

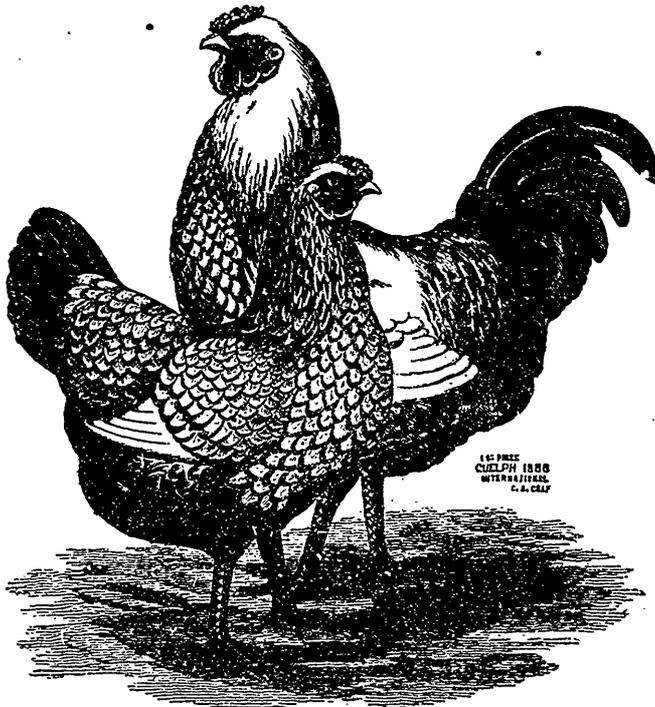
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THE WYANDOTTE.

The admission of Wyandottes to the American *Standard of Excellence* at the last meeting of the American Poultry Association, and matters which have since transpired in connection with the compiling of the *Standard*, have brought them very prominently before the fancy. We have received numerous inquiries of late for a description of the breed, and not being well acquainted with it, requested Mr. C. A. Graff, late of Fisherville, Ontario, who is one of their oldest breeders and admirers, to supply the want, but on account of his removal to the United States he has not been able to comply with our wish. Failing in this, we copy from the *Fanciers' Journal* the following description, which is the most comprehensive we have seen:—

“The bird may be described as of medium size, combining the intrinsic values of the most desirable breeds with the extrinsic qualities that

will not require the deteriorating tendencies of in-breeding to maintain; a bird that may be bred with profit for the market, and, at the same time, have its place in the show pen.

“The Wyandotte is of composite origin, and shows by its prominent characteristics and sports that the Brahma, Cochin and Hamburg were concerned in the make-up, and we have in the bird the most valuable properties of each maintained and developed, and the objectionable features eliminated. Thus, the bird may be said to be the meaty and prolific Hamburg increased in size and made more hardy, but without the broodiness and tendency to lay on fat that is objectionable in the Asiatic varieties.

“The standard birds are well pictured in the illustration. The head of the male is short and broad; the comb rose, oval in front, wide at back the spike being less developed than in the Ham