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were below nine pounds each in average weight. The greatest gain made was 1.71 ounces per day by an Embden-Toulouse gosling.

Fifth Hatch.—The African-Toulouse cross weighed 11.25 pounds, and only slightly exceeded the Embden-African birds, which weighed 11.22 pounds. The third place is held by the African-Embden cross. The heaviest birds made the greatest gain, 3.14 ounces daily.

Sixth Hatch.—As at the two previous weighings of this hatch, the brown China-Embden was the heaviest bird, with pure bred African second, and Toulouse brown-China third. The greatest gain was made by the last named cross, and amounted to 2.40 ounces daily.

FOURTH PERIOD OF GROWTH.

The birds of the first hatch (and a few spared by the dogs from the second) were penned up for fattening four days after the third weighing, when seventy-four days old, and dressed for the market about three weeks later. The third hatch was also penned for fattening when seventy-three days old and dressed for market twenty-six days later. The fourth, fifth and sixth hatches were kept until late fall and winter, and were weighed at 150 and 151 days old.

Fourth hatch.—The brown China-

Toulouse and Embden-African crosses were nearly equal in weight, and the only ones exceeding thirteen pounds each at 150 days old. The African-Toulouse cross was third in weight, almost reaching thirteen pounds. The pure brown Chinas weighed least of all, only 7.91 pounds. The greatest gain was made by the Embden-Toulouse cross, and was just one ounce per day for the seventy-nine days since the third weighing.

Fifth Hatch.—The African-Toulouse cross were the heaviest birds, weighing 15.15 pounds each. Embden-African, brown China-Toulouse, and African-Embden were next in rank in the order named, and the only ones exceeding fourteen pounds in average weight. The pure white China weighing only 8.75 pounds. The greatest gain was made by the brown China-Toulouse, and was equal to 0.83 of an ounce daily.

Sixth Hatch.—Pure bred Africans exceeded the others in weight, although the brown China-Toulouse cross nearly equaled it, the weights of the two being 13.25 and 13.16 pounds respectively. The brown China-Embden, which held the first place through the three previous weighings, now has the third place, weighing only 12.56 pounds. The greatest gain was made by the brown China-Toulouse, and was 0.78 of an ounce daily.

TURNING EGGS BEFORE HATCHING.

Editor Review:

AS there has been a lot said in July Review, in reference to turning eggs before hatching, I will give an instance to show that it is not necessary. I sold a setting of brown Leghorn eggs to a customer. I had some of the eggs on hand over a week before selling them, and he kept them one month before putting under the hen. He never moved the eggs whatever, and out of thirteen eggs got thirteen chicks, and raised them all. So I think the theory of turning the eggs is of no use.

JOHN GRANT.

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