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There was a really nice pair of Black Hamburg chicks exhibited, good enough to win first prize in strong competition, but there being no class for them, was reluctantly compelled to pass them without awarding a prize. I hope the "Central" will put in a class next year for Black Hamburgs; this variety has much to recommend it and at Toronto, and all other shows where they are recognized on the list, they have made up the largest exhibit in the Hamburg class.

LONDON.

OLD BIRDS

Dorkings—in whites the 1st prize pair were grand birds; silver-gray, much better birds than were shown at either Toronto or Hamilton; colored—the 1st prize pen contained a good cock, but his mate was nearly naked; 2nd prize pen contained a nice looking pair of birds, but some one during the show deprived the cock of his caudal appendage, which did not improve his appearance. Polands, as a class, were the best lot I have met this season, both in old and young, and some extraordinary fine show birds were left without tickets after the prizes were awarded to the best. Houdans—the 1st and 2nd prize pairs magnificent birds. The Game classes did not contain many good birds outside the 1st prize pair of Golden Duckwings. Cochins—Buffs, very inferior birds; Whites, medium; Partridges, moderately good. Brahmas—Light, 1st and 2nd prize pairs were good birds, and in grand show condition; Dark, the 1st prize pair were splendid birds, bred from Mr. Sweet's "Agamemnon." Spanish was a good class. The Leghorns, White and Brown, were a grand lot of birds, and most of them in good show condition. Hamburgs—Golden and Silver Spangled class contained some good birds, as did also the pencilled. Plymouth Rocks—the 1st prize pair was by far the best pair I have met this season, as was also the 1st prize chicks, but very young. Bantams were well represented, and a very strong class, and nearly every pair, both old and young, would figure high. The Turkeys were extraordinary large, especially the first prize pair. Geese were out in large force, and some really good birds amongst them. Ducks—Aylesbury's had splendid beaks and were very large; Rouens were only a medium lot; Pekins, really good.

CHICKS.

Dorkings—the chicks in this class were all good birds, but most of them lacked in age. The Polands were a grand lot. Games—but one really meritorious pair, a pair of Piles. Cochins—Buffs, very inferior; Partridge, pullets beautifully pencilled, cockerels a little too young to show well.

Brahmas—Light, 1st prize pair good birds, very early and well grown; 2nd prize pair young, but birds that will improve, and hold a higher place the coming winter if shown; Darks, very fair birds. Leghorns were very fine. Hamburgs were all good.

London show contained a larger percentage of good birds than any of the others that I attended this fall; the birds were well fed and attended to, and the coops well littered.

HAMILTON.

OLD BIRDS.

Dorkings—fair birds but in very poor show condition. Plymouth Rocks—cocks, deficient and brassy, hens, moderately good. Cochins—Buffs, fair, good class, but a great many of the cocks showing white in flights; Whites—the 1st prize pair were splendid birds, 2nd prize pair only middling; in Blacks, the 1st prize cock was very white in under-feather, but otherwise a good bird; 2nd prize pair matched well in legs, but too slim to meet good company; Partridges, a poor class, but still some pretty good birds amongst them. Brahmas—Dark, cock in 1st prize pen very good, hen small and very deficient in pencilling—a much better hen in the 2nd prize pen, but cock deficient; Light, very poor—only two pairs shown in this class. The Light Brahmas, 1 cock and 5 hens, shown by R. Mackay, was a splendid exhibit. Polands were good all through. Hamburgs were a much better class than at Toronto, take them all through. Spanish—only one really good pair, and that was where the first prize fell. Leghorns—Whites were in much better condition than at Toronto; Browns, fair birds. Games—Black-breasted reds, 1st and 2nd prize pairs good—there was also a magnificent hen shown, but her poor mate debarred her from winning; Silver Duckwing, very good. Houdans—good in color but rather small. Bantams—very large class, and some magnificent birds amongst them. Geese, Turkeys, and Ducks were generally good; our old friend Baker showed a splendid pair of Pekins, which he had the pleasure of presenting to the Marchioness of Lorne. The pigeon class was quite large, but the birds were shown in such small coops that they could scarcely move, and could not be seen to advantage.

CHICKS.

Dorkings—The winners in Colored were two splendid pairs; Silver were only middling birds. Plymouth Rocks—both 1st and 2nd prize pairs were dark, but matched well in color, legs and beaks; in the competition for best pen, 1 cockerel and four pullets, the best pen contained two cockerels, which blunder on the part of the exhibitor deprived his pen of the honors; there was quite a display in this class, and considerable variety, the two pullets in one pen having top-knots. Cochins—Buffs, medium birds; Whites, fair birds, but young; Partridge, all red breasted; pullets showed a good deal of shaft. Hamburgs—very good, at least the winning ones, in the three classes. Spanish—only moderately good birds. Bantams were a grand lot—some of them we will hear of again this winter if shown.