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## BLACK SPANISH.

Black Spanish is one of the oldest and most widely known varieties of pure-bred poultry that we have. Through all the craze for the Brahma, Cochin, Plymouth Rock, Langshan, etc., when it seemed to many as though the Spanish were forgotten, the shows now and then gave evidence that they still had their admirers, and that their improvement was going on in the hands of skillful breeders, who, if very quiet, were not idle.

There is no doubt that this variety, as its name indicates, is of Spanish origin, and was introduced into England at a very early date. To English fanciers belongs the credit of having fixed those fancy points that are now the peculiar characteristics of this breed.

Spanish will prove profitable to their keepers as egg producers without any greater care than is required by other varieties; but when intended for