

bad point, which in their minds must be got rid of. I prefer a fine well-made bird, deficient perhaps in color, to a small diminutive perfect bird; and if the latter two of these be matched up, you lose size, which is not desirable. Again, there is great fear of Vulture hocks; they certainly are very unsightly, but if the parents be not deficient in shank feathers, many good birds will be the result. The mistake is, that although like produces like, it also produces unlike; and could we establish a race that would always breed true, the excitement would be at an end. Matching birds for exhibitions and for stock are, as I often have stated, two very different things. I do not advise breeding from a bird with a disqualifying point, for instance a *Hamburgh* with a single comb, or a *Cochin* with a pea comb, but as perfection is almost impossible, the quota the good imparts should over-balance the one deficient point; although in an individual idea it is an eye-sore, still it should be counteracted on one side.

I find, to sum up, since my return to Great Britain, that *Buff Cochins* are decidedly improved in color. *Partridge* in all points. *Whites* are much larger, and *Blacks* are coming in, but at present are small. Some *Cuckoo* have been shown; I suppose they would be better known as *Dominiques* in America.

It may be useful to many whose birds have rough scaly feet, to know that *Red Precipitate Ointment*, applied once or twice, will entirely remove the unpleasant appearance; a little patience only will be required, and legs and toes will come all right again.

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POULTRY, at certain seasons, are sometimes over-stimulated by high feeding to make them lay. It should be remembered that fowls can be injured in this way.

Poultry Exhibitions.

WESTERN NEW YORK POULTRY EXHIBITION.

We are glad to learn that this Exhibition held at Buffalo, as previously announced, has proved in every way a success. The number of entries was large, beyond the expectation of its most sanguine promoters, while the specimens shown were very fine. The judging, too, it appears, gave general satisfaction—a somewhat rare occurrence in poultry exhibitions, but which is indicative of a better knowledge of poultry becoming more general among breeders, and that when specimens are placed side by side, fanciers, as well as judges, are able to point out those entitled to a prize, and the unsuccessful exhibitor, instead of finding fault with the judging, leaves determined to breed better birds next season. The attendance was large, and the receipts at the door very considerable. A large number of birds changed hands at prices satisfactory to the seller, as was anticipated, and announced at the end of the prize list when published. We see it stated in a Buffalo paper that the receipts, over all expenses, amounted to the handsome figure of \$800—no small sum towards the prize list of a second show, and which we understand our Buffalo poultry friends purpose holding in the fall of this year.

We are not in possession of the official prize list, although we have the Buffalo dailies giving the names of the successful exhibitors. We learn, however, privately, that there are some inaccuracies, and we therefore refrain from mentioning the names of any prize takers lest we would unknowingly do some of the exhibitors an injustice. Next number, however, we purpose returning to the subject. In the meantime, we heartily congratulate our Buffalo poultry friends on the happy result of this, their first exhibition.

NEW ENGLAND POULTRY CLUB.

The Seventh Annual Exhibition of Poultry and Pigeons will take place at the Horticultural Hall, Worcester, Massachusetts, commencing on the 8th, and continuing to the 10th of March, inclusive. The prize list and exhibition rules