

white, free from lacing or mossaing, each feather ending with a distinct large round black moon or spangle, the moons increasing in size in proportion to the size of the feather; *Back, Shoulder Coverts, and Rump*, clear silvery white, free from mossaing or lacing, each feather ending with a distinct large round rich green black moon or spangle; *Wing Bow*, clear silvery white, each feather ending with a distinct round rich green black spangle; *Wing Bars*, greater and lesser wing coverts clear silvery white, free from lacing or mossaing, each feather ending with a large round green black spangle, forming two distinct parallel bars across the wing; *Primaries*, white, each feather ending with a distinct black spangle; *Secondaries*, clear silvery white, each feather ending with a large half-moon shaped green black spangle, termed, by the Lancashire fanciers, "lacing on the top of the wing;" *Tail*, white on the outside, each feather ending with a large round black spangle; *Tail Coverts*, clear silvery white, free from mossaing or lacing, each feather ending with a distinct large round green black spangle; *Legs*, slaty blue. Hens in a pen to match as nearly as possible in size of markings and depth of colour, &c.

POINTS IN SPANGLED HAMBURGH COCKS.—Comb, 2; Deaf Ear, 2; Colours and Marking of Head, Hackle, Back, Saddle and Tail, 3; Breast, under parts of Body, and Thighs, 2; Wings and Bars, 2; Symmetry, 2; Condition, 2; Total, 15.

POINTS IN SPANGLED HAMBURGH HENS.—Comb, 2; Deaf Ear, 2; Neck most distinctly and evenly striped, 1. Remainder of plumage (except tail in Golden), clearness of ground colour, evenness and distinctness of spangling, with rich, large round spangles, 4; Bars, 2; Symmetry, 2; Condition, 2; Total, 15.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.—Hen-feathered Cocks, crooked backs, wry tails combs

single, or falling over to one side, red deaf ears, birds without distinct bars across the wing, legs of any other colour except blue.

Literary Notices.

THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE; as revised by the Poultry Fanciers of America. Compiled by William H. Lockwood, Hartford, Conn. 1871.

We have received a copy of this work, which purports to be a revision of the "American Standard of Excellence"—a work, by the way, which we have never seen—and to give a "complete description of all the known varieties of fowls," also "an essay on breeding prize birds for exhibition," but by whom is not stated. The compiler and publisher is Mr. William H. Lockwood, Recording Secretary of the Connecticut State Poultry Society, and the "Standard" is that said to be adopted at the Convention of Poultry Fanciers, held in New York in February, 1871, but of which there appears no verification. As already stated, we have never seen in print any work entitled the "American Standard of Excellence," and are therefore unable to point out in what respect the present work differs from the former one. It may not, however, be uninteresting to compare it with that published by the "London (England) Poultry Club," and which, we are inclined to believe, is the Standard alluded to as revised.

All fanciers at all conversant with poultry matters in the United States will not have failed to notice the large number of prizes offered for competition to breeds and varieties of fowls, either altogether unknown to the English breeder, or considered by him of too little importance to have a separate class allotted them. In a purely American standard the fancier would have