

and straight comb; heavily feathered shanks, the birds strong and lively he will be able to raise numbers of chicks fit for exhibition if well cared for. He will likely have some with twisted feathers in wings, and others, often the best, will be afflicted with leg-weakness, but after all will have better success with this variety than with any other of the pure bred kinds, all things being equal.

White Cochins, like all Asiatic fowls, are very tame, and when they become accustomed to their keeper, seem to delight greatly in being petted by him. This often leads to their receiving more attention and food than is good for them, as they will rapidly lay on fat, and are very apt to become sterile from this cause. It is therefore very necessary that they be kept "scratching for their living," to secure the best results from them.

As layers I consider them at least equal to either Buff or Black Cochin, but somewhat behind Partridge Cochins and Light and Dark Brahmas. Their eggs are somewhat lighter in color than that of the Brahma, and of about equal size.

They are very patient sitters, but are rather awkward in brooding the young. Their great point of excellence appears when they are placed on the table, and he would not be very hungry who could not enjoy a cut of White Cochin when well cooked, after being properly fed; what I mean by properly fed is, one that has been killed before putting on superfluous fat under the skin. J. W.

These birds are found in the yards of quite a number of Canadian fanciers, and splendid specimens appear at our shows. Their great size, pure white plumage, bright red comb and wattles, attract many admirers. A pea-combed variety have been placed on exhibition at a number of shows, but they seem to be regarded by many with suspicion.

White Cochins are described as follows in the *American Standard of Excellence* :—

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

Birds not matching in the show-pen; primary wing-feathers twisted or turned outside the wings; twisted combs; crooked backs; wry tails; birds without leg-feathering; vulture hocks; legs any other color than yellow; cocks not weighing nine pounds; hens not weighing seven pounds; cockerels not weighing seven pounds; pullets not weighing five and a half pounds.

THE COCK.

HEAD: Rather short and small for the size of the bird; plumage white:—Eyes, pearl, or bright red, and mild in expression:—Beak, well curved, stout at the base, rather short, and rich, bright yellow in color.

COMB: Brilliant red, single, firm, rather small,

perfectly straight and upright, with well defined serrations, and free from side-sprigs.

WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Wattles, rich red, of medium length, well rounded, and fine in texture:—Ear-lobes, rich red, large, pendant, and fine in texture.

NECK: Short and neatly curved:—hackle, full, flowing well over the shoulders, and in color, pure white.

BACK: Broad, with a gentle rise from the middle thereof to tail, and with saddle-feathers very abundant,—color, white, and as free as possible from a yellowish tinge.

BREAST AND BODY: Breast, deep, broad and full:—Body, deep and round, and, in plumage, clear white, free from any yellowish tinge.

WINGS: Small, the primaries well folded under the secondaries, so as to be entirely covered when the wings are closed—the general plumage white, and as free as possible from yellowish tinge.

TAIL: Broad, short, soft and full, with the coverts numerous, and carried more horizontally than upright—plumage, clear white.

FLUFF: Very abundant and soft, covering the posterior portions of the fowl and standing out about the thighs, and, in color, white.

LEGS: Thighs, very large and strong, and plentifully covered with perfectly soft feathers, which on the lower part, should curve inward around the hock, so as nearly to hide the joint:—Shanks, yellow, short, stout and wide apart, and heavily feathered down the outsides with white feathers:—Toes, straight, strong and well spread, the outer and middle toes being well feathered.

CARRIAGE: Upright and stately.

THE HEN.

HEAD: Small and neatly shaped:—Eyes, pearl or bright red:—Beak, well curved, short and stout and rich yellow in color.

COMB: Rich red, single, small, fine, low in front, erect, perfectly straight, with small, well defined serrations, and free from side-sprigs.

WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Wattles, red, small, neatly rounded, and fine in texture:—Ear-lobes, rich red, well developed and fine in texture.

NECK:—Short, carried forward, the lower part broad and full, and clear white in plumage, the hackle-feathers reaching well over the shoulders.

BACK: Broad, flat and short, with the cushion rising from the middle thereof, and partially covering the tail—plumage, pure white.

BREAST AND BODY: Breast, broad, full, and carried rather low:—Body, broad, round and deep behind, and, in plumage, clear white.

WINGS: Small, the primaries well folded under the secondaries, so as to be concealed when the wings are closed: The wing-bows neatly covered