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TWISTED FLIGHT-FEATHERS, (Amateur, Stratford).—A pullet with twisted flight-feathers will not do to exhibit; neither should she be kept to breed from, as the defect is generally hereditary. The judge who would award a prize to a bird having the flight-feathers of its wing twisted, ought to be placed in a glass case. He would then compare favorably with the poultry judges at our recent Provincial Show, who awarded a prize to a pen of Aylesbury ducks having black marks on their bills, and another to Rouens having their flight-feathers white and no ring round the drake's neck.

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CROSS-BILLED CHICKEN. (W. H. H., Ottawa).—We had a similar case ourselves this season, the produce of imported Houdan eggs. We first trimmed the beak with a sharp knife, on each side. It grew again still crooked. We repeated the operation, but with no better result. As the bird grew older and larger the bill grew more crooked, until at last it became so bad that we had to hand-feed it. Finally, we had to kill it. We would advise you to do the same.

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