

contradicted if I say there should be only one opinion. This matter of judging brings up the question of symmetry, (upon which there are many ideas and ideals) which affect every breed and every breeder. It also suggests the impropriety of enlarging upon this subject at present, and, in apologizing for the lengthy character of this reply, I must shield myself behind the plea that the space is dedicated not to me but to the subject.

[At the last moment the engraver informs us that Mr. Essex's drawing of figure "C." could not be reproduced owing to the color of the ink. We are having it re-drawn and it will appear in next issue. ED.]

#### *Editor Review:*

In the March REVIEW I notice quite an able article on the above variety, by C. F. Wagner. Judges who prefer a small comb do not follow the Standard requirements and societies should instruct judges to that effect. Mr. Wagner also speaks of organizing a Minorca club: I second the motion. Now, let others follow. I have been agitating the same question in the *Practical Poultrymen* for some time, but American fanciers are slow in taking hold. In regard to tail Mr. Wagner is right, but when he condemns the score card because some ignorant judge placed the awards wrongly I think he is away off. A bird should score the same at a small show as at a large one, the fault does not lay with the card but the ignoramus who misuses it. Let Mr. Wagner read the reports of American shows and he will find lots of 2nd prize birds where they were not worthy of 1st. A judge who scores a bird away up for want of competition should be drummed out of the fancy.

H. UNGERER.

Westfield, N.J.

#### *Editor Review:*

In regard to Mr. Wagner's remarks on black Minorcas I thought I might be able to say a few words. In the first place we will start with the comb; I do not like a comb all spikes as shown in cut in REVIEW, but think six or seven points enough for a Minorca comb. It is too old fashioned, my mother used to breed them with such combs in England fifty years ago when I was a boy. Now I think we should improve as we go along. I am sure the Minorca would look much better with a comb more like the Leghorn, but a little larger and follow the neck more. We should try to reduce comb but keep up size of bird.

In regard to ear lobes. They should be larger than the Hamburg's and instead of being round should be more of an

almond shape, not straight on one side as in cut. I like a tail carried similar to Mr. Wagner's cut, but it would not be out of place if it were as high as the dotted line.

THOS. RICE.

Whitby, March 18th, 1895.

#### THE ONTARIO LIST.

#### *Editor Review:*

AS you invite discussion on Mr. Graham's letter, I would like to make a few remarks re the distribution of prize money at the Ontario. I am of the same opinion as Mr. G., I think the money is very badly divided, and am also of the opinion that the Government grant was never given to be swallowed up by pet or ornamental stock, that has no tendency to further the poultry interests of Canada—and Bantams should be classed as ornamental. There are just about enough Bantams to scoop in the prize money every time at the Ontario. Now, Mr. Editor, this Government grant was given for the sole purpose of educating the farmer in poultry raising for profit. Now, I wonder if the time will ever come when the farmer will launch into Bantam raising for the money that will be in it. I am afraid not in our time. I cannot see that the Ontario, with their large Government grant, gives any more inducements than many of our smaller shows. They charge double the entry fee and give double the amount in prize money. They ought to be able to do the same and only charge half the entry they do. It has been the aim of every originator of a new breed to place before the public a breed that will prove to be superior in every respect to our older breeds. Some one has got to take hold and help perfect these new varieties, and what encouragement has the Ontario ever given to those parties who have had courage enough to pay big money and give their labours to bring these varieties nearer to a point of perfection. They have never done anything, and, Mr. Editor, I am of the opinion that any variety of fowl that is thought good enough to be admitted to the Standard ought to be awarded a class in the prize list of the Ontario above all other shows. How in earth can the public find out if these new varieties are to be a useful general purpose fowl or not if our leading shows don't recognize them. The Ontario ought to be compelled to give a class for every Standard fowl, and if such was the case it might have a tendency to leave some Canadian money at home, instead of sending it all to Uncle Sam, and, Mr. Editor, when you consider the vast difference in ex-