

black pied cock, do.; black pied hen, do.; yellow pied cock, do.; white pied cock, do.; pair, do.; red pied cock, do.; red pied hen, do.; pair black chequered, do.; black chequered cock, do.; black chequered hen, do.; pair blue chequered, do.; blue chequered cock, do.; blue chequered hen, do.

*Dragons*—Best pair, W. Salmon; black cock, M. H. Cryer & Co.; blue hen, do.

*Crows*—Best pair, M. H. Cryer & Co.; best cock, do.; best hen, do.

*Gulls*—Best pair, M. H. Cryer & Co.; best cock, do.; best hen, do.

*Archangels*—Best pair, M. H. Cryer & Co.; best cock, do.; best hen, do.

*Jacobins*—Best pair, W. Salmon; best cock, M. H. Cryer & Co.; best hen, do.

*Nuns*—best cock, M. H. Cryer & Co.; best hen, F. & H. Sanborn.

*Turbits*—Best pair, F. & H. Sanborn; best hen, do.

*Trumpeters*—Best pair, W. Salmon.

*Fantails*—Best pair white, W. Salmon; best pair red, F. & H. Sanborn; best cock, Thomas Hultz; best hen, do.

*Sheldons*—Best pair, W. Salmon.

*Scallops*—Best cock, J. C. Long, Jr.; best hen, do.

*Blackbills*—Best pair, W. Salmon.

*Best Collection Pigeons*—W. Salmon.

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*Best Setter Dog*—W. W. Castle.

*Best Pointer Dog*—W. W. Castle.

*Best Granhound*—D. B. Walker.

*Best Scotch Terrier*—W. Oliver.

## LIGHT BRAHMAS.

We make the following extracts from Mr. Wright's article on Light Brahmas, referred to by Col. Hassard, C.B., Royal Engineers, in another column:—

The simple fact is that Light Brahmas have lately very much deteriorated. I fear my plain statement will draw a hornets' nest about my ears, but I have studied the Brahma fowl long and closely, and make it advisedly. They have fallen off in color, leg-feather, shape and size. So far from judges being against them, I have heard the admittedly best judge we have, not in conversation with me, but independently, express his regret that such "miserable" Light Brahmas were shown; and on one occasion both he and his colleagues observed that the hens were regularly "duck-shaped." Looking at the class, I saw at once how singularly appropriate the criticism was, the "Aylesbury" type of body being most conspicuous, and the exquisite neatness of the true Brahma shape completely gone. That there are exceptions I of course do not deny, and during the last twelve months several cocks especially have been shown of the true shape and color, but mostly small in size. I may mention the two winning Birmingham cockerels of last year, for instance, which were also good in leg-feather, for

the purpose of rebutting Mr. Long's imputation that the judges go by size chiefly. It is rather singular, if his remarks are to be considered as shared by Light Brahma breeders generally, that while both these awards were evidently made in favor of color and proportion as compared with mere size, I never heard any complaint made by those disappointed on the ground that the winning birds were so small! Further still, when at Plymouth I gave the cup (open there) to the Light Brahma birds in preference to the Dark, showing that Light can win sometimes, Mr. James Long, both verbally and in this journal, was the first to complain, stating to me that the Dark (a very large but badly-shaped pen ought to have won, and in these columns that the cup bird was far inferior to another, larger indeed in size but much worse, both in true Brahma shape and color.

It is not, then, that the judges have discouraged the Light Brahmas, but that the Light Brahmas have "discouraged" the judges. Let them be shown correct in shape, good in color, and well-feathered, even if not large, and they will win. Not many weeks ago I remember seeing it remarked in one of the reports that they had beaten the Darks in fair fight. But they can also be bred large; and whatever can make Mr. Long say, as he does, that to increase the size "cannot be done," I am at a loss to conceive. Let Light Brahma breeders select their stock better, and keep their chickens at home to grow, instead of sending them to the early shows, and they will soon improve. I do not know why it is, but while the best Dark Brahmas are usually kept back till matured, the Lights seem mostly to be early shown; and this I am sure is one cause of the deterioration, though want of knowledge in breeding and rearing does more. At all events, if there is any difference in the two breeds, I should say that decidedly the Light breed can be bred the larger. To my certain knowledge, there are several cocks now in the United States nearly 17 lbs. in weight; and one lately dead made a foot-print 6½ inches long. In hens, 10 lbs. is a common weight there, and 12 lbs. not so very rare. In fact, the best Light Brahmas now to be had must be sought in America, where they are both larger and better in quality than here; and there, if I sought a strain for myself,