

England or France to Canada, yet we have some fine specimens shown at our large Exhibitions here, and we have also seen some very choice specimens exhibited in the States.

Plymouth Rocks.

This excellent breed of fowls has now has stood the test of many years and is constantly growing in favor and popularity. They are most prolific layers both in summer and winter, and the person possessing a few of them need be without eggs at no time during the year. They are not non-sitters, but are not such persistent sitters as the Asiatics, being easily broken up, and when broken from their broody propensities, they resume their duties as layers within a few days, thus losing very little time. But when allowed to sit and bring out chickens they make good mothers, being very careful of their brood and protect them bravely. They will not carry a brood of chickens however as long as most other varieties, as they want to go to laying again sooner. I have had two Plymouth Rock hens carry broods of chickens this year and lay each an egg every day during the last two weeks they were with them.

They are a very hardy fowl, and I should think they are well adapted to withstand the Canadian winters, or any country subject to climatic changes. They are not so very choice in their diet, and will eat almost anything which is convertible into flesh or eggs, and are great vegetarians, being very fond of vegetables, and will devour plantain leaves voraciously, especially if they have been confined for a time.

The young chicks are hardy, grow out roundly and rapidly, feather out fast, and seldom or never die of gaps, or other diseases which usually carry off young chickens,—at least such is my experience with them, in breeding them a number of years, never having lost one of them with the gaps.

The cocks run in different shades, from light silver gray to dark Dominique.

For breeding purposes a middling light cock is best, but a darker one is generally preferred for exhibition purposes, in order to come nearer the color of the hens which are mostly dark.

As I receive numerous inquiries from correspondents, asking for information as to the characteristics of this variety of fowls, I have condensed some of the leading ones in the above article, which may be of interest to your readers, and which will save writing so much to individual parties.

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