

Farming The Wild Turkey

Novel Thanksgiving Idea Suggested By The Bird Experts

THE newest idea, appropriate to Thanksgiving, is that wild turkeys should be farmed—that is to say, bred, reared and sold under conditions of semi-domestication. Ornithological experts say that wild turkeys, actively managed and in the adoption of such a plan like the hope for the preservation of our greatest game bird from final extinction.

The wild turkey, of course, is a species entirely distinct from the tame bird with the white-mottled breast. One reason why its preservation is important is that it is needed to contribute to the gene pool of the hardy blood and much-prized game flavor to the domesticated variety by interbreeding. The comparatively dark meat of the breast of many of the tame turkeys that come to market nowadays at the Thanksgiving season is attributable to such matings, which are eagerly sought by the knowing producer of feathered stock.

The wild turkey is notoriously shy and the people would be inclined to suppose it incapable of domestication. Such an inference, however, according to the experts, is mistaken. As a matter of fact, the bird is not by nature much afraid of man, but rather tame and sociable, so far as human beings are concerned. In Massachusetts during early colonial days there were great numbers of wild turkeys, and frequently they made their haunts in the close neighborhood of the dwellings of settlers.

Today the species is entirely extinct in New England, and in other parts of the country the fowl is extremely wild and hard to shoot—not, however, because of a natural shyness of disposition, but because of the reason that it has been hunted and trapped so persistently. If wild turkeys were bred and managed in a manner of no great difficulty to accomplish, say the experts—they would be docile enough, and, with proper protection, would multiply rapidly.

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Where wild turkeys are concerned, however, there is no reason why such enterprises covering in some instances many thousands of acres, should not afford admirable sport under desirable conditions. There is no form of outdoor amusement more delightful than hunting. If, by farmers could be persuaded to take up the idea, and to breed the birds, they might sell shooting privileges to sportsmen, who would put much more money into their pockets than they could gain by sending the fowls to market.

If the business were suitably managed farms of 500 to 1,000 acres would yield a larger revenue than wild turkeys than from poultry, sportsmen being usually willing to pay several times more for the fun of shooting birds than the latter would fetch as marketable poultry. For such purposes, of course, it would be neither necessary nor desirable that the fowls should be too tame. On the other hand, experience has shown that wild turkeys are not disposed to stray from an accustomed source of food supply.

The wild turkey is prolific, and takes kindly to civilization. Like its tame congener, it is a great eater of injurious insects, particularly grasshoppers, and as such would be useful to the farmer. The female lays from 15 to 20 eggs for a "clutch," but raises only one brood in a year. Foxes, hawks and owls are deadly enemies, but would be the business of the farmer to protect the birds from these foes, as he does in the case of the farmyard poultry. The sun always strikes, adequate laws for protection against them would have to be passed; but the sportsman, if they became interested in the matter, could be relied upon to exert in this direction a powerful influence, which has never yet yielded of success in affairs of the kind.

It seems difficult to realize that less than 100 years ago wild turkeys were so numerous that they often sold for six cents apiece, a very large one, weighing 25 or 30 pounds, occasionally fetching as much as 25 cents. Today a large specimen of a man, gobler preferred, is sold for \$100. The bird has been wiped out, not by sportsmen, but by pot hunters, who kill the birds on the roasts, trap them in pens, or let it amble about, attracting the call of the hen or the young "poult."

On Fisher's Island, in Long Island sound, a most interesting experiment has already been made in

imagined after his likeness. There is a divine element in our nature that enables us to think God's thoughts in the fact of our being. This is the words of Scriptures. The natural world is a product of thought developed and governed by God's system of divine laws that are all ways in force. God has planned and made laws by which we live, breathe, walk, see, hear, think and feel. Let us now consider these things. How our Heavenly Father has planned the universe for man's comfort and how thankful and happy man should be.

Mark the difference between the accomplished Christian gentleman and man in an unchristian state and what the discovery of the laws of nature has done for you. Open your mind and see how God planned the laws of steam and electricity in keeping with man's capacity to utilize these forces and thus bring joy and comfort to human hearts. Go through your house, look and think as you go. You will see things of art and culture everywhere—books, pianos, newspapers, pictures, and conveniences, and works of art bearing the marks of the divine in man, which means you who look. When in the city you may look around and notice the buildings and works of man, and remember that the people who have done this work are your fellow men, members of your family. God is their father and he has given them a task you could not do. They are doing the work and you are getting the benefit of it. God has given every person a religious nature. It is a source of great comfort and joy. The Christian, however, "I will give you rest." "Let not your heart be troubled." "My peace I leave with you." These are God's promises to us. They are not much to us. Are you poor and homeless? Turn your thoughts on the Saviour's promises and picture to yourself the golden rule of love—love your old friends, love them to come in. Thank! How can one help but be thankful? The Christian's spirit is the thanksgiving spirit. It never meets defeat. No matter where one is or how sad the conditions of life, the hopes of heaven are always bright. The Christian, happy and full of life, who has had his spirit always has something worth while to do. The wickedness of the world is round us. Throw a dash of Gospel sunshine along the pathway of the suffering friend, and his heart will be glad. He needs. Smile on him. Let him see your love when he would expect to see sorrow.

The thankful spirit brings gladness in all conditions of life. There are wonderful characters among the needy as well in elegant homes. The rich can afford to adorn their homes and beautify them and pay the price to enjoy their beauty and comfort. This is a difference made in men's natural attainments. They are made and are needed for the improvement and comfort of mankind. Without them there could be no schools, no churches, and what could be done without the conveniences made possible through the labor of others. They are necessary to the comforts of our homes and in every department of the work of life. God bids you to look and be thankful every day of your life.—Rev. J. B. MacGuffin.

The Thankful Heart

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Ephesians v:20

The thankful spirit is the true and sure source of a happy life. There are plenty of things to be thankful for and it is wise to make an effort to find them. They are never far away. They are under our control. We are their masters. God made us that way. We may be in touch with very disagreeable people, but if we do not like them, agreeable feelings we need not have them. There are many good things to think of with reference to such people. Be a missionary to them. Think their lives would be miserable if we were not there. Disposition and let your own radiate its virtues.

You can rejoice and be glad no matter where you are. Why? It was bad enough to be in jail. God was good to them. He revealed to them facts of eternal life. "These were good things to think about, and why should they not enjoy them?" It is something against the day of trouble and they used it. Why should not we? What is the use of being miserable when we can just as well be happy? God is near us in the joys and comforts of life as well as in our trials and temptations. He is good to us in all things. He is the author of all good reasons to be thankful in all conditions of life. The sun always shines no matter about the clouds. Daylight is a good thing, but the best thing is God created us in as

glasses of beer. Do you think they will sell it on me when I get home? The foreman sniffed about George Gummy's mustache, then said, apologetically: "Well, sir, I can just smell the sandwiches."

He Loved Little Dogs. The good priest was walking happily along one of the squares when he met three of the children of the parish, accompanied by a small dog.

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