

be seen a little detached, as if ready to fly at the first intruder—be he cat, dog, or cock—the points resting over the thighs, but under the saddle. Tail medium length, neither too long nor too short but nicely carried; neither ‘squirrel’ nor drooping, but between the two; not much spread out, but nicely ‘venetianed,’ with about seven secondary sickle-feathers each side, the one nicely fitting just above the other; of course the two main sickles about four or five inches longer than the straight tail. Thighs round, stout, full of muscle, firm, rather long but well carried in close to the body—not stilty, but so that you can distinguish their form and where set in when facing you. Shanks medium length, nicely rounded, neither flat nor round, with a nice clean joint in setting on to the thigh bone, well standing apart and beautifully scaled. Spurs set low and inclined to point back. Feet flat; toes well spread out, and the hind toe to come straight and flat out from the foot not as many do, drooping, just so as to just pass the point to the ground. The latter form is nearly as objectionable as what is termed duck-footed, which is when the hind toe inclines to point forward the same way as the front toes. The toes should be a good length and well spread out, with good strong nails.”

The face and wattles of the black-red are bright red; the eye of the same colour; the beak, horn colour; the hackle, bright orange, or orange-red; the back, rich red; the shoulders and shoulder coverts, red; the wing-butts, black; the wing bow, rich red; the greater and lesser coverts, glossy black and metallic reflections forming a distinct bar; the primaries, black, except two lower feathers, the outer web of which is edged with bay; the secondaries, part of outer web forming wing bay, bay colour; remainder of feathers forming wing butt, black; the tail is a lustrous black, and the tail coverts are a glossy

green black; the breast and under part of body and thighs are black; and the legs willow. The hen has a body of a light partridge color, a golden neck hackle striped with black, and a light salmon breast, with thighs of the same color, but paler.

Brown-breasted Reds.—The Brown-reds are not quite so attractive in point of color as are the Black-reds, but a good Lemon is very handsome. The face in this variety is of a dark purple, and the eyes and beak black. The legs are very dark willow, or nearly black. The neck hackle is lemon-colored or golden, and in the cock the back is lemon, and the remainder of the plumage is black, except the wing bow, which is lemon. In the hen all the plumage is black except the neck hackle, and in some cases the breast is laced.

Duckwings.—this is a very beautiful variety of game, and the markings form a very beautiful combination. There are two accepted colors—the Yellow and the Silver Duckwings. The difference between the two is that in the former the ground color is orange to cream, and in the latter it is silver-white. All the body is one of these colors except the shoulder coverts, the wing butts, the greater and lesser coverts, the primaries, the breast, underparts and tail, which are black. In the hens the breast is salmon-colored, and the remainder of the plumage grey. The legs of the Duckwing are willow.

Indian Game.—There has come into prominence of late a variety known as Indian Game, in whose interest a club has recently been formed. The name is a misnomer, for though the original birds undoubtedly came from India, they have been crossed, probably with the Malay, and it would be much better if, as has been suggested, they were to be called Cornish Game. These fowls are large and show much of The Ma-

lay type. They are very useful and make admirable crosses.

Malays.—This variety has never become popular, and it is not at all probable that it ever will be so. Its appearance is much against it, for it presents an almost ferocious aspect. It is possessed of heavy muscular limbs, of very powerfully formed shanks, and of a head which is cruel-looking in the extreme. The effect of this is considerably heightened by the almost featherless face, and the peculiar shaped comb. Malays are not often kept by anyone who has not the advantage of abundant space.

Piles.—The Pile Game rivals for beauty the Black-reds, and are preferred by many. The combination of rich orange red, and white is very effective, especially with the yellow beak and legs, and the bright red comb, face, and wattles. In the cock, the neck hackle is orange or chestnut; the saddle, back, wing bow and wing bay red; and the remaining parts white. In the hen the neck is light gold, the breast salmon, and the remainder of the plumage white or creamy white.

White Game.—In this variety, of which not many are to be seen, the comb, face, deaf ear, and wattles and eyes are red, the beak and legs yellow, and the plumage pure white.

There are some other kinds of Game fowls occasionally seen, such as the birchen, the ginger red, the wheaten, and the henny, but these are not at all common, and need not be more than mentioned.

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WHITE-CRESTED BLACK POLISH.

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It may justly be claimed that the W. C. B. Polish fowl is the most fancy of all breeds. The large, fine, white