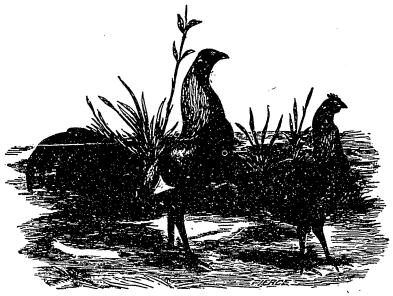
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GAME BANTAMS.

The fancier of game fowls cannot fail to admire | The head should be very long, narrow, and gracethose miniature representatives of his favorite breed, and we often wonder that both are not more frequently bred by the same fancier. We imagine it would be a moment of great pride to the fancier when he was able to show to his friend a fine, high-stationed, whip-tailed, compact, well colored bird, full of courage, and weighing over eight pounds, and beside it its exact counterpart, but weighing only about twenty ounces.

Bantams are not by any means unprofitable to keep, as they lay well, mature early, and their flesh is delicious. They are contented with small range and consume very little food. They are among the very best pets for children, and their care and proprietorship will teach many lessons which will be useful in later years.

Mr. W. F. Entwistle, (in Wright's Book of Poultry) gives the following general discription of Game Bantams:-

"In breeding Game Bantams, the great points to be aimed at are style, good feather and color. By style we mean general shape of the bird, carriage should be sound, narrow, hard, and wiry, and lie as

fully curved; the neck long and slender; the shoulders broad and square; the chest broad; the body short and wedged-shape, very fine and small a: the tail-roots; the thighs well apart, rather long and well rounded; the shanks long straight and slender; the toes long and well-spread, flat on the ground, the hind toe pointing exactly opposite the middle one, so as to give the bird a firm footing. If the hind toe turns sideways or under the foot. the bird is said to be duck-footed, and is therefore considered worthless. The scales of the legs should be small and smooth, fitting close to the The wings should be short, well curved, fitting close to the sides of the body, not drooping. The tail should consist of narrow, hard feathers, and be carried at a very slight elevation, tightly closed, so as to give a light graceful appearance. A wry-tail, i. e., carried on one side, is of course a disqualification. The general appearance of the bird should be upright, bold and fearless. As regards the second point, good feather, all the feathers of its head, wings, and tail. I will take shape ... st. |closelv together as possible, so as to show the