

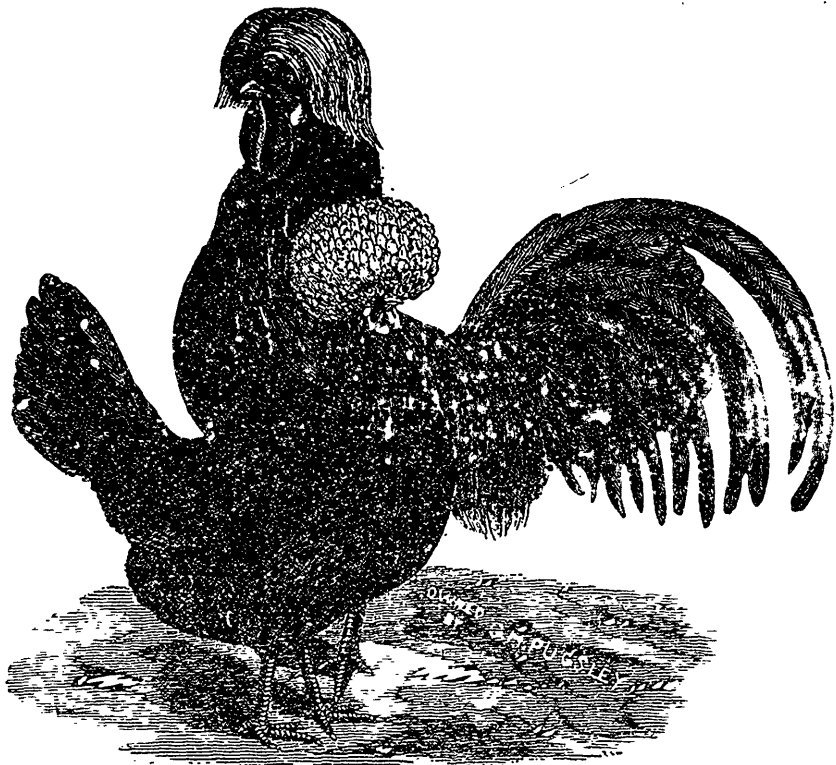
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WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.

The above handsome engraving was made for Mr. G. H. Pugsley, of Fisherville, Ont., and, he informs us, truly represents a pair in his possession.

A noted English breeder and judge of this variety says:—"The striking contrast of the white crest, and, in highly-bred specimens, the beautiful iridescent character of the general plumage, never fails to attract the attention and to elicit the admiration of even such individuals as do not make poultry culture a matter of either amusement or profit. These fowls certainly were one of my most favorite breeds for a number of years, and few persons who have given them a fair trial report of them otherwise than most favorably. It must, however, be constantly borne in mind, that to be fully successful Black Polish must enjoy a very

dry run, for if kept on a wet cold subsoil, where the rain lies long on the surface, they soon become unhealthy, and are perhaps more difficult to cure when disease overtakes them than any other breed of fowls with which I am acquainted. A gravelly or sandy soil therefore suits them admirably. Though not large, they are good-flavored, plump fowls on the table, and as to the production of eggs, few, if any, excel them. The hens of this description vary greatly as to their productiveness, I at once admit, but no doubt this irregularity might be readily equalized if eggs from the best-laying hens were selected for the production of future blood-stock, rather than the plan, now all but universal, of hatching the eggs of the largest-crested hens, altogether irrespective of their laying properties."