

two trios of yellow leg Tartars, one trio of what the Exhibitor called pure Derby, with dark legs and plumage; a dark brown red; and two trios of blue greys. The duck wing cock was trimmed as if for a fight and not for an exhibition; this gained him the first prize; others say the prize was awarded because it was entered in a lady's name; be this as it may, the first prize should have been awarded to one of the trio of Tartars, but the judges thought the opposite.

The ducks and geese were very fair; the number was very limited. You will see by the prize list that the variety of fowl was very small.

Nearly all the fowls exhibited were by parties living in or near the city; it is a remarkable fact that the farmers, either from a want of knowledge, or carelessness, evince a strong apathy to improve their poultry; they seem to lose sight of the value of good poultry on a farm-yard. Nothing, I think, adds more to the appearance of a farm-yard than fine poultry. I hold that good poultry is as essential to a farm-yard as any other stock; they cost less to keep than common fowl, and pay better. I will not attempt to recommend any particular breed, as every one has his fancy. Mine is game.

A serious drawback to all poultry exhibitions (in connection with Agricultural Exhibitions) is the want of judges who are well up to the mark, and can readily detect any defect in poultry, and be perfectly competent to state what disqualifies a bird; the lack of this prevents a great many from sending good fowls to the exhibitions. (I mean local exhibitions,) as they do not care to compete against inferior stock, and the chances are nine to one that the half-breeds will be awarded the prizes. This will always be the case unless good and proper judges can be had; these could be had with very little trouble, and then they would see a vast improvement in this branch of their exhibitions. B.

HAMBURGH FOWLS.

SIR: I see in your last number a letter from a correspondent, who signs himself a "Real Lover of Hamburgs," though, from the spirit and tone of his letter, I should say he might with more propriety sign himself "Game Cock." Under the circumstances, a non-combatant Hamburg, like myself, feels somewhat backward about entering the list with such an opponent. However, I feel bound once more to sustain my position, and if I do not convince your correspondent, I shall at least have the satisfaction of thinking a good word has been spoken for our much neglected pets of the Hamburg variety.

Now, I would like to ask your correspondent what constitutes a distinct variety but breeding true to feather, and other characteristics? Now, if, as I think I can, show such close resemblance between rose-combed Leghorns to what I would call white Hamburgs in laying qualities, structure, habits (being non-sitters), impatient of confinement, etc.; then, I think I have established my point, that they ought to be classed with Hamburgs.

With regard to the color of the legs, which your correspondent lays so much stress upon, I may say that I have seen them with blue legs as well as white and yellow. I must confess, however, I should have preferred being able to say there were no white or yellow legs among them, blue being more in keeping with Hamburgs.

Your correspondent quotes Bennett in regard to the Dominique, which, I contend, is altogether a different bird from the one I referred to in my letter, and which is single-combed and the true Dominique. The Rose-combed Dominique fowl is, in all respects, a Hamburg, except in colour, being a non-sitter, etc.

The question which arose to my mind was to what class to assign them,