

it will do if the feathers are plentiful and not too long. It must be borne in mind, that the Polish is a spangled bird, and hence, any lacing except on the wings is an imperfection. Lacing on the breast of cocks, not an uncommon thing to see, is by some considered an imperfection; so also of lacing on the backs of hens; that is, on the saddle and rump the feathers should be spangled.

OTHER VARIETIES.

THE WHITE POLISH are a distinct and recognized variety in themselves, and their chickens, both in colour, vigour, and all other respects, bear an exact resemblance to their parents. They are unquestionably derived from the Bearded Spangled birds, inferior specimens distinctly showing faint, smudgy spangles on the feathers of the breast, &c. White Polish possess all the characteristics of the family in the highest possible degree, and crests in good specimens are very large and perfect.

BLACK BEARDED POLISH are not numerous, and can hardly be regarded as an established variety. They are supposed to be an occasional production from the White birds.

BLUE OR GREY POLISH are also the frequent produce of the White Polish, which they resemble in all their characteristics except colour; as might be expected from their accidental origin, they cannot be depended upon to produce chickens closely resembling their parents, but occasionally throw Cuckoo, White, or Speckled produce.

CUCKOO POLISH resemble in markings the Cuckoo Dorking, and are another occasional variation from the bearded breeds. They have not been received with much favour at the hands of the public.

BUFF POLISH, or Chamois Polish, as they are sometimes called, though for what reason it would be very difficult to explain, are exceedingly pretty when truly

marked, and well crested. To be perfect, these birds should resemble the Golden Spangled, with these important differences: namely, that the feathers should be spangled with white instead of black, and that the ground color should be a delicate buff in the hens, with a greater degree of depth and richness of color in the cocks.

BLACK CRESTED WHITE POLISH.—There is abundant evidence to prove that such a breed formerly existed, but is now extinct, or nearly so. Experiments show, that by crossing the different varieties of Polish, having as a foundation a White hen, this variety may be produced, but, as it requires long and careful breeding, few people are willing to undertake the difficult task. This is to be regretted, as it is one of the most beautiful of all the ornamental breeds of poultry.

THE POULTRY YARDS OF A. M. HOWARD, ESQ.

Recently we paid a visit to the poultry yards of the gentleman whose name heads this article. They are situated on Carlton Street in the city of Toronto, and for the time spent in their inspection, the pleasure and profit we derived amply repaid us.

The buildings, with one exception, are not constructed with a view to architectural beauty, so much as they are to the comforts of their feathered inhabitants. But, as we purpose in a succeeding number to give a detailed description of them, accompanied by an illustration, we will forbear for the present further allusion to them.

Mr. Howard for years past has been in the habit of importing a large number of fowls and hatching eggs from England, and still continues to indulge in his fancy. Last season he imported a large number of fowls, chiefly of the Dark Brahma, Hamburg, and Cochon varieties, and a pair of Malays, from which he has bred a large number of young birds. On entering the main yard we were met by numbers of Dark Brahma chickens, the produce of the