

POOR WITNESS FOR FRIEND

Deacon's Brief Emphatic Testimony Probably Somewhat Impressed the Jury.

Deacon Stephen Potter, one of the pioneers of Utica, N. Y., was a man of great eccentricity but high moral character.

On one occasion a friend was engaged in a lawsuit in regard to some land a few miles from Utica. He held the land at a high price.

"What do you think it is worth, Mr. Potter?" was the next question. The old man paused a moment and then said, slowly: "If I had as many dollars as my yoke of oxen—could draw—on a sled—on glazed ice—I vow—I would not give—a dollar an acre for it!"—Youth's Companion.

Social Progress.

"The Filters are getting on rapidly, aren't they?" "Indeed, yes. They used to employ a washerwoman, but now they have a laundress."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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Farming The Wild Turkey

Novel Thanksgiving Idea Suggested By The Bird Experts



BACK FROM THE HUNT

THE newest idea, appropriate to Thanksgiving, is that wild turkeys should be farmed—that is to say, bred regularly under conditions of semi-domestication.

The wild turkey, of course, is a species entirely distinct from the tame bird with the white-tipped breast. One reason why its preservation is important is that it is needed to contribute from time to time its hardy blood and much-prized game flavor to the domesticated variety by interbreeding.

The wild turkey is so notoriously shy that most people would be inclined to suppose it incapable of domestication. Such an inference, however, according to the expert, is a mistaken one.

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 simply for the reason that it has been hunted and trapped so persistently.

The fact that wild turkeys have maintained their foothold to some extent in long-settled parts of their old territory—as, for example, in Virginia and Maryland—appears to indicate that it would be entirely practicable to restock portions of their former ranges.

It is believed that, if proper protection were given to such enterprises by the law, sporting club and wealthy individuals owning or leasing large tracts would gladly go into the business of breeding wild turkeys—not for market of course, but for the pleasure derivable from such an enterprise.

Where wild turkeys are concerned, however, there is no reason why such extensive preserves, covering in some instances many thousands of acres, should not afford admirable sport under suitable restrictions.

The wild turkey is prolific, and takes kindly to civilization. Like its tame congener, it is a great consumer of injurious insects, particularly grasshoppers, and as such would be useful to the farmer.

It seems difficult to realize that less than 100 years ago wild turkeys were so abundant that they often sold for six cents apiece, a very large one, weighing 25 or 30 pounds, occasionally fetching as much as 25 cents.

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

the rearing of turkeys under semi-domestication—though in this case the species dealt with is the tame one. On this island, which is the most successful turkey farm in the world, the birds are permitted to run wild, and are not even furnished with any shelter, other than they can find among the trees and scrub.

In this artificial wilderness, as it might be called, which covers an area of about 1,000 acres, the turkeys get as close to nature as possible. Indeed, the whole idea of their management is to let them alone, interfering with them as little as possible.

Every spring a few wild gobblers, trapped for the purpose in Virginia or the Carolinas, are introduced into the flocks on Fisher's island, to contribute fresh blood. This is esteemed a matter of the utmost importance.

A number of varieties of the tame turkey have been developed by breeding, the principal ones being the Bronze, the Buff, the Slate, and the White, the Black and the Narragansett. The White was originally an albino. But all of these are derived from a single species, which is of Mexican origin.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.—Ephesians 5:20.

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.

We can rejoice and be glad no matter where we are. Paul and Silas sang hymns while in jail. Why not? It was bad enough to be in jail. God was good to them. He revealed to them facts of eternal life.

image and after his likeness. There is a divine element in our nature that enables us to think God's thoughts in the facts of nature as well as in the words of Scriptures.

The natural world is a product of thought developed and governed by a system of divine laws that are always in force. God has planned and made laws by which we live, breathe, walk, see, hear, think, talk and learn the meaning of things.

Mark the difference between the accomplished Christian gentleman and man in his uncivilized state and then be thankful for the Gospel and what the discovery of the laws of nature has done for you.

God has given every person a religious nature. It is a source of great comfort and joy. Are you weary? "I will give you rest." "Let not your heart be troubled." "My peace I leave with you."

yourself the golden city; locate your mansion, receive your old friends, tell them to come in. Thankful? How can one help but be thankful? The Christian's spirit is the thankful, happy spirit.

The thankful spirit brings gladness in all conditions of life. There are beautiful characters among the needy as well as in elegant homes on the boulevards.

For the Thanksgiving Dinner

The delicate flavor of the pumpkin is developed only by a long and gentle application of heat, so when preparing it for pies always stew it for three or four hours, then mix it with the other ingredients.

Although the observance of Thanksgiving is particularly a northern custom, the following recipe for Virginia pudding is given in the Housekeeper as appropriate to the occasion.

Turn one pound of stoned raisins, one pound of dried currants, one-fourth of a pound of citron sliced thin into a large mixing bowl and dredge well with flour.

Whip the whites of the eggs very stiff, then add them alternately with one and a quarter pounds of sifted flour to the mixture.

Pour into a well floured pudding bag, allowing plenty of room for swelling, drop into a rosy pot of boiling water and boil continuously for five hours.

Taking Care of Yourself.

There never was a time when people paid as much attention to their health and strength as they do now.

The result of properly balanced rations has worked wonders with stock and recent experiments are proving that the same thing is true of mankind.

It has been found that Quaker Oats eaten often and regularly taking the place of heavy, greasy foods will work wonders in the health and strength of a family.

The greatest era of canal building in France has been the present period. The aim in building them has been to unify, to complete, to cheapen. Another great work done by the republic has been the unifying of all the waterways; depth, breadth of the canals, distance between the locks have been made uniform throughout the country.

The School Lunch and Dyspepsia. It is very important that the meal eaten at recess be a warm one, and whenever possible it should be prepared and eaten at home.

Some poor dweller in the benighted beyond of Chicago asks what a real New England pie is like. It probably will not help him to be told, but if he means apple, it is like an essay by Emerson liquefied with the music of Massenet and spiced with the cynicism of Shaw.

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