

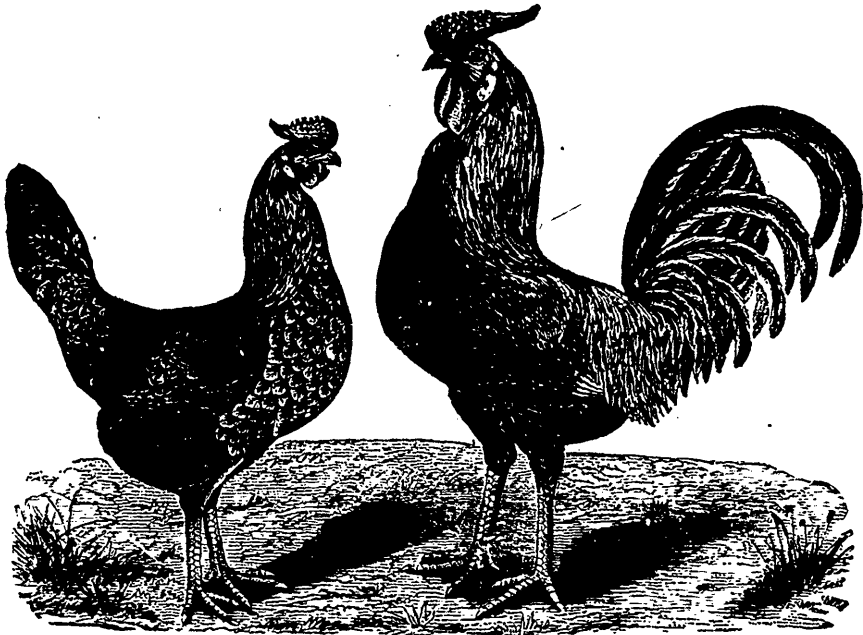
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ROSE-COMBED BROWN LEGHORNS.

Rose-combed Brown Leghorns were admitted to the *American Standard of Excellence* in January, 1883, since which time they have taken a prominent place among pure-bred poultry, and are today bred by some of the most noted breeders in the United States.

There are a number of different versions as to their origin, quite a number of breeders claiming to be the originators of them. I will leave them to fight that matter out among themselves, and give you their history as related by Mr. F. H. Ayre, a gentleman who made a voyage to Italy solely for the purpose of studying the Leghorn fowl in their native country. He says that the importations of Leghorns made by Capt. Gates, of Mystic River, Connecticut, in 1852, contained rose-combed fowls as well as single-combed, and the former were not one whit inferior in purity and markings of plumage to the single-combed variety, as was seen by the perfect identity of carriage and

fine point, as well as the exact quality of prolificness and the non-setting instinct. They breed as true to points as the single-combed variety, and should become popular with those living where the cold of winter is intense. They need none of the precautions that we have to take to insure the safety of our single-combed birds.

I have bred them only one year, but am well pleased with them. On account of their low rose-combs they do not suffer from the cold to any extent. Last winter I had all I could do to keep my single-combed birds from freezing—in fact some of them did get slightly nipped with the frost—and during this time my rose-combs seemed as happy as could be, the hens laying nearly every day.

Rose-comb Brown Leghorns are in all respects except the comb the same as the Single-comb Brown Leghorns, and for the reason that the latter are so well and favorably known I do not give a description of them here, but content myself with giving their history, and making a few general statements.

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