

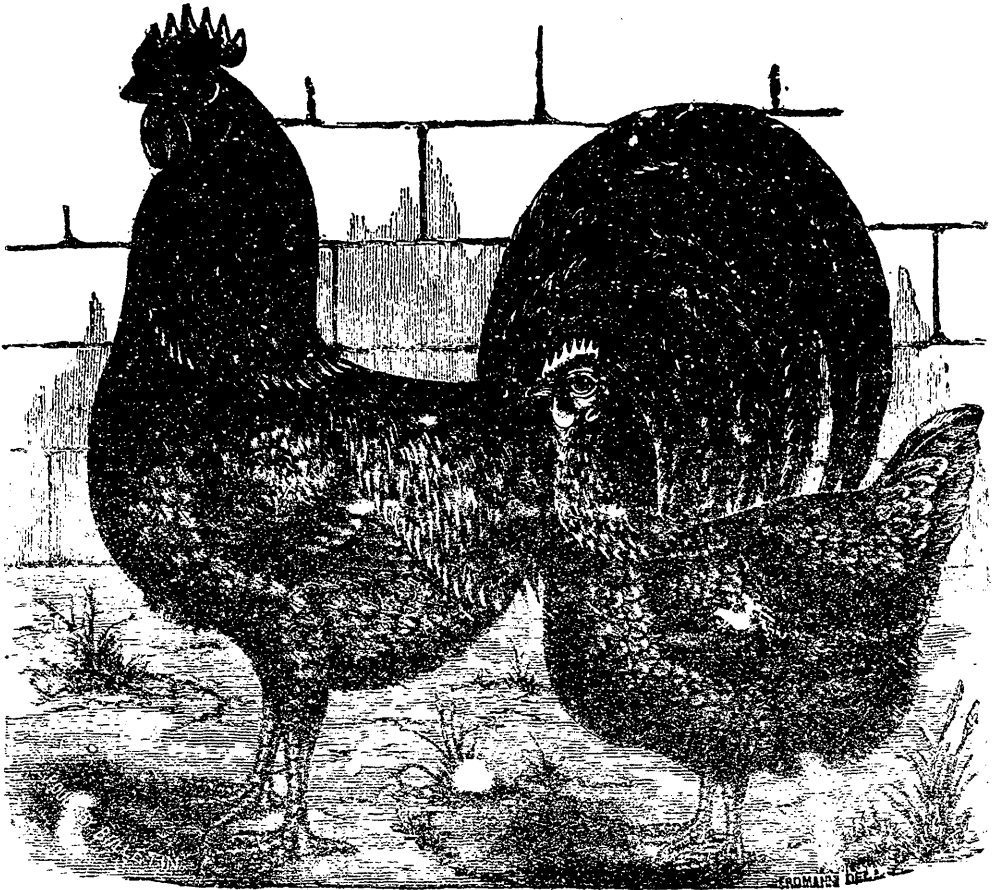
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## BLACK JAVAS.

In presenting the readers of the Review with a brief history of Javas, I will confine myself to the only original, genuine variety, viz: the Black Java. The Mottles originate in a cross, and can be considered later. In reviewing this question it is to be regretted that the chain of facts, although traceable for the space of thirty years, is not complete. One end of the chain is lost. After searching every available resource, although we fail to exhume the missing links, circumstances lead us to believe that Javas are of American origin, but what is their direct fountain head, and why a foreign name was assigned them, mystery alone can explain. The first known record of their existence comes from Missouri, U. S., where, over a quarter of a century ago, a noted physician bred them, but even his name and whether he still survives is unknown to us. At all events we have no record from him, or any other possible source whereby we can extend the chain of evidence. The doctor was so choise of his stock that he would not consent to his neighbors sharing it with him. But there was a way provided. Javas did not belong to the class of fowls that were