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GAME BANTAMS.

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ROTHING in the feathered fancy line has proved of more permanent interest than the Game Bantam. From his first appearance upon the scene until the present he has made and kept friends. The longer he is bred the more popular he becomes, for today I believe it safe to affirm, the world over, that the Game Bantam is the most popular of all Bantams, and it would not be safe to affirm that there is any limit to his popularity. It has increased and will increase. When one thinks the topmost wave has been reached, lo, another billow greater than any previous one comes sweeping up the beach. Just as the horizon recedes as we go towards it, opening to our eyes new scenes and wider visions, just so does the popularity of the Game Bantam advance with every step of our progress.

Why is this so? Probably because the Game Bantam realizes most perfectly all those qualities deemed essential in a Bantam. All Bantams are deservedly popular; all have their friends and advocates; all win some of the plaudits of the public. The small size, characteristic of all Bantams, makes them lovable, and this small size reaches its utmost limit, at least in appearance, in the Game. If there are other Bantams as small as the Game, there are none which look so small, owing to the shortness of the Game feathering and the closeness with which the plumage clings to the body. We have seen rose-combs as small as the smallest Game, but even in such cases the Games look to be the smaller.

Then, too, despite the great beauty of figure possessed by other Bantams, the trimness of the Game gives an appearance of high breeding. One never sees a Game Bantam without thinking of a thoroughbred race-horse, if he is a lover of horses, the highest type of perfection to which

horse-breeding has been brought. In the bold eye, the lean head, the clean-cut neck, the strong but not heavy limbs of the thoroughbred, intelligence, speed and endurance seem typified; and the same, or at least similar emotions are awakened at the sight of a Game Bantam. Though but a speck of life there is the prominent eye, the lean head, the clean-cut neck and the strong but slender limbs.

The Game Bantam, too, has an appearance of courage, and courage appeals even to a member of the Universal Peace Society. The prominence of the eyes, the pride shown in the erect carriage, and the lofty way of lifting the feet, all mark the Game Bantam as independent, self-reliant, courageous. He has an air which says as plainly as words: "I know my worth and am able to take care of myself." He seems to feel the pride of ancient lineage and be conscious of his own attainments. Among Bantams the Game is the aristocrat—among the best a ruler, and hence he is popular with all classes.

A NEW ASSOCIATION IN SARNIA.

(S) N May 24th we organized a Poultry Association, to be known as Lambton Poultry and Pet Stock Association. We hold our first show in Sarnia, December 14th to 18th, with L. G. Jarvis, of Guelph, as judge. The following officers were elected:—Hon. President, Jas. F. Lister, M.P., Sarnia; President, Peter Wellington, Blackwell Station; 1st Vice President, John W. Kedwell, Petrolea; 2nd Vice President, W. F. Phillips, Sarnia; Sec. Treas., Thos. H. Mills, Sarnia. Executive Committee, A. G. Brown, Watford; Wm. Luscombe, Sarnia; Frank Thomas, Sarnia; John Cairns, Cam-lachie; Wm. Atkinson, Petrolea; D. G. McGregor, Sarnia; Wm. Yates, Lambton Mills; C. A. Wade, Sarnia.

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