

The best floor for this purpose being cement, three parts of which should be well bedded with straw, which should be well shaken up with a fork and all objectionable matter removed daily.

Outside this shed should be a run the whole length, and in it a small pond made of cement or a small galvanized iron cistern in which the birds may wash themselves; the run should also be supplied with an abundance of gravel, and the whole kept scrupulously clean.

Green food should be grown and supplied to birds so confined, otherwise their digestive organs will suffer, and they will soon be found standing alone uttering cries of pain, their legs and feet losing color, which are signs of debility and the forerunners of dysentery, consumption, and other fatal diseases, especially to newly imported birds.

In places where they can enjoy perfect liberty and are thoroughly acclimatized, the above precautions will not be necessary, providing ordinary accommodation has been provided for them.—Fanciers' Review.

EXPERIMENTS WITH GEESE.

(Continued.)

FODDER CROPS FOR GEESE.

IN the last annual report (1896) is given a brief account of the green crops provided for furnishing food for goslings and geese in lieu of pasturing them upon grass, the supply of which was limited. Rye was sown in the fall of 1895, and oats and oats and pease were sown in the spring, as soon as the soil could be prepared. Of these the young goslings prefer oats, but will eat the pease when the oats are all consumed. They will feed upon the rye when it is young and tender, but leave it at any time for oats. Turnip, beet, rape, and cabbage seeds may

all be sown very early, and as green food all are eagerly eaten by goslings Dwarf Essex rape was sown broadcast on June 13th, and on July 19th it had made a thick growth of six or eight inches high, and the goslings were huddled upon it by fencing off small sections at a time. When they had eaten off all the leaves they were changed to a fresh location, and new leaves soon began to start from the stems of the rape, and a second and larger growth was ready for feeding August 17th, when goslings were again huddled on the field. This plant is much used in England for feeding sheep. Moderate frosts do not injure it. The seed is inexpensive, costing only about fifteen cents per pound, and five pounds will sow an acre in drills twenty inches apart. Twice as much may be sown broadcast, but on rich land less will be sufficient. The plant resembles kale in appearance and manner of growth, and the seed is about the size of turnip seed. It may be sown like turnip seed, and covered with a roller or brush harrow. Sorghum was relished by the goslings, and sweet corn is a standard green food. Early orange sugar cane and early amber cane were two varieties of sorghum used. The ground must be warm and mellow when the seeds are sown, as they are tender plants, but grow rapidly in summer weather. Neither corn nor sorghum, after being killed by frost, is suitable for feeding geese. Barley will withstand some frost, and makes a good green food.

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