

black: *Neck hackle*, light orange, striped with black underneath, just showing the stripes about the shoulders and back: *Back and wing bow*, bright orange red, shading off lighter towards the rump hackles, which should match the neck: *Breast*, very dark and evenly marked, each feather being black, or blackish brown, with a rich brown shaft and margin: *Shoulders*, greenish black: *Wing bars*, dark green: *Flights*, black: *Tail*, greenish black: *Thighs and belly*, black slightly marked with dark brown: *Legs and feet*, greenish black, with greenish skin underneath the foot, or blackish brown with a greenish tinge.

COLOR OF BROWN-BREADED RED HEN.

Face, Comb, Wattles, and Earlobes, blackish purple: *Eye*, darkest brown: *Beak*, black: *Head and neck hackle*, black, each feather edged with gold, but the black predominating: *Breast*, black, the centre feathers, from the throat downwards, slightly edged with gold: *Wings, back, tail, belly, and thighs*, black, or greenish black: *Legs and feet*, to match the cock's.

COLOR OF THE DUCKWING COCK.

Face, bright red: *Eye*, clear red: *Beak*, greenish brown above, greenish yellow beneath: *Head and neck feathers*, light straw color, free from dark stripes: *Back and wing bow*, uniform rich clear orange yellow, gradually shading into straw color in the rump hackles: *Breast, shoulders, thighs and tail*, blue black: *Wing-bars*, steel blue: *Flights*, clear white: *Legs and feet*, bright willow green.

COLOR OF THE DUCKWING HEN.

Face, comb, wattles, and ear lobes, bright red: *Eye*, clear red: *Beak*, greenish brown: *Head feathers*, white: *Neck*, white and black, the white predominating, each feather having a white centre and margin, with narrow black stripes between. *Back, wings, and top outer tail feathers*, uniform greyish white, very

finely and evenly pencilled with black, so as to present a beautiful silvery grey appearance; the rest of the tail black: *Breast*, light salmon or fawn color, each feather being a shade lighter in the centre: *Thighs, and belly*, ashy grey: *Legs and feet*, bright willow green. Yellow, brown, or red markings in the wings are very objectionable.

COLOR OF THE PILE COCK.

Face, bright red: *Eye*, clear bright red: *Beak*, greenish yellow, if willow or yellow legged, but white if white legged: *Head feathers*, rich orange red: *Neck*, orange red, slightly striped with white underneath: *Back and wing bow*, full clear rich red, gradually shading into orange red across the rump: *Throat, breast, thighs, belly, tail, and shoulders*, creamy white: *Wing bars*, clear white: *Flights*, rich deep bay: *Legs and feet*, light willow green, orange or white.

COLOR OF THE PILE HEN.

Face, comb, wattles, and ear lobes, red: *Eye*, clear bright red: *Beak, legs and feet*, to match the cock's: *Head and neck feathers* white, edged with gold: *Back, wings and tail*, creamy white: *Wing bow*, just below the shoulders, slightly marked with salmon: *Breast*, clear full salmon red; centre of each feather one shade lighter: *Thighs*, white slightly marked with salmon red.

CHARACTER OF FEATHER AND MARKINGS.

Next we come to the character of the feather. This should be short, narrow, hard and wiry, the very opposite of what it should be in the Cochin, but here we meet with a difficulty. These hard feathered birds are seldom so rich in color as the softer feathered birds, and they require more care in breeding. On this point, more presently.

Next the markings of the feathers, and here we meet with considerable variety, even amongst winners of prizes. Though, in Black Reds and