

Turkey Chicks

Although rather late in the season, I wish to say that while the chicks are delicate for the first six weeks or so, after that they are as hardy as anything wearing feathers can be. But for these six weeks or two months, don't allow them to be out in cold or rainy weather; if one can have an open shed—a wagon shed—or something of that kind answers the purpose admirably. It is sufficient and much better than a tighter place would be, for it seems to be shelter from wind and rain that is needed.

If they have been confined during a long cold spell, see that they get plenty of short grass, or something of the kind, and also plenty of grit. Don't feed for 3 hours, and give grit with the first feed. Cook all the food when they are "shooting the red," as it is termed, and after that they are hardly to be killed with anything short of an ax or knife. If they are watched when first allowed to roam far out of bounds, are fed just a little to call them back, they will soon learn to stay near their feeding places, and give little trouble.

F. H. Quebec.

The Roosts

Roosts for heavy fowl should be wide. A four-inch-wide board one inch thick will be better for large Asiatics as a roost than anything else, but the small breeds will be satisfied with a round pole or a piece of three-by-four scantling rounded on the edges. The largest breeds prefer to have a support for the breast, as it tires them to hold the weight of the body entirely on the legs.

A Pretty Good Turkey Story

The following is from *Rural New Yorker*: A subscriber sends us the following clipping from a local Ohio paper: "Mrs. John Bromley, of Richfield township, Henry county, has a turkey hen which is a source of continual entertainment, and as a vaudeville artist this remarkable fowl stands at the top notch. Eleven years ago Mrs. B. found one of her hen turkeys was continually abusing one of her brood, would not allow it to eat with its little brothers and sisters, would strike it with her wing and knock it over every time it came in reach. Mrs. B. finally took the poor little thing into the house and raised it by hand, making a great pet of it. As the turkey grew up it was so entertaining that it was named 'Cute,' and would come at the call of its name from any place within hearing. The first summer of this hen's maturity she laid 80 eggs and hatched and raised 18 turkeys, and for five years she averaged about the same number of eggs and the same number of young. The sixth year Cute made her nest as usual and visited it daily, but never an egg was produced. Finally Mrs. B. to surprise Cute, placed a Guinea hen's egg in the nest and watched Cute to see what she thought of the little egg. Cute came at the usual time, and observing the Guinea egg—turning first one eye and then the other on it—she stepped into the nest and with her foot kicked the egg fully six feet away. She then sat down and went through the usual pretense of laying. At the end of three weeks Mrs. B. placed 18 eggs, turkey, chicken and Guinea eggs, in Cute's nest, and the old girl accepted the situation and hatched them all out. And for the past six years Cute has done the same thing, never laying an egg, but always making a nest and hatching the eggs supplied to her."

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