

as they certainly can not be put in the Dunghill list. It was my desire not to enlarge the present recognized varieties, but to find a place for those birds in one of the already existing ones. And, as from all their characteristics, being so closely allied to the Hamburg, I thought they might with much propriety be assigned a place among them.

A "Real Lover of Hamburgs" wishes to have them put in the Dorking class, but the fact of their being non-sitters and lacking the fifth toe, should be a disqualification for Dorkings.

A LOVER OF HAMBURGHIS.

Oct. 20th, 1870.

JUDGING POULTRY.

SIR: I propose asking a few questions relative to poultry judging at the late Provincial Show, should you deem them not inappropriate to the columns of your valuable paper.

First: The Sebright Bantams that took the second prize—the cock had a rose or double comb, the hen a single comb. Is this right? Also, in the class for Game Chickens of 1870, the cock bird of the second prize pair had a double or triple comb, somewhat like the pea comb of the Brahma. Should not this have disqualified them? Again, the first prize pencilled Hamburg cock's comb was turned to the one side. Was not this also a disqualification?

If matching in a pen is deemed by judges a matter of importance, I would ask if the prize pen of Houdans were so? and if not, why give them a prize?

And what of the so-called light Brahmas, which got first prize. Did not the mottling of the under parts and thighs denote a cross with the Dark variety? Most undoubtedly it did.

What is the meaning of disqualification? Does it not mean that birds lacking certain qualities or points, and possessing certain others which they ought not to have, would be unfit to be

awarded a prize at a good poultry show, even if there was no competition, and certainly much more so where there was?

I shall trouble you by asking a few more questions. Are game birds with double combs a recognized class? and if so, by what authority? The point of my question will be seen when I find prizes awarded to such birds; and in the Bantam class of Black and White bantams, would birds with single combs and feather legs be successful competitors against other bantams rose-combed and clean-legged, all other points being equal? I trow not.

In your last issue appeared an article headed "Game Fowls, No. 1," describing the Cock in Brown-Reds. It says: "Breast and thighs either red, brown, streaked with dark brown, or, of a clear red brown, any black streaks or markings objectionable." The "Standard of Excellence" says distinctly, "Breast reddish brown, streaked with black, shaft of feathers black, thighs dusky black." Which is correct? I think you should give us a note with your opinion, when an article differs so much from the Standard.

Where can the Standard of Excellence be had, and at what price? Several persons have requested me to get them a copy, but I can not do so. I sent last fall to all the principal bookstores in Toronto and could not get one. I subsequently sent to New York.

ONE WHO WISHES TO LEARN.

October 15th, 1870.

P. S.—When at the Show I heard one of the judges remark that he had, as one of his co-judges, a gentleman from England, named "Punchard," who had at exhibitions there taken with his birds a great many cups and prizes, and that with such an able assistant, they were going to start at a certain hour next day, and go through "sharp" and "fast." Hearing this, I was led to expect great