

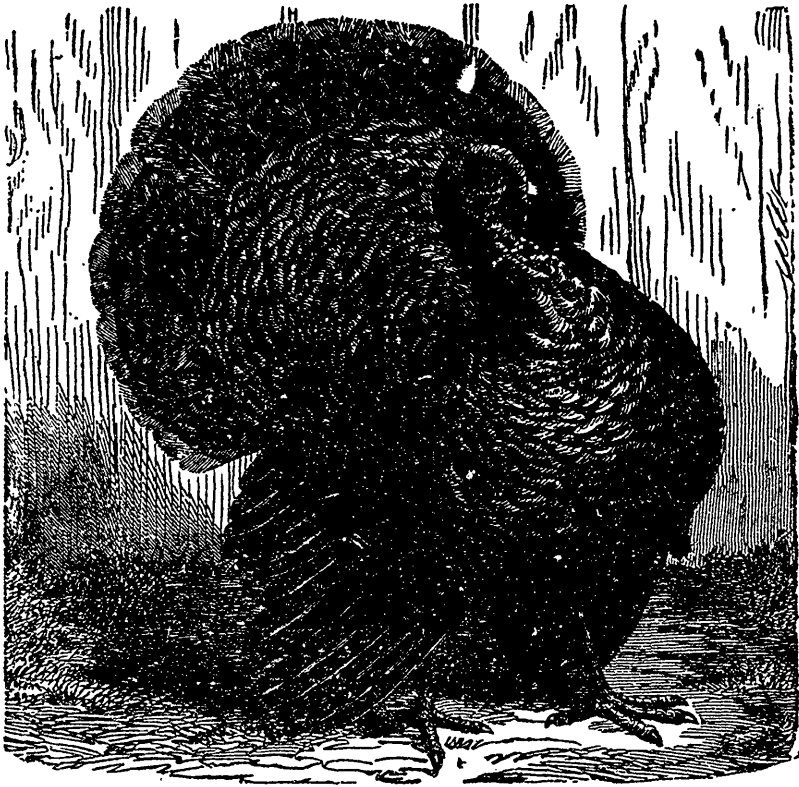
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About Raising Turkeys.

Comparatively few farmers who raise turkeys, make suitable preparation for the business. These birds are recently reclaimed from the forest by the frequent infusion of new wild blood, and it is taken for granted that they are capable of taking care of themselves, and the more freedom they have the better it is for them. This is one of the half truths that does a great damage in the rearing of the crop. They have no yard for them, often no roosts, and they are left to seek their own nests, and to brood in the woods where they are exposed to foxes and other predacious beasts, and birds of prey. It is not uncommon for the hen turkey to steal her nest in the woods, and to hatch out her brood without the knowledge of her owner. While

it is true that these birds need a ramble through the summer, when they can get the most of their living in green pastures, it is also true that they need restraint during the laying and hatching season, and for the first three weeks after the chicks leave the nest. None of our domestic birds are more susceptible of training, or take more kindly to the preparations that the wise poultryman makes for their thrift and comfort. During the laying and hatching season they want a good deal of attention, and for a part of the day, at least, should be kept in a yard or orchard by themselves, where nests have been prepared for them, and where they can be regularly fed and inspected.

The success of the year depends very much upon your knowing where the bird is, where she spends the day and especially where she lays and