

TWELVE BANTAMS.

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THE LIGHT BRAHMA.

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THE light Brahma Bantam ought to prove a very attractive variety, when once it has been reduced to real Bantam size. All which I have seen have been too large, though in other respects they were very good specimens, having the pea-comb, the white, picked out with black, plumage, the feathered shanks and a fairly typical shape of the light Brahma. Even though too large they were very attractive fowls and I really expected that before this they would have become quite popular in this country, but one seldom hears of them now, and if bred at all in the United States their breeders are keeping very quiet about it.

We gave the light Brahma to England but England has given us the light Brahma Bantam. Its great Bantam originator, the late W. F. Entwistle, produced this variety from complicated crosses, rigid selection and skillful rearing, and had he lived a few years more it is quite probable that the work which he began he would have perfected. Whether his family will succeed as well as he is something which is yet to be demonstrated, but certainly here is our warm, hearty wish that the success of the head of the family may be equalled or exceeded by those who remain.

If I were to criticize the light Brahma Bantams which I have seen, in any other point than size, it would be that they partake too much of the Cochin shape. The Cochin shape is one and the light Brahma shape is another, and we in America, I think, emphasize the difference more strongly than is done in England. That being the case and the light Brahma Bantam being of English origin, it is not surprising that it should exhibit some markedly Cochin characteristics. But what we Americans want, and by Americans I mean citizens of the United States and Canada, is a light Brahma Bantam which is a typical light Brahma of about twenty-four ounces in weight for adult cocks. Give us that and we will assure it a large popularity. But if the cocks weigh forty ounces instead of twenty-four it will make friends very slowly. Diminish its size, secure typical shape and markings, and the light Brahma Bantam would be one of the most eagerly sought Bantams in the whole list of diminutive fowls.

TORONTO POULTRY, PIGEON AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

THE above Association held its regular monthly meeting in Temperance Hall, on Thursday, 14th Nov. The President, Mr. T. A. Duff in the chair. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It being the annual surplus stock sale the hall was not large enough to hold the visitors, a great many of whom were looking for bargains. The stock in most cases was good but prices low. Three new members were enrolled. Receipts of the evening, \$3.90.

R. DURSTON, Secretary.

CANADIAN PLYMOUTH ROCKS IN ENGLAND.

WE have more than once noticed the export to England of Plymouth Rocks by Mr. T. A. Duff. The following letter has been handed us. From it we should infer that rather dark birds get the preference from English judges :

"Nafferton Hall, Driffield, Nov. 12, 1895.

Thomas A. Duff, Esq., Toronto, Can.

My Dear Sir,—The 1st prize and medal and champion medal cockerel last Dairy Show, London, was bred from pullets received from you, and one of my own champion cocks. This week the 1st and cup pullet shown by me at Crystal Palace was bred from same pen. I could do with ten fairly dark good pullets or hens to be at Nafferton by Xmas. Will write again Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

R. BUTTERFIELD."



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A VERY NOTABLE EVENT.

When anything Canadian beats the world it becomes every-day talk everywhere. A very notable event in this way is now being recorded. The *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, of Montreal, always a great paper, has shot away ahead of even all the great American and English Weeklies and has become perhaps one of the most striking successes of the age. The *Family Herald and Weekly Star* has been increased to one hundred and twenty-eight columns, which will equal a hundred good sized volumes in a year. And such magnificent contents. First of all the *Family Herald and Weekly Star* is a great newspaper; it is a great authority on all farm and dairy matters and is now preferred by great cheese and butter makers and stock breeders the continent over. In matters of family reading, science, stories, sketches, the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, of Montreal, simply towers over everything of its kind. One thing certain, every person should see the *Family Herald and Weekly Star* even if it is to see what can be produced every week for a dollar a year, to say nothing of the great picture which we hear is coming with the *Family Herald* this season. We understand the publishers of the *Family Herald and Weekly Star*, Montreal, will make no charge for sending sample papers to those who do not know it. Those who know say tens of thousands of people are now subscribing for it. It looks as if the demand was going to be greater than the presses can turn out. Canadians and Americans too know a good thing. Certainly the *Family Herald and Weekly Star* is the leader.