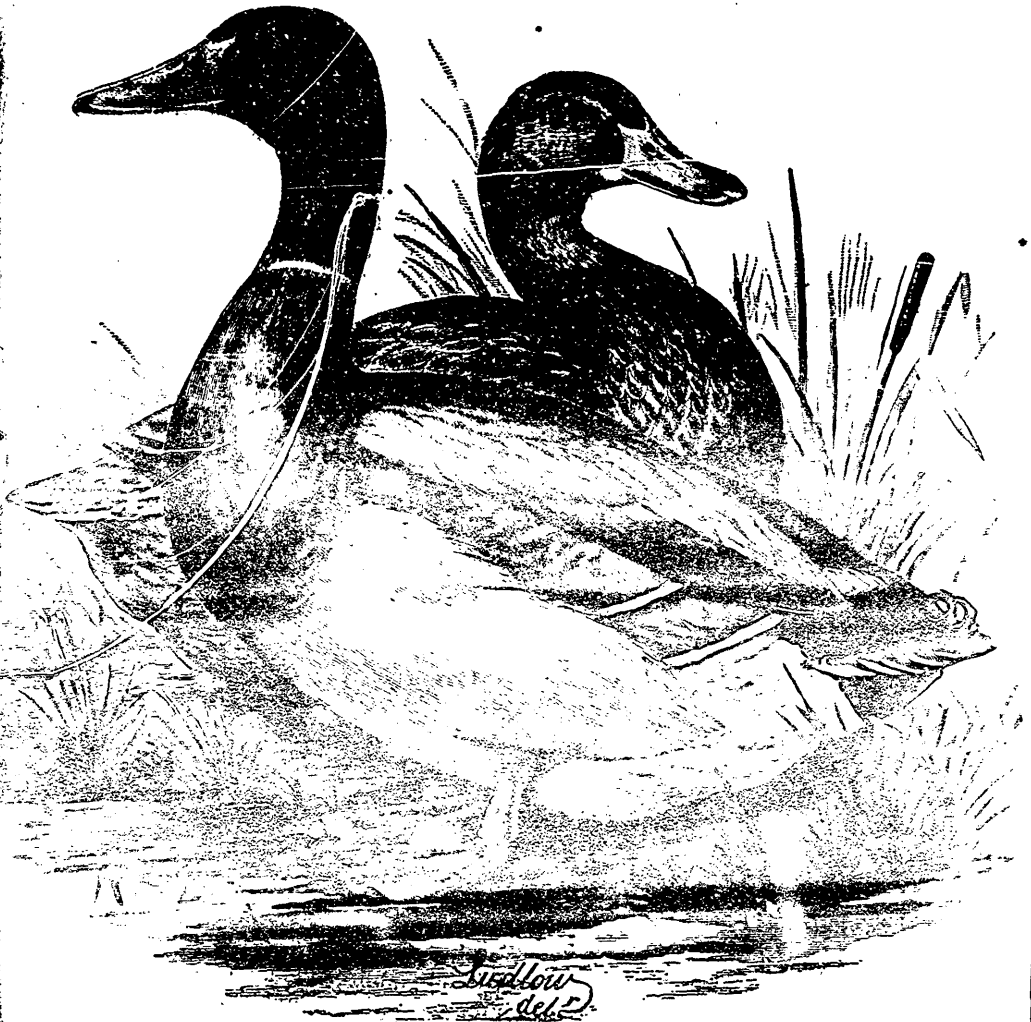
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ROUEN DUCKS.

In response to the request of an old subscriber, and fancier of the variety, we give this splendid illustration of Rouen Ducks. He asks for a full description of an exhibition pair, which we think was never better given than by J. K. Fowler, in Wright's *Illustrated Book of Poultry*:

"In appearance they should resemble as closely as possible the common Mallard, or

Wild Duck; but the breast of the drake must now be a deeper claret-brown color. The following points in respect of color must be attended to for exhibition purposes: the drake should have a clear bill of yellow, with a slight greenish tinge; a *bright* yellow is objectionable, and, on the other hand, a leaden color is a fatal defect. The shape of the bill should be as shown in the