

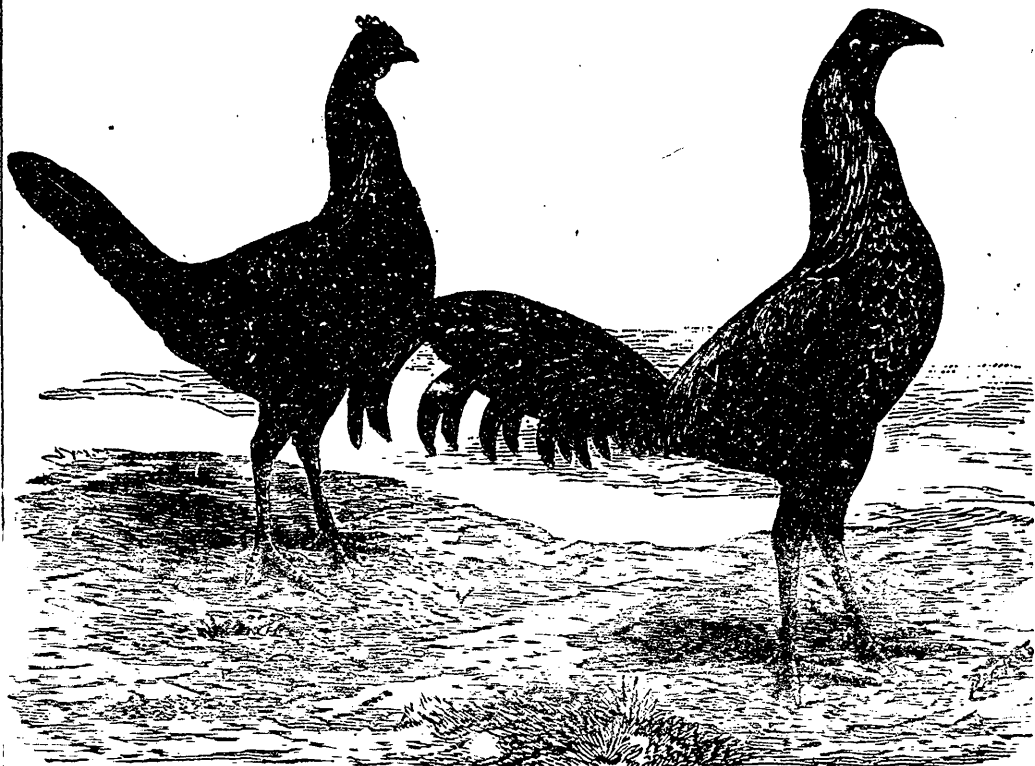
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BROWN-BREASTED RED GAME.

A few years ago Brown-reds were the most popular variety in the Game class, but lately the interest has seemed to be on the wane. The fact that this variety is much more difficult to breed to color than most of the other varieties of Games may have led to the discouragement of many fanciers who gave them a trial, but the fact that good specimens always bring a high price should be an inducement to persevere and study them up.

The following is the description of Brown-reds given by Mr. John Douglas, in Wright's "Illustrated Book of Poultry":—

"There are several colors admissible for the show-pen, but I will begin with those at present most fashionable. In the streaky or starling-breasted cock, the head and hackle-feathers are

deep orange-red, with a shade of dark in centre of feather; shoulder-coverts dark crimson; saddle a red maroon on centre, passing to a dark lemon and straw; breast dark, with a bay streak in centre of every feather, running off on the thighs, which are also streaked with bay; tail black, sickles narrow and whip-like, and bronzed with a greenish gloss. Some like a dark smutty face, instead of the beautiful red-purple skin. Large brown or black eyes are necessary to this breed. In Brown-reds a little heavier build does not detract from the beauty of the bird, so more laxity may be taken in this color than the Black-reds. The Brown-reds have a hardness of feather that few strains of the Black-reds possess. I have said that the color of the face is a matter of taste; but it is a certain fact that since