

Judges allowed great merit to them, and certainly they were superior to any former show.

SPECIAL PRIZES

were very well won by Mr. Foster, who also received commendation for his Shropshire Down sheep. The larger specimen seemed a most useful animal for breeding and fattening.

The Messrs. Ganley, of Dublin, whom we stated elsewhere purchased Lord Bernard's shorthorned bull, also purchased several of the first class short and long-woolled rams for noblemen and gentlemen in Ireland.

PIGS

were well represented in the large breeds, and exhibited much merit. The two prize boars of this class were superior to any recollection of the animals at former shows, being long in the carcass, of proper length of leg, and activity of body. The large boars and sows were white in colour, while the prizes of the small breeds went to black animals, the white pigs of the small breed being few in number and in merit. The white colour may be preferable in pigs, as the flesh is dressed for use with the skin unremoved, and a whiteness is more agreeable on the table than blackness of any kind. The swine of the small breeds have never been better exhibited than in the show of this year. A new breed might be produced with advantage in the midway between the large and small breeds that now exist, and one to serve both purposes of bacon and fresh pork, according to age and time of being used.

THE POULTRY

formed a very great attraction to the visitors of the yard. The Dorking fowls were numerous, and splendid in the quality, as was the unanimous opinion of every inspector. Two tiers of cages, extending along the whole side of the enclosed yard, very deservedly engaged much attention. It may be difficult, probably impossible, to foretell the result of the acclimation in Britain of the Cochin China fowls; but to judge from appearances, when placed alongside the Dorking poultry, the competition will meet with a strong contention, as present judgment would decide for the Dorkings. The second prize of these fowls showed a most splendid specimen of the breed.

The game fowls in the red and white varieties were well exhibited. The proud strut, majestic mien, and piercing eye of these cock birds are very attractive and pleasing to behold, and in some respects are superior to the Dorking—more prolific in eggs and chickens, though less in bulk of flesh.

THE POLAND FOWLS

were well shown, with the black body, and white crown over the head. The general character does not reach the two former breeds; nor do the Malays nor Hamburg fowls.

TURKEYS

were splendid—specimens from Lord Hill and Mr. Fairlie. We have never seen that forest tenant of the western world so richly covered with silvery feathers, or so proud in the majestic strut, as in the prize specimens of the above-mentioned nobleman. They were much and justly admired.

DUCKS

purely white in colour, were in a beautiful specimen of Mr. M. Rowe, Devonshire. Their long square body and tapering bill showed them to be of very superior appearance. A second prize was given them. The progeny may reach the first place in future exhibitions.

GEESE

were numerous, and superior in quality. Our preference was given to the third prize, being wholly white in colour. They suited our notions, that as the flesh is prepared with the skin unremoved, the white colour is the most pleasing, as just mentioned in the case of black and white swine. It may infer a delicacy of constitution as with white horses and cattle; but the defect, if any, is not much felt, and the purposes are different. Our ideas may be unfounded partially on this point, but the justness has been admitted.

IMPLEMENTS.

The Agricultural Implements and Machinery were more numerous than on any previous occasion, and although there does not appear to have been many striking novelties, yet there were a few; and several of the old and best reputed implements had evidently undergone valuable improvements and adaptations to an advancing system of cultivation. When the report of the Judges shall reach us, particularly the results of such implements and machines as were reserved for further trial, we may notice somewhat in detail the construction and uses of several, especially such as seem suited to the wants of this country.

The following were selected for a further trial during harvest:—

Bell's Reaper.—W. Crosskill.

M'Cormick's Reaper.—Burgess and Key.

Hussey's Improved Reaper.—Dray and Co.

Hussey's Improved Reaper.—Carrett and Son.

Hussey's Reaper.—O. Hussey.

M'Cormick's Reaper.—B. Samuelson.

Of these it will be recollected that the reaper exhibited by Mr. Obad Hussey, the inventor of the machine known by his name, is one. But, as soon as the selection of the Council was published, Messrs. Dray and Co. sent in a protest, in which they call attention to the thirty-eighth article of the Society's regulations, and state that by an agreement entered into by them with Mr. Hussey, that gentleman sold to them the sole and exclusive right of manufacturing and vending certain improvements in the reaping machine of which he was the inventor, and agreed to do all in his power to promote Messrs. Dray's interest in its sale, and not to licence or authorize any other person to make or sell the same, or any improvement thereof. On these grounds Messrs. Dray protest against the machine exhibited by Mr. Hussey "being allowed to obtain the sanction of the association." The effect of this protest will