



Samuel Cushman's  
Rose comb Rhode Island Reds

### RHODE ISLAND REDS

ARE HARDEST, AND LAY LARGEST DEEP-TINTED EGGS OF ANY FOWL OF THEIR SIZE—HAVE DEEPER YELLOW SKIN AND LEGS THAN ANY WHITE FOWL, ARE NOT ANGULAR, BONY AND LEGGY WHEN DRESSED, AND HAVE NO DARK PIN-FATHERS—HAVE NOT YET BEEN SPOILED BY BEING CONFINED FOR GENERATIONS IN TOWN BACK YARD COOPS, OR BEING BRED MOSTLY FOR COLOR OF FEATHER BY THE EXTREME FANCIER—THEREFORE, THEY JUST SUIT THE FARMER AND THE MARKET POULTRY RAISER—THEY ARE ALSO VERY BEAUTIFUL.

SO says Mr. Chas. Cushman, of Providence, R.I., an enthusiastic lover of this breed. He may claim too much and he may not.

#### ORIGIN.

Rhode Island Red fowl have been in existence for

twenty or thirty years. They have been the favorite stock on the Rhode Island farms, where hundreds and thousands of hens have been kept for egg production. They were originated on the farm and until lately have been bred only by the farmer. Like the Plymouth Rock and Wyandotte, now so popular, they are a combination of other breeds, and from similar ancestry, having descended from a mixture of Malay Game and Cochin China or Shanghai fowls. They may also contain some American Dominique and brown Leghorn blood, but they have been bred, about as they now are on the farms, for a score of generations.

#### CHARACTERISTICS.

While the flocks on farms run quite uniform as regards size, hardiness and business qualities, there is much variation in minor characteristics and considerable variation in color. Birds having single, rose and