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BUFF COCHINS.

Of the Asiatic type. A fair layer of richly coloured eggs. Some strains lay much larger eggs than others. At the farm a hen of one strain layed eggs weighing only 1¾ oz. each, while a hen of another strain layed eggs 2¼ oz. each. They require to be kept active when in close quarters, as they put on fat very easily. The weights are: cock, 11 lbs.; hen, 8½ lbs.; cockerel, 9 lbs.; pullet, 7 lbs. The chickens are hardy and grow well, showing about the same development as the light Brahma cockerels. They are great favourites with many fanciers and some very fine specimens are held in Ontario.

LANGSHANS

are classed as belonging to the Asiatic family. They are a very valuable breed. In England they are much prized as a market fowl on account of their white flesh. The hens lay a rich dark brown egg of fair size and in goodly number. The chickens are hardy and grow well. The Standard demands the following weights: cock, 9½ lbs.; hen, 7 lbs.; cockerel, 8 lbs.; pullet, 6 lbs. Although these weights are necessary to permit of a successful exhibition in the show room, they are as a rule exceeded by the male birds.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

One of the best known breeds on the continent and one of the best for the farmer, who wishes an all round fowl. The pullets and young hens are good layers and the cockerels put on more flesh per month than any breed so far tried at the Experimental Farm. The chickens are hard and grow well, the cockerels putting on 1 lb. to 1¼ lbs. of flesh per month, when properly cared for and fed. Early pullets will lay at the age of five to five and a half months. The laying stock require to be kept busy, and the hens must not be overfed as they get fat very easily. The pullets will stand a little more pushing, as the pullets of all heavy breeds will. The hens make excellent mothers. There are three varieties of this popular breed, viz.: Barred, white and buff. The latter is a new comer.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES.

Another breed of American origin and a great favorite with a great many, on account of their laying and table qualities. The cockerels make good growth, showing a development equal to 14 to 16 oz. per month. They are square and compact in shape. They are excellent layers of eggs of fair size: some strains lay large brown eggs, and they make excellent mothers. They come close after the Plymouth Rock as a general pur-

pose fowl. There are three other varieties, the white, golden and buff. The white variety is described later on. The weights called for are: cock, 8½ lbs.; hen, 6½ lbs.; cockerel, 7½ lbs.; pullet, 5½ lbs.

THE NEW VARIETIES ON TRIAL.

The white Plymouth Rocks, white Wyandottes and the coloured Dorkings are the three new breeds on trial at the Experimental Farm. The value of the Dorkings, as table fowls, in Great Britain, is well known, and its hoped by their numerous admirers that they will be much more extensively bred in this country than they have been. The characteristics of the three breeds are given as follows:—

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

All the good points of the barred are claimed for this variety with the additional ones of greater size and whiter appearance of flesh when dressed for market. The latter claim is advanced on the ground that the white "pin" feathers do not show so darkly as in the barred. In order to give them a fair trial, eggs from two of the best strains in the country were procured and from them 17 pullets and 8 cockerels were hatched. The chickens were strong from their hatching out and made good progress, a cockerel hatched on the 20th May last showing 6 lbs. on the 21st September. The two others weighed 4 lbs. 5 oz. and 4 lbs. 8½ oz. respectively. The pullets are large and handsome. So far they are fully equal, if not superior, to the barred in growth and robust health. Careful observation will be made of the one variety as compared with the other. The Standard weights required are: cock, 9½ lbs.; hen, 7½ lbs.; cockerel, 8 lbs.; pullet, 6 lbs.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.

A very promising variety, showing so far, all the good points of the silver laced. They are claimed to dress better for market on account of the white pin feathers showing less. The same point it may be remembered, is claimed for the white Plymouth Rocks. From eggs of different strains procured, eleven pullets and ten cockerels were hatched. The chicks displayed hardiness and grew well. A cockerel hatched on the 30th May last, weighed on 2nd October following, 4 lbs. Two cockerels hatched 12th June, weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz., and 3 lbs. 15½ oz. on 13th October. Other weights were 3 lbs. 14 oz., 3 lbs. 11½ oz., 3 lbs. 10 oz.

The merits of the breed as furnishing early cockerels for market will be seen. Careful note will be taken of the laying qualities of the pullets. The weights required are: cock, 8½ lbs.; hen, 6½ lb.; cockerel, 7½ lbs.; pullet, 5½ lbs.