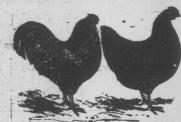
THE ORPINGTONS

The Orpington breed of fowls is a new one which has received much attention from poultry journals, but is as yet lit-

tle known among farmers. They were developed in England by a fancier named Cook, who says he brought them into existence for the purbrought them into existence for the pur-pose of infusing into farming pursuits a the eggs to be laid at such a rate, inas-much as the mother hen would not have new element of profitable poultry keeping. He claims that Orpingtons are suited to almost all conditions under which were hatched. Yet, with the help of a poultry can be kept, offering a choice of varieties and characteristics so as to make it possible for all classes to keep them. He continues:

"The first variety of the Orpington was the black. To make these I took a good Black Minorca, which variety are extraordinary layers, black plumage, but small and not putting on fat readily, with white flesh and skin of fine texture, but with black legs and tremendous activity. They are not suitable for cold, bleak situations, as they are not strong. Barryl winds. The noints I honed for cold, bleak situations, as they are not strong, hardy birds. The points I hoped to secure from this breed were black plumage, red face and large comb and ear lobes. I procured the finest bodied cooks of the breed that I could find throughout the country that had red ear lobes. These sports had been killed or thought little of before because they had not little of before because they had not

With these Black Minorcas I mated when eggs are highest in price, they some Black Plymouth Rock pullets, which are 'sports' from the American Speckled Rocks, owing to the Black Java having been used in the making of the Plymouth Rock breed. Plymouth Rocks are hardy birds, winter layers of



A PAIR OF BLACK ROSE COMBED ORPINGTO a brown (or tinted) egg and were thought a good deal of when they were introa good deal of when they were intro-duced, although their yellow skin and legs have always been against them as table fowls in this country. These vari-eties when crossed produced even black pullets and good shaped birds. The cockerels came of a mixed straw color and were, of course, useless for my pur-pose.

"With these beautiful pullets I mated a good Langshan, of the old short legged type, and, as is well known, these birds are extraordinary winter and particularly late autumn layers of deep brown shelled eggs. They lay when eggs are scarce, more so than at any other time of the wear. They are also other time of the year. They are also fine bodied black birds, showing an ir-idescent metallic green sheen upon their magnificent plumage. So these birds, with their long, deep breastbone and white skin and flesh, infused many good, or alities into the breed. qualities into the breed.

"The feathers down the legs had to be disposed of, and to do this I sought out all the Langshans that were produced without feathers on the legs.

These Langshans laid earlier than the feather Jegged ones, and, with their breasts curved in that peculiar way which denoted strength of constitution and their fine qualities soon set their which denoted strength of constitution and their fine qualities, soon set their stamp of real excellence upon the birds. So with the 'wastrels' (wasters) from the good breeds I formed the Black Orpingtons, using birds that represented the three continents—viz, Minorcas from Europe, Langshans from Asia and Plymouth Rocks from America—and three varieties that were looked upon

as three of the best for general purposes that England possessed."

Thus were the original Orpingtons made. Some people objected that the single combed birds were so like Lang-shans, and Rose Combed Orpingtons were next made by substituting a Rose Combed Langshan male. The White Orpingtons came next and were made by crossing White Leghorn cocks and Black Hamburg hens, and the pullets of

this cross were every one white.

To make the Buff Orpingtons three varieties were crossed. First, Golden Spangled Hamburg cocks were mated with Dorkings. The reddish brown progeny were by far the best layers of this cross, and, having selected the best layers of these, he mated a Buff Cochin cock with them, and about two out of every dram came with clean large. By every dozen came with clean legs. By careful breeding he has been able to get five distinct strains.

The Orpingtons have all the strength

and vigor of cuessbreeds, and as egg producers, especially in autumn and winter when eggs pay the creamy profits, they are remarkable. They lay likewise the tinted eggs which command a premium in the market. They are of large size, are short legged, chunky bodied, and with the round full breast which indicates strength and vigor, and for an all purpose fowl for the Eng-lish market they seem to be just right. For the American market they have a most serious defect in their white flesh and legs. The blacks have black legs, which is a disadvantage also in the English market.

Poultry Points. Feed before you water. Do no feed glass for guit. Feed a mash the year round. Good food is positive economy. Clean out the feed troughs daily. Oyster shells are too soft for grit.

Never throw soft feed on the ground. Round pebbles will not answer for Millet seed is a great egg producing

In feeding grain in the runs broad-

Beans are excellent feed, being highly

A quart of feed for 12 hens is a good More than one-half of early maturity is in high feeding.

Milk can be fed in any form-sweet, sour or butter milk. Barley is much used in Europe and is valuable as a variety. Sorghum and broom corn seeds are

excellent for a variety. The dried blood sold for fertilizer is dangerous to use for poultry. Split the carrots in halves and allow the hens to peck at them at will.

Have the feed troughs sufficiently large so that all the fowls can find room. Beef bloed mixed with ground grain is excellent for both old and young stock. Popcorn contains more nitrogen and phosphates than the regular Indian corn. Refuse crackers and stale bread make

Buckwheat is an egg producing food, but a steady diet of it is apt to be over

great care, as it is rather a severe treat The egg has always been a prime object in the breeding of chickens. The jungle fowl of India lays an egg not half as big as an up to date barnyard fowl, while the eggs of the Plymouth Rock or Light Brahma hen attain a surreceipts from poultry. Fresh eggs a Rock or Light Brahma hen attain a surprising maximum in recepet to dimensions. Not only this, but the modern hen's egg has been artificially colored, as it were, by choosing for breeding pens, when eggs are scarce, that carmer must buy them from anoth purposes those chickens which laid the darkest eggs. Thus a very brown egg, not at all the color contemplated by and in every village and town will found those who prefer to buy from t farmer than from the dealers.

nature, has been produced. There is a popular notion, derived from nobody knows what source, that brown eggs J. D. CREACHAN, and they bring a higher price in the market. Similar means have been em-ployed to increase the rate of egg lay-ing, so that now a well bred pullet will

wooden box and an oil lamp, the entire product of eggs can be transformed in-to chicks, which are subsequently rear-ed by an artificial mother.

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their popularity. For egg producers,

are reliable. For good, large bodied

flect unfavorably on the other breeds. It simply shows that they are the pub-

The very best quality any breed can have is hardiness. A vigorous constitu-tion in fowls is the first thing to con-

be found a healthier, stronger and more

reliable breed than the Barred Plymouth Rocks? Climatic conditions do not affect

them. They are bred in all sections of

to cold or heat. No matter how low the

temperature, this popular American breed attends strictly to business, and if they are comfortably housed at night

and kept busy during the day we may look for a full nest box at gathering

time. Still, they lay a brown egg, and if the demand should be for white eggs, or both white and brown, we must look

for another breed to run side by side with them, in order that the demand

for both may be supplied.

Among the business breeds which lay

have the Leghorns, Minorcas and Andalusians. The Minorcas lay a large, fine egg, and, if properly handled, plen-

ty of them—but are they business egg machines? The Andalusians also are

prolific layers, but if we breed them to perfection is the demand sufficient to justify their being kept for profit? We are forced to fall back on the Leghorns. Here we have truly egg machines. Can

they be beaten in this quality? The choice of the entire family is probably

the White, Brown or Buff. It matters little which we select—it is a fancy

admirers of each claim superiority. Are they popular? Yes—almost as much so

as the Plymouth Rocks. They are well

public has adopted them, and the de-

mand for them has been, is and always

will be strong. Any person who cannot make money out of eggs and keeps White, Brown or Buff Leghorns does

not deserve to be called an egg farmer. They are active, healthy, beautiful and

profitable. Does any other breed com

Their enemies, and they have some, call them spring and summer layer. They will lay as strong in the dead of winter as any other breed if properly boused. Being a closely feathered variations.

riety, they need warm quarters. Keep them shut up all winter in a house where the water never freezes in the pans, feed them liberally and keep them

and when spring comes and the warmer air permits them to run out they will, like all other breeds, increase

their egg yield, but in greater proportion. They are the fit mates for the

Plymouth Rocks for egg production. Being a nonsitting variety, they continue the laying when the Plymouth

Rocks become broody.

The great objection to the Leghorn is

said to be its small carcass for market purposes. This is hardly an objection

except to those who demand size and weight alone. As the chicks grow very

rapidly and are very active, they can be made to dress as fine a broiler for sweet, fine grained meat as any breed known and at the earliest broiler sea-

son. As roasters there is nothing better

than a well fatted, three pound Leghorn

To conclude, therefore, we may con

sider that the great business team of all the breeds is the Plymouth Rock and

Points For Shippers.

ping live poultry is that of mixing fat hens and roosters in the same coop. The

hens cannot be assisted in bringing bet-ter prices by having males with them,

while buyers will not buy in large lots and pay good prices for mixed stock.

The roosters only take up room in the coops and assist in crowding the hens.

2 the fowls are shipped, let them be

'choice' in the market. If rooster

must be sent, put them into a separate coop. It means a difference of several dollars on a coop of fowls if they are shipped properly. Dressed stock should also be assorted, and no fowls should be

sent to market unless they are fat.—

Chickens with canker should be at once removed from the flock and kept

in separate quarters. It is very conta

gious. Wash the spots with burned alun

dissolved in new rum. Cleanse thoroughly morning and night and remove

the cauker daily. A weak solution of

nittee of silver can be used to touch the spots, but this must be done with

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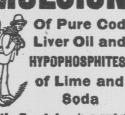
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