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THE TUFTED GUINEA HEN.

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WE are indebted to Pallas also for this new species of guinea hen. Its size is less than that of the common guinea hen; it is an intermediate one between that and the partridge. The distinctive characters of the tufted guinea hen are more decisive than in the former, for the present one has no fleshy glands under the throat, and it has a longitudinal fold on each side of the mandibles: the auditory canal is more open, and edged with slender feathers; more so than in any other species of guinea hen. Besides, the red and even bloody colour of the throat, and the black colour of the feathers covered with spots of a bluish white, not bigger than grains of millet, sufficiently distinguish it. These spots are disposed in a sort of regular quincunx. The down of the feathers is brown, and the prime quill feathers of the wings are of a blackish brown; the tail is round and, being pretty long, trails on the ground; on the forehead there is a pretty