

### Selecting Breeding Turkeys.

It is just as easy to raise fine, large and healthy turkeys, if the proper course be pursued, as it is to worry over a lot of small birds all the season, and then have them only about as large as a fair sized Brahma.

A grain, or grass farm, where they can have plenty of good range, is undoubtedly the best place to raise turkeys successfully and profitably. They cannot bear confinement, exercise, and plenty of it being the life of them.

In selecting breeding stock, select the heaviest, earliest hatched young gobbler you have, having him as free from defects in plumage and form as possible. Where it can be done, have two year-old hens, as they lay better, set steadier, and are far better mothers, while the young from them are invariably harder than those from last year's hatch of turkeys. If farmers and others who breed turkeys, would, together with the best of care and generous feeding, use two-year-old hens, they would be continually improving their flocks in vigor, hardiness and size. This plan also prevents that too close system of breeding which has been one of the foremost causes for the deterioration of turkeys in size and hardiness, in the hands of many breeders throughout the country. Let those who have not tried it give this plan a trial and report their success, which we believe is sure, other things being in unison.—*Poultry Journal*.

### Annual Meeting of the American Poultry Association, 1878.

The annual session of the American Poultry Association was this year held at Portland, Maine, during the grand exhibition of the Maine State Society. A harmonious and agreeable gathering of leading fanciers, composing the members of the parent association, arrived at Portland during the week, and the convention was called to order in the spacious council chamber of the city government (which fine apartment was tendered for the use of the A. P. A.) on Tuesday, Feby. 11. The meeting having been called to order by the President, Chas. A. Sweet, of Buffalo, the President of the Maine Poultry Association, R. O. Conant, Esq., first congratulated the A. P. A. on its presence in Portland, in force, and generously welcomed the members of the Association, in a well worded complimentary address, to the hospitalities of the Maine Society, and those of the city authorities who had liberally seconded the Association's efforts to render this gathering so agreeable and gratifying to all who attended that splendid exhibition in Portland City Hall.

One of the most important matters which was introduced, was the resolution recommending Poul-

try Societies to avoid a conflict between the regular and special premiums they offer, whereby winners of the special premiums of societies (whether regular or donated), may appear to be winners of first premiums, whether they were awarded "first" or not.

The following are the resolutions passed affecting the *Standard of Excellence* :

Resolved, That this Association furnish a Standard for pigeons, as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That the President appoint three judges to establish a Standard Buff Polish, their report to be submitted to the executive committee at as early a date as possible, and after having been approved by a majority of said committee, it be printed in the appendix; that they be called Buff Laced Polish.

Resolved, That in all cases where special premiums are offered, that no extra entrance fee be required to compete for the same, but that the regular entrance fee entitle the exhibitor to compete for all regular and special premiums in the class in which he exhibits, and that the judges awarding regular class premiums also award all specials, and that no specimens scoring less than 85 points be entitled to either a regular first prize or special premium.

Resolved, That "Ear lobes red" be substituted for "Ear lobes other than pure white," as it now stands in the disqualification of black rose comb Bantams.

Resolved, That the clause "White or partially white feathers in cockerel" be stricken out of the disqualifications for Brown Leghorns, the same to be cut severely as a defect.

Resolved, That in the description of ear lobes, that it read "white" instead of "bright red," as now in Houdans.

Resolved, That the portion of the appendix to the Standard relating to the allowances and deductions to be made for the weight of Bantams be amended by striking out the words "allowing one-half point for every ounce a bird weighs less than above weights," and

Resolved, That the terms "under color any other than wh or bluish white" be stricken off the list of disqualifications of Light Brahmas.

The following resolution was referred to a committee of three to report at the next annual meeting :

Resolved, That the allowing of any points for weight above those now given in the Asiatic class as perfect be expunged, leaving it to read weights as now are, deducting two points per pound for any defect from above weight.

The committee on nomination of board of officers reported the following, which were unanimously elected :