



**BANTLINGS.**

Do not try to hatch out these mites too early. Nothing is gained by it, rather the reverse. We have found that Bantams hatched out from May 1st to June 15th always thrive the best. If out earlier they grow too large, if later (except in fall) they are hard to raise, being subject to lice, weakness from extreme heat, etc.

Are our Bantam breeders all dead, or has the late extreme cold frosted them?

Mr. H. B. Donovan, Toronto, has sold to Mr. W. McNeill, London, the white Cochin Bantam cock second at the Ontario. He has since been shown at New York.

Both Mr. McNeill and Mr. Oke did particularly well on their Bantams at New York, in some classes taking almost all there was going, between them.

We have found that Game Bantams do well on barley and oats almost exclusively, keeping hard and tight in feather on this diet. Too much soft food spoils them.

*Poultry*, of London, England, has the following account of an unusual case: "I received a Bantam cockerel during 1893, silver duckwing, Snell and Entwistle's strains I believe simply, parents both duckwings, grandfather a black red though. Last autumn, 1894, when moulting the plumage

entirely altered, and now, with the exception of a few hackle feathers at the bottom of the neck and a few near the tail, he just resembles a duckwing hen. H seems in good health, and I have bred from him during the last year."

**TWELVE BANTAMS.**

**III.**

**BROWN RED GAME.**

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LITERALLY speaking there is no such a variety as the brown red Game Bantam. The name is a misnomer. It doesn't describe the fowl. It is a lemon and black, not a brown and red variety, as now bred. But there was a time when brown red was a fairly good name for the variety, for the cock was a deep red, where he is now lemon, and his breast was laced with brown; the hen also was brown and black, where she is now lemon and black. I hardly think the change in coloring is an improvement, but with the lightening up of the colors of the black-breasted red, the rendering fashionable of these lighter and brighter colors, it was quite natural that the movement should include the brown red variety also. At any rate it has done so, and the lemon-black seems quite as popular as the older, and to me more beautiful, brown red.

In shape the brown red presses the black-breasted red