

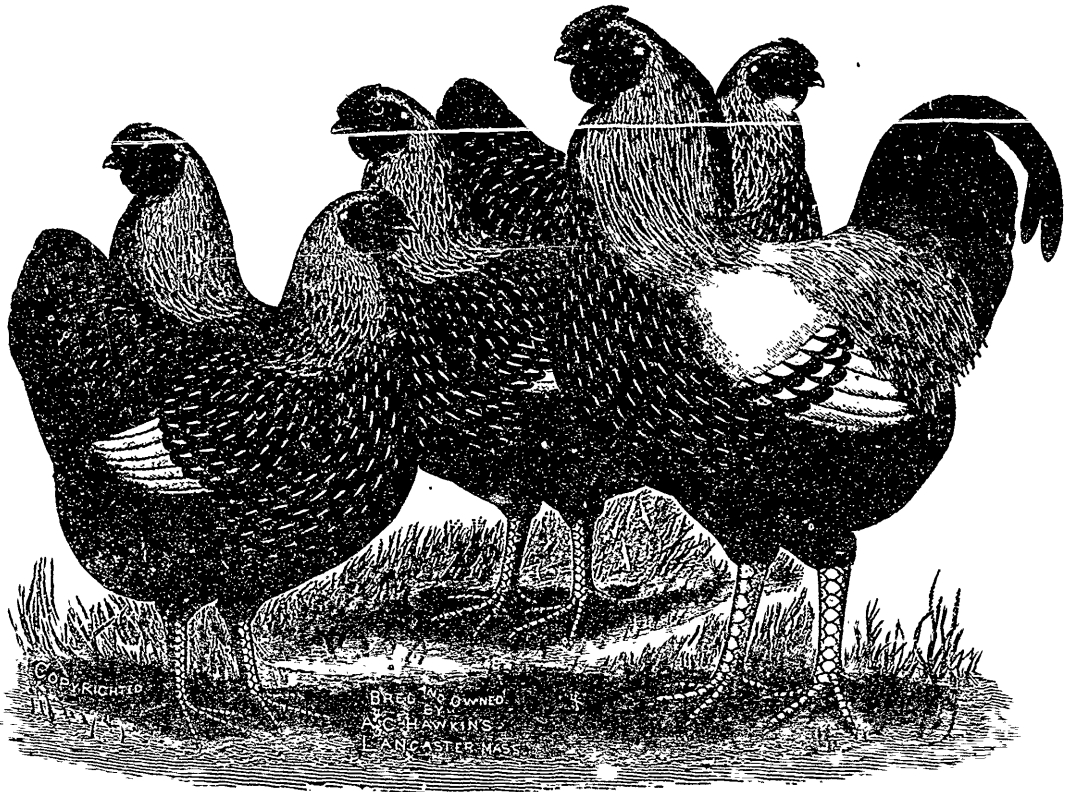
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"ROBIN HOOD" AND MATES.

First prize breeding pen Wyandottes at New York city, 1886. Bred by A. C. Hawkins, Lancaster, Massachusetts.
WYANDOTTES.

We take pleasure in presenting to our readers an illustration of the winning breeding pen of Wyandottes at the recent New York show, bred by the well known breeder, Mr. A. C. Hawkins, of Lancaster, Mass. Mr. Hawkins has won 1st prize on pair Wyandottes, special for best cock, best hen, and best exhibit of this variety in competition with 44 breeding pens and 884 birds.

Mr. H. was also as successful with

his Plymouth Rocks at same show.

The Wyandotte is fast gaining in popularity, partly because it is a new breed, but mostly on account of its many practical qualities. It is about the same size as the Plymouth Rock, making a fine broiler, weighing 2 lbs. at 8 weeks old, being very yellow and full-breasted, with deep yellow legs, qualities that are very desirable in our markets. Having a small, close comb, it stands the coldest weather well and is destined to be one of the very best

fowls for our climate. It is said by most breeders that this variety does not breed true to type and color, but it is improving very fast in this respect. Mr. Hawkins tells us that over 85 per cent. of all his Wyandottes last season were first class breeding birds. He bred 2,500 birds of this variety and as many Plymouth Rocks, and thinks them the most practical breed for all purposes. many of our Canadian breeders have had stock from Mr. H. and can vouch for the fine quality of his birds.