

# WHERE THEY RAISE BIG TURKEYS FOR CHRISTMAS.

## Connecticut Has the Greatest and Most Successful "Gobbler" Farms in the World--An Artificial Wilderness Managed on Scientific Principles.

Only recently has science turned its attention to the turkey, but already it has accomplished some wonderful things in the culture and improvement of that admirable fowl, which in the opinion of many people has a much more rightful claim than the bald headed eagle to figure as the national emblem, says the Hartford Times.

On Fisher's Island, opposite New London, Conn., and not far distant, is the greatest and most successful turkey farm in the world. The island, one might say, is an artificial wilderness of 4000 acres, scientifically managed. Over this area thousands of the birds roam, in a condition so close to that of nature that, though of domesticated variety, they are practically wild. No shelters of any kind are provided for them; the hen turkeys build their nests in the open, and, while plenty of corn is supplied, it is scattered about in all sorts of places, and even buried under leaves, in order that the fowls may be obliged to hustle for their provender.

These turkeys attain gigantic size, sometimes reaching a weight of nearly 50 pounds. In the market at Thanksgiving time they fetch ten cents a pound more than ordinary turkeys, owing to their remarkably delicious flavor. They are so hardy that nothing short of a hatchet will kill them. In winter they roost out on fence rails and tree-branches, and, though often their heads are actually frozen under their wings, their health does not suffer in the least. The delicacy of constitution which afflicts turkeys elsewhere, making them hard to rear, does not bother the birds of Fisher's island. Not long ago 30 of them were bought by the state authorities of Rhode Island for the purpose of inoculating them with the fearfully destructive and contagious disease known as "black head," by way of experiment, but none of them could be induced to take the malady.

In the first year during which this new method was adopted a lot of turkeys were turned loose on Fisher's island and allowed to shift for themselves, food being supplied. As was expected, many of them died. The next year more were released, but those which survived the hardy ones, the weaklings having been weeded out and became the progenitors of an improved race. The whole idea on which the system described is founded is to get, in the management of the turkey farm, as close as possible to nature. Doubtless the birds themselves think that they are wild, and are disillusioned on this point only when they are finally captured and killed for market.

One reason why the flesh of these turkeys fetches so high a price is that it has a strong game flavor. The white meat has a slightly brownish

color, owing to an admixture of wild turkey blood in the stock. Just here, indeed, a very important feature of the system comes in, from twelve to twenty wild gobblers being fetched from Virginia and the Carolinas each spring to serve as male parents of the flock. Thus new blood direct from the forest is constantly being introduced, to keep up the strength and other desirable qualities of the breed. Under such conditions as they find on their native soil, the birds are as comfortable and as much at home as in their native solitudes.

The wild "toms" are caught by means of a simple but ingenious trap which may be described as a strongly built pen of rails, one rail square and four feet high, covered over with three branches. On one side the ground is hollowed deep enough to allow the turkeys to enter, and parched corn, of which they are extremely fond, is scattered, not too plentifully, outside the pen, in the ditch, and also within the inclosure. The hungry birds come and begin picking up the corn outside, then settle down to get what is in the ditch, and by this time they are so busy eating that they never raise their heads, but, seeing the grain inside, pass under and into the pen. When they have picked up all the corn, they lift their heads, and are unable to escape, never thinking of looking down for a place of exit.

The Connecticut and Rhode Island turkeys have long been famous as the finest raised in the country, and a few growers go to the trouble of feeding their birds on such fancy provender as chestnuts and celery stalks, for the sake of the improved flavor, which such diet undoubtedly gives to the meat. But best of all is the game flavor, which can only be obtained by an introduction of wild blood. Even a small percentage of wild blood increases the size of the fowls and alters strikingly for the better their form and general appearance. Sometimes wild gobblers are secured by hauling them from eggs found in the woods, and though at first they are difficult to handle, they soon become fairly tame.

Our domesticated turkey was of Mexican origin, and in that country the species is found wild at the present day. The wild turkey of the United States, which is now being drawn upon for new blood, is a dark-meat breed. The Mexican bird, which has white meat on the breast, was carried to Europe by early Spaniards, and from Europe it was brought to the United States. Since then several varieties have been developed by breeding, and today no fewer than six are recognized—namely, the bronze, the buff, the slate, the white, the black and the Narragansett. The white turkey was originally an albino—a freak that is to say, perpetuated by selection.

### JUST A FEW NEW STORIES.

**John Was Satisfied.**  
(Toronto Saturday Night.)

A correspondent sends Saturday Night the following anecdote: Shortly before the noon hour a few days ago, while at my desk in the editor's cage, I saw a branch office of one of the Canadian banks, a Chinaman, Sam Ling, by name, whose fortune of some four or five hundred dollars was in our keeping, entered the bank and approached my desk. I noticed his face had an extremely anxious expression upon it, and I began to search in my mind as to whether I had paid my last laundry bill. "Well, Sam," I said, "what's the matter?" He asked his book in to me before he answered, then in an anxious voice, "Wanted money—alike money." He apparently expected to be refused, for when he asked the same money with the accumulated interest he heaved a sigh of relief. Taking it over to a desk, he began to count it. Carefully each bill was scrutinized, each coin of the metal weighed. From one side of the desk to the other the pile moved back and forth each time undergoing the same careful examination. For half an hour the counting went on, and then, evidently satisfied that all was right, and with a contented grin overspreading his face, he came back to my wicket and pushed the money, in a confused mass, back to me.

"What's the matter, Sam?" I asked. "Isn't it all right—not enough?" "Allee right," said he, "putee back again."

**Could Not Jar Him.**  
(London Times.)

At the dinner of the Orwell Corinthian Yacht Club, held at Felixtowe on Saturday night, Sir Guthrie Quiller, M. P., told an amusing story of Fitzgerald, the translator of Omar Khayyam. Sir Guthrie, being his yachting career, he said, with a 12-ton schooner, which he bought of Mr. Fitzgerald. They would never think that a poet or a translator of

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**Were Not Dead Ones.**  
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### Morning News in Brief.

**Local.**

Two students who are ill with diphtheria have been quarantined in their room at Bowdoin, College Brunswick, Me. The men are Paul Lordly '05, of St. Louis and Frank Ryan, '05, of St John, N. B. The students are room mates.

The Rev. Dr. John Reid, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, N. Y., died suddenly of apoplexy yesterday. Dr. Reid was born in St. John, N. B., and came here five years ago from Detroit.

Recently a Young Men's liberal conservative Association was formed in Fredericton and although in existence but a few weeks it already has a membership in the vicinity of two hundred and is growing fast. At the last meeting it was decided to open reading rooms and during the winter months to keep these rooms open every week night.

Apparently the I. C. R. management finds it more convenient, if not more economical, to buy new locomotives than keep the old ones in repair. The enginesmen of the I. C. R. are praying that the supply of election coal may soon run out.—Moncton Times.

At a meeting of the Central Congregational Church of Winnipeg on Wednesday night last, a call was extended to Rev. J. L. Gordon, pastor of the Bond street church, Toronto. There is a salary of \$5,000 and free manse. Rev. J. L. Gordon was pastor of the Congregational church here for a time.

**Provincial.**

S. E. Landry was held up in his store at Brighton, near Port Morion C. B., by two men with disguised faces, Saturday evening. One man covered Landry with a revolver while the other snatched a valise that Landry carried in his hand and both men fled. The valise contained about \$80, the proceeds of the day's business. The men are thought to be the same who cracked a safe in the coal company's office at Sydney a few nights ago.

A blinding snowstorm raged at Halifax all Sunday. Two feet of snow fell on the level. At Sydney C. B., the storm demoralized the train service.

**General.**

Canada and the United States have agreed to appoint an international waterway commission. This commission will investigate and report upon all waterways adjacent to the boundary line, so that there will be an understanding between both countries in respect to commerce passing through the waters of either within easy reach of the boundary line.

The steamer Montcalm, the new government ice-breaker, had her first real test Saturday at Quebec. The steamer left Quebec and sailed up river until she struck fields of ice eight inches thick. Through these she ploughed at a 12 knot speed, passing the Narrows at the Chaudiere which were choked with ice as far as St. Augustine.

Dr. Thompson, the Conservative candidate, has been elected member of parliament for the Yukon by a majority of 558 over Mr. Congdon, the Laurier candidate. The vote cast was, for Thompson, conservative, 1,634; Congdon, liberal, 1,076. Conservative majority, 558.

Great activity is manifested in official and diplomatic quarters at Paris in connection with the opening day of the sessions of the international commission, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident. The meeting will bring together some of the leading naval and legal figures of the five foremost maritime powers. Besides the Anglo-Russian crisis which the appointment of the commission has averted, it is expected that the meeting will establish a

**As in a Mirror.**  
London Tatler.

An Oxford don, more highly esteemed for intellect than for his wit, was recently asked to speak into a phonograph.

A little later the machine was turned on again, and he was requested to listen to his own voice.

He listened in silence, then turned to the other side of the pile and said, "It is very strange," he said, in a tone of mingled surprise and resentment. "I can't understand it, but through this machine I made to speak in a peculiarly bumptious and affected manner."

**Had Lots of Time.**  
New York Times.

Just previous to the last Canadian election two Frenchmen and an Englishman were discussing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the idol of the French-Canadians.

"Do you think," asked the Englishman, "that Sir Wilfrid is a smarter man than your Bishop?"

"Oh, yes," both the Frenchmen replied.

"Or your Archbishop?"

"Oh, yes," they both replied.

"Well," diplomatically replied the habitant, "Sir Wilfrid is young yet."

**As She is "Wrote"**  
Manila Sun.

Specimen of a Filipino's letter to his employer as an excuse for his failure to attend to his duty at the appointed time:

"Dear Sir:

"Excuse I am shame very much to you this morning for my promise this noon. Would like Monday morning. I will be on the office. Your Sir, etc. etc."

Another one:

"Mr. Mackenzie:

"I am very sorry that I could not go in our office because I am very ill from Sunday night until now, so you give me big excuse. Very truly your boy, etc. etc."

The letter is not at all bad, and compares favorably with the Tagalog language as written by the average American.

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- 144 Head Long Wharf, Main St.
- 145 Paradise Row, opp. Mission Chapel.
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