

proaches very near to vulture hocks, well grown and splendidly shown.

COCHINS, Buff a good lot as usual here. First cock a grand one all over and faultlessly shown, fine color, grand shape, legs and feet and neat head points; second not nearly so well shown and fairly beaten pretty well all over; third a neat headed one but fails in shape of breast, which lets too much day-light under him. First hen an immense even colored one, very profuse in feather, spoiled by a nasty high comb and light eye; second smaller and neater but faded and mealy in color; third also a good one, larger than second but also off in color. Chicks a grand lot indeed, first pair good all through closely followed by second. **BLACKS** good for the color with exception of first cock, which though a good color is not a Cochin in shape. We don't see where the whites could be much improved, good all through; first pullet the acme of shape, color and feather. Partridge classes filled well and were a good lot.

LANGSHANS a good lot, first cock a big lustrous colored one; we thought third hen the pick of the lot. Chicks good, the firsts and seconds win easily in size and forwardness.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS, barred.—We are now on touchy ground, as here appeared to be the class in which some exhibitors took exception to the awards. We give our candid opinion be it right or wrong, and the judge has promised us a few notes on the class. Cocks in their present shape not a good one in the lot. First has no breast and is bad in back but excellent in color and head points with exception of back of comb, which follows head too closely; second a big one with his tail out and comb going over. First hen a good one all through, excellent shape and color and shown very fit; second a nice color one, much too small to suit our taste, beats third easily in color. Cockerels were not a good lot, first easily the best, second not worthy of a place, very weak in color and pale in legs; third much better; we thought an unnoticed one of Downs, a big forward fellow, too dark in color and with an objectionable smoky tinge, best of legs and feet, might have been placed. Not by any means a good class. Pullets a much better lot, first standing well out, good shape, well grown, well barred and well shown, might be brighter in legs; second and third nice all through. Whites were not an extra lot. First cock nicely shown, good body and legs; second a fair one, too much Leghorn at either end, i.e. tail and comb. First hen a good one with pale legs, others fair. Some birds in this class evidently good ones, but in horrible trim, should not have been penned, it is a mistake to exhibit specimens in such feather

and an injustice to the birds. Chicks were much better, second cockerel runs first close, beaten a bit in color, both good blocky birds; thirds good.

MINORCAS, black.—First cock good body, comb, legs and lobes; second a big bodied one, excellent color, comb very straight and well serrated, but stands too high off head at back. First hen a nice bodied one, good color, nice head; second good; lustrous color. First cockerel a big early one, large evenly serrated comb, but moderate in color, especially on breast; second not as large or as good in comb, yet a bit leggy and light in body. First pullet just out from England and a beauty all over, grand shape, good color, in fact hard to find fault with anywhere; second a large one, good lustrous color, nice body, we thought third might have gone to her pen mate. The owner of second pullet showed a very nice pen of four pullets all sisters. Whites made a good show all cards going to one firm with an excellent team; second cock out of shape now, stands high on his legs, typical comb and should, when he fills down and in good condition, be a hard one to beat. The other old birds were very good indeed, and the winning chicks very fine.

JAVAS, black a nice lot indeed, the winners well forward, large and typical, extra in color. Whites good but seen in many cases to be approaching white Plymouth Rocks too closely; a toss of a copper might decide the class in which some might have been shown.

WYANDOTTES, blacks, are fast improving, the best old birds shown here yet, *if not moulted too rapidly*. Chicks not up to old ones, cockerels flecked in hackle. Whites excellent, large good shaped birds and fine color, winners easily ahead. Chicks grand first and first one of the nicest pairs in the show, of any variety. Silvers did not make as large classes as we expected to see, but show improvement, especially in this year's birds, the first and first being really good, large, well grown, nice head points and distinct in markings, others good. In old birds the first hen holds her color well, and is a nice shape, good head, pale in legs. Golden good, especially chicks, and much improved, now getting color about right.

GAMES, black-reds. In cocks we thought an unnoticed one of Smith's, a big upstanding bird with great reach and stout limbs, should have been in it somewhere, his badly carried tail is his worst fault. First a good long headed one, reachy; second also well up. First hen too small but typical, a Game fowl all over; second a good one, larger but too full behind; third good. Brown-reds a small class but good. Duckwings fair, first cock too much tail, good head and body. Piles very good both old and young, first pullet