



kept them working for hours. Another good plan is to suspend a cabbage from the roof of the run just high enough for them to peck at. Another very important matter is the vessels out of which they drink. Do not allow them to drink out of a large open tin, because their crests get into the water. All the drinking fountains I use are made of galvanized iron, somewhat resembling a large flask, with a pipe projecting out at the bottom, with a round hole just sufficient to get their beak in, which keeps their crests right. Another matter I may mention is that I used a belt properly shaped to keep their crests in position. I have also noticed little black mites in the crest, which swarm in hundreds in a day or two if not attended to. I have tried several kinds of insect powder, but they were no use. The only thing I found effectual was putting a few drops of diluted carbolic oil on the crest, which very quickly killed them; but great care must be exercised in using it, because if it is too strong it will cause an irruption in the skin round the crest. After using the oil wash the crest next day with lukewarm water and soap. Silver-spangled Polands are in every respect the same as the golds just described, except in the ground colour, which is white, with black lacing. In preparing Polands for exhibition, the silvers require to be washed all over, commencing with the crest. The golds, as a rule, require only their legs and crests washed. Care must be taken to keep the crest in proper position while doing so.

TWELVE BANTAMS.

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THE INDIAN GAME.

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F W. GAYLOR, located at this writing at Tarrytown, N.Y., as manager for Wm. Rockefeller, of the the Rockwood Poultry Yards, used to exhibit Indian Game Bantams, birds imported from England and descendants of the imported birds. I can recall no other American exhibitor of this Bantam, nor do I know now whether there are any in existence in this country, though it is presumable that there are. In England the Indian Game, in its Bantam size, is bred, but in limited numbers.

The Indian Game Bantams which I have seen and judged have been, like the Malay Bantams, too large to meet American requirements. They left something, also, to be desired in the penciling of the females and in the combs of both sexes. The males in color were admirable, possessing that brilliancy which is the characteristic of the large fowl. If the accuracy of penciling, which is found on the best Indian Game hens, could be secured on the Bantams and the size could be somewhat further reduced, and both these things ought to be possible, there seems no good rea-