

parison, select those specimens that are found to win and score them, to find out where the cards are to be placed. In this way the judge will get over his work as quickly, or nearly so, as when judging by comparison, and when he is done, know that every defect has been noticed by him, as is not the case at all times when judging by comparison. The exhibitor can then see where his birds are deficient, or where they excel over his competitors.

A few notes on the classes allotted to me to judge :

Dorkings—Great quantity and quality and a decided improvement over last year in all varieties. Silver greys, 1st old cock, a trifle short in leg, but an extra large one, with a grand colored breast and body, and tail, a little neavy in striping in hackle and saddle, an easy winner ; 2nd a good bird, but a little yellow in color of plumage on neck and back. Hens, extra fine, very large and clean in color of plumage. Winning cockerels all good, also pullets. Colored extra fine 1st and 2nd cockerels very close. The second bird lost in shape of tail, all other points being about equal. First pullet, an easy winner, being extra large and fine in marking, others good. In old birds, the winners all extra fine specimens, and several birds not awarded a prize could win in strong company. Whites, very large, not as white in plumage as we would like, and several off in shape of comb.

Houdans made an immense showing, great quality and a marked improvement over last year. I noticed a few specimens with very large crests and beards, yet in color of plumage they were off, the white not distinct enough, having a brown appearance, and the black running into the white.

Java—First cock, a grand bird, all Java in shape, with a rich, lustrous plumage, the second a little short in back, a little off in shape of tail, hardly as rich in lustre of plumage as first ; 3rd, a good bird, his worst fault is his comb. The winning hens, fair, but the best hen, and one fit to win in almost any company had to be left out on account of wing being cut. I was quite satisfied, it was not done intentionally, as the other wing was free from a speck of white or grey, in fact, as fine in color as I ever saw. In such cases we hate to throw out such specimens, yet we have to do so, if not others would have accidents happen, when it might be disputed. First cockerel, a grand bird all round, and hard to fault : second and third

also good. First pullet, rather small, but neat and good color. The finest pullet in the show, so far as color and size was concerned, had a little raise on back, otherwise would win easily. This defect was quite noticeable, and we had to give the first to a much smaller specimen, yet neat in shape. Whites, only a fair class, several being quite yellow in plumage and very yellow in leg.

Polands were both numerous and good, as we might expect at London, where the veteran fanciers of this class, Messrs. Bogue and McNeil, live. The winners of special in the different varieties were certainly as fine as could be desired, with grand shaped crests and extra fine in color, particularly in color of tails, so hard to get in all laced or spangled varieties of Polands.

The winner of special in the silver bearded, a cockerel, as fine as I ever saw, and was the admiration of all Poland fanciers. I was pleased to see several new exhibitors in the different varieties of Polands with very fine birds indeed. They must not get discouraged if they don't get to the front in a few years' breeding, as it requires experience in not only breeding good specimens, but in preparing them for exhibition, particularly in this class of fowl.

The Rocks, all varieties, well represented. The first and second barred cocks, extra large, with fine, yellow legs and beaks, without a speck of black. The third and fourth, very fair, not so large or as good shape as first and second. First hen, a grand one, a little cochiny in shape, but large and well barred, with nice legs and beak. Second and third, also very fair specimens. First cockerel, very nicely barred, especially in tail and wings. We consider him the best barred bird in the show, but a little deficient in shape of breast and body. Second, third and fourth cockerels, all good, extra large, with nice colored legs and beaks, not as good in tail as first. First pullet, the best I have seen this year, both in color and shape, second, a little heavy in barring, with several dark spots on legs, very large and barred to the skin. Whites, a great improvement so far as size and shape are concerned. Several specimens a little creamy in color of plumage. First cock, an easy winner, good shape and white in plumage. Hens, extra good, winning cockerels especially so ; first, really good, also pul-