

## CURRENT TOPICS.

DISCUSSED BY BLACK WYANDOT.

THE most common present day type of silver Wyandotte is a great departure from the original idea of what a good specimen should be. The breeders of this noble variety seem to have imbibed the idea that a "small white centre" means a narrow white stripe. The fact is that the most beautiful specimens of this breed approximate the markings of a silver Sebright Bantam, and the nearer we can come to such markings, the handsomer and more popular the breed will be. A silver Wyandotte should not be a black Wyandotte, but if we take some of the published cuts and some of the dark specimens which have won under misguided judgment, as a criterion, a beginner might get the impression that he might as well buy solid black Wyandottes at once and be done with it. The silver Wyandotte has undoubtedly lost in popularity in this country on account of this letting down in the required type, while in England, where the Sebright markings have been the popular conception of the breed, it is gaining in popularity to such an extent that it forms an important class in leading shows, and individual specimens of superior merit have brought prices unheard of on this side the pond.

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Some crosses are very valuable—probably more valuable as far as the product of the first cross is concerned than many of the pure breeds, from a practical point of view. The admixture of entirely different lines of blood which is always accomplished in crossing, produces hardy chicks, quick growers and fine layers quite often. Do not use these cross bred birds as breeders. Their progeny will be a

measly set of chicks every time. A white Leghorn-light Brahma cross is very valuable, producing quick growing, prolific laying birds, lightly feathered on shanks and nearly white. A nice market fowl. A Leghorn-Plymouth Rock cross is also valuable. A Leghorn Dorking cross is a fine cross if you want table poultry. The chicks are hardier and more precocious than Dorkings, and larger and nicer table-fowls than Leghorns. Strange to say, a brown Leghorn-P. Rock cross will produce a large percentage of solid black chicks.

## THE WORLD'S FAIR.

*Editor Review* :—

THE following contains a fact or two that I am sure will be of interest to your many readers, consisting as they do largely of poultry and pet stock breeders.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Allan Bogue, London, (chairman), J. J. Mason, Bowmanville, J. Dilworth, Toronto, and W. H. Doel, Eglington, representing the Poultry Association of Ontario, waited upon the Hon. Mr. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, in Toronto on the 22nd inst., in relation to the advisability of the poultry interests of Ontario being represented at the World's Fair in Chicago, next year.

Mr. Dryden received the gentlemen in a cordial and friendly manner and became much interested in the reasons they assigned why the government should lend their assistance to further this object and bring it to a successful issue. Before leaving the delegates were very much pleased to receive a promise from the honorable gentleman to this effect, that the Ontario Government would take full charge of the poultry exhibit for the Columbian Exhibition and he had every reason to

believe that arrangements would be made that would be in every way satisfactory to all provincial breeders.

This Association would therefore call upon the poultrymen throughout Ontario to take the success of this matter as their own, and put forth their utmost endeavors to make the exhibit a creditable one, both in point of numbers and quality.

When the arrangements are fully matured, this Association will see that they receive such publicity as shall be necessary to bring them before the eyes of every interested person, and will be made as explicit as possible.

Your assistance, Mr. Editor, is also required to complete the means necessary to ultimate success, and trust to receive the same.

Future items which I may have of interest to your readers will be forwarded for your consideration and disposal.

Yours very truly,  
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January 26th, 1892.

*Editor Review* :

NOTICE in last issue of REVIEW re World's Fair at Chicago, the name of our old friend, A. Bogue, mentioned as superintendant of the Ontario exhibit. No doubt Mr. Bogue would make a good man, for no man has a much better knowledge of such things, out, with all due respect to Mr. Bogue, in my opinion we require a younger man, as it is not a position of ease by any means, and Mr. Bogue's advanced years would be much against him. If the matter is one subject to the different fancier's suggestions, let us hear from all parts of Ontario. I know of no better man for the position, nor a more deserving one than C. J. Daniels of Toronto. Of course this is only my humble opinion, let us hear from others. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space I have taken in your valuable journal.

I am fraternally yours,  
S. M. CLEMO,  
Dunnville, Ont., Feb. 11th, 1892.