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HIGH FLYING GUINEAS.

"Buy guineas?" was asked the huckster whose weekly call broke the monotony at the farm.

"None; guineas are no good. No sale for 'em. Wouldn't take 'em as a gift."

Ten years pass.

Now read this:

Wanted—5,000 young guineas weighing at least 50 cents apiece. Will pay at the same.

Wanted—1,000 men and women to raise guineas and sell me the young ones when they weigh one pound each at 50 cents a pair.—Poultry Item, Pennsylvania.

"Waal, I'll swan!" says John Corn-tassel. "What does city folks want 5,000 guinea keets for?"

The guinea that screamed from the big walnut tree has down a notch higher.

The scarcity of game and the strict Lacey law have sent all the restaurants to guineas.

WILD GAME PRICES.

Canausack duck..... \$1.00
Prairie chicken, broiled..... 2.00
Pheasant, broiled..... 1.50
Roast quail..... 1.50

These are simply guineas in disguise—the pretty polka dot feathered scions of grandpa's barnyard.

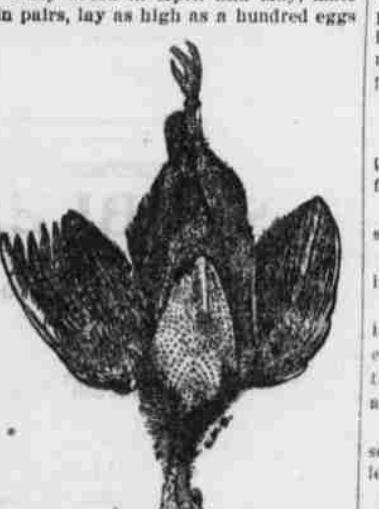
But what's the difference? They taste good and gamey, have much dark breast meat and don't cost half the real thing. Then few know the anatomy of game so well that they can tell a guinea from a pheasant or a sparrow from a redbird.

When the farmer offers guineas, snap them up, and remember French cooks deem guinea eggs best for baking and without equal for beating up quick and stiff.

Originally from Africa, these polka dot birds are most everywhere.

The West Indies are alive with them. England keeps them in game preserves. Austria, Germany and France are breeding them extensively. Uncle Sam is going in for guineas. Better join in.

They breed in April and May, mate in pairs, lay as high as a hundred eggs



READY FOR MARKET.

A season, hatch in twenty-eight days, and the little quail-like chicks run about as soon as hatched. The white or albinos guinea is simply a sport.

The pearl is most common and has purplish gray plumage with white spots, coral red wattles, white ears and cheeks, a bony helmet or crest and orange legs.

The males walk on tiptoe, have the coarser head and "clack" instead of "buck-wheat." Being classed as game, they are dressed as in illustration.

They do not appear small, and their beautiful plumage makes them more attractive.

Guineas love the woods and vales, where they thrive on insects, leaves, shoots, seeds, buds and berries.

Now, just imagine the vast resources for guinea culture in our waste lands and the great national forest reservations.

KURIOS FROM KORRESPONDENTS

Q. I am raising Belgians and ask for the following information: When should young ones open their eyes, and when is it time to wean and why does the mother eat her young?

A. From a week to twelve days. Six weeks. Because you do not give her water at time litter is born.

Q. Please tell me how old squabs are when parent birds lay and hatch again and if the old birds desert them at that time.

A. Pigeons lay and set again from ten to fourteen days after squabs are hatched and generally feed them up to time of new hatch, but after that are apt to be ugly to them.

Q. What style bone cutter do you recommend me to buy?

A. Self feeding, open hopper style, with partition in center of hopper and no exposed cogs. Buy one with less. The bench bolted bone cutter is a nuisance.

Q. We are thinking of raising a few peacocks and can find no literature about them. We come to you with our questions: What color is the egg? How many in a clutch? How old to breed? Are they hard to raise and good eating?

A. The peacock lays from five to eight whitish eggs a season. Breeding age, two to three years. Fed like turkeys and kept on dry, rich soil, with shade, are easily raised. Males hard to chew, hem better, young a delicacy.

Q. A dealer has advised me to use terrets to catch the rats at my plant. Will they catch chickens?

A. Yes. They are of the weasel tribe and will do anything a weasel does. If you get them, watch the baby, for they will kill it. Better not to com-

crete floors and use the old methods of extermination.

Q. Kindly let me know if tallow may be used in ration for chickens and what for.

A. When chickens are fed in fattening crates the last ten days of the twenty-four tallow is part of the ration. It is melted and mixed with meal. A little is used at first till at the end of the period the proportion is one pound to fifty fowls twice a day.

FEATHERS AND EGGSHells.

Pigeons that are continually flying are tough and taste no more like a real squab than your wife's first cooking tasted like your mother's.

Our friends of the fancy are now working overtime building their birds for the show. They all expect a fair deal from the judge. May they not do otherwise to the other fellow who competes with them!

The country fair associations are very anxious for a fine, large display of poultry. The reason some of them don't get it is because the fair association must share no expense and the poultryman must spare no expense.

It is a mistake to think that poultry birds are after large dressed stock. The call is for well-conditioned bird with a plump, shapely body. Big birds have gone the way of the big "Merry Widow."

Your birds leave the nest, the squabs starve and the eggs chill. Turn up the nests and see them run. How can a pigeon sit comfortably with dozen mice wiggling under her any more than can you sleep in church with your wife jabbing you with a thimble?

In stealing ten fine chickens at Buckhorn, Pa., the thief left his set of false teeth behind. If they were tough hens, what could the poor man do? Will those of our readers who wear "store teeth" please advise the poor man?

Squabs twelve hours old are called "peepers"; twenty-four hours old "squeakers" and a month old "squalls." Men may be divided into workers, jokers, shirkers and klackers; also fakers, fossils and fools. You are one of the good follows.

The eyes of racing hens protrude from a long race. This is caused by their efforts to sight home at long distance. Their sight is as remarkable as their flight.

Canadian firms have been selling eggs for hatching on credit if the customer gives his note to the Standard Bank of Canada. But if the eggs are rotten how can they egg a man on to pay?

We would rather be right than president." But we would rather be president than poultryman—for a little while. Then we would "deefight" in sending a "strenuous" message to congress on the great American hen, and we would send notice to some of these state legislatures that appropriate nothing for poultry culture that if street cars are no longer run by miles some legislatures have a surplus of jacks.

A HANDY HENHOUSE.

If Cheep John is bound to build of plane boxes, let him manage his own funeral.

If you're only in to be out, any old shack will do.

If you're a stayer, you're not employing a funeral director architect.

Here is a neat, handy house that may be built for a moderate price and is especially adapted to cold climates, though the bare plan is standard for any locality.

Dimensions, nine feet high in front, seven back, twelve feet wide and any length.

Sink stone for foundation below frost and have two courses of stone at least above surface.

We use brick above ground for rats. Make floor of deep soaked packed clinker topped with gravel, sand and cement and cover with boards in winter.

Cover substantial frame with rough boards, cover these outside with two-ply tar paper and then nail on the weather boards.

A dead air space will be formed when lath is placed. Plaster with cement.

The ventilators should be placed above the windows, the entrances for man and fowl where most convenient, but no alleys or aisles should be made through the building to waste space.

Does it pay to build a house like this for chickens? Well, does it pay you to

buy a good all wool suit or an imitation wool shoddy that soon bags at the knees and goes to the rag bag?

If you're going to make good money out of hens, you must put good money into them.

Yes, there are some deserted poultry plants around the country, just as there are some forsaken factory buildings here and there.

Most of these forsaken edifices are monuments to men who did their look after they leaped. "I will watch your experiment with interest and if you are successful may go into the business myself," said a Washington gentleman to a young man who had established a modern plant.

"This is not an experiment," replied the plucky fellow. "This is not a try or test case. There's no maybe about it. We went into this business, we demonstrated the practical worth of our methods. We worked on the plan of this plant for five years before a nail was driven, and now, if our houses don't crack, we'll have success." That reply should be framed in gold and its spirit followed.

PEACOCKS AND EGGSHells.

Mice do love to nest with the pigeons.

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