

a little rough in the feather it is well to mix a little roop powder and meal into a couple of pills, and give them. If the birds will not swallow the pills, they should be put down their throats. Nothing brings them in condition better than the roop powder; but it must not be given in the same way as it is usually given to poultry—that is, in soft morning meal. We do not say Game chickens should never have a taste of wheat or Indian corn, with barley, as that makes them fat without making feathers; but they get heavier through being fed in that way.

When growing they should always be put in a little wire pen, or what is called by breeders of this variety a little wire run. It should be constructed so that as the chickens grow the top can be made higher. This can easily be done by having the wire double on each side. They should be put in one of these runs every day, or every other day (the oftener the better), and fed from the top of the run with something they are fond of, such as a little piece of bread or meat, so that they will reach up for it. When they are trained in this way, as soon as they see the owner or the attendant coming they at once assume a reachy position.

If they have a large range, of course green stuff will not tempt them—in that case it should be a little piece of bread or meat. This manner of training teaches them to stand well up in the show pen, and grow a better shape, which, of course, is an advantage, even if they are only sold as ordinary birds. When we say a better shape, I mean a long, reachy position, which Game breeders will have at the present day. Some people may call this treatment unnatural, but I do not think that it can be called that. Certainly it is only the long reachy birds which win in the show pen, and many breeders train their birds more or less in this way.

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