

comb inclines to bend over and is of very fine texture, so much the better—the pullets produced will have splendid head points. The cockerels produced from this mating should either be kept or disposed of for pullet breeding if the colour is all right, and those which do not come under this category should be consigned to the spit.

I have advocated the breeding of the different sexes from two matings, because the birds required by the standard can be best produced in this way. But for those who may be short of room, or for other reasons prefer to breed both sexes from the same pen, I would say mate up a pullet breeding pen such as I have described, and include one or two hens light in body color but lacing distinct, and from these birds some very good standard cockerels will be produced.

In breeding Andalusians a certain proportion of black and white chickens must be expected, but if breeding from sound blues only is persisted in the number of these will decrease in time. It has also been found that the crossing of strains alien in blood greatly increases the proportion of these sports, while breeding from birds related to a certain extent, diminishes them. Breeders should therefore have several pens of the variety, and introduce foreign blood only when it is indispensable. I do not advocate too close in-breeding, however, as disastrous results sometimes happen when that is long persisted in.

Before closing I must point out several defects in the birds which must be avoided in making up the breeding pen. These are—white in the face, twisted hackle, red or coloured feathers in the hackle, straight combs in the hens, and patchy or uneven body colour. These defects are hereditary and must carefully be avoided.

The foregoing hints if acted upon

should result in a good proportion of standard birds being produced.—Mr. R. Gordon in *Fowls*, England.

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