

and in winter the floor of their house should be well littered with straw. Their drinking fountain should be so constructed that the feathers of the crest cannot touch the water, as if they are allowed to do so the water will freeze on them and pull them down over their eyes, obstructing the sight so that they cannot feed, and eventually pulling out the feathers.

They are abundant layers of medium sized eggs, and, like all the other varieties of Polish, are non-sitters. They mature early, are very hardy, standing our severe winters well, are of quiet disposition, and not apt to roam very far from their quarter. They are good table fowl as far as they go, but are rather too small to take a leading position in this department.

#### Description in *Standard*.

##### DISQUALIFICATIONS.

Crooked backs; wry tails; legs any other color than blue, which may, however, be lighter in color from age.

#### THE COCK.

**HEAD:**—Large, with a considerable protuberance on the top of the skull, which is concealed by the crest:—Beak, dark horn-color, and rather long,—nostrils large, the crown of which is elevated above the usual curve line of the beak:—Eyes, large, full and bright.

**CREST:**—Very large, thick, flowing, and well fitted on the crown of the head, composed of feathers similar in shape and texture to those of the hackle, and, in color, silvery-white, laced with black,—in adult birds white feathers may appear;—the crest should rise well in front, so as not to obstruct the sight, and fall over upon either side and behind in a regular and even mass.

**COMBS:**—Brilliant red, like the letter V in shape, of small size, and retreating rather backward into the crest; the smaller the better.

**EAR-LOBES AND WATTLES:**—Ear-lobes, white, small, even on the surface, and well rounded: Wattles, bright red, thin, and pendulous, and well rounded on the lower part.

**NECK:**—Of medium length, slightly and neatly

arched, and well hackled,—the hackle silvery-white in color, and the ends of each feather laced with black.

**BACK:**—Straight, wide across the shoulders, and tapering to the tail,—the plumage a rich silvery-white in color, spangled or laced with black, the texture of the feather giving the spangle a rayed appearance.

**BREAST AND BODY:**—Breast, deep, full, round and prominent; a clear silvery-white in color, free

from mousing, each feather ending with a round, rich, black spangle or lacing, the spangle or lacing increasing in size in proportion to the increase in the size of the feather:—Body, general appearance light, comparatively wide across the shoulders, and tapering to the tail,—color of plumage, silvery-white, each feather spangled or laced with black.

**WINGS:**—Ample, and folded smoothly against the sides; primaries, silvery-white, ending with black spots; secondaries, silvery-white, with distinct, crescent-shaped greenish-black spots on the end of each feather; wing-coverts, silvery-white, each feather laced on the edge with black, and ending with a large black spangle or lacing, forming two distinct black bars across the wings.

**TAIL:**—Large, rather erect and well expanded, and, in color, silvery-white, each feather ending with a rich black spot;—sickle-feathers and tail-coverts, abundant, silvery-white, and feather ending with a rich black spot.

**LEGS:**—Thighs, rather long, of medium size, and, in color, silvery-white, each feather spangled or laced with black:—Shanks, long and slender, and blue or slaty-blue in color.

**CARRIAGE:**—Erect and strutting.

#### THE HEN.

**HEAD:**—Round, the protuberance of the skull concealed by the crest:—Beak, dark horn-color, nostrils, large, the crown of which is elevated above the usual curve-line of the beak:—Eyes, large, full and bright.

