

for breakfast, or the rich custards that seem obtainable only at the farmer's table. It is better to get all the chicks possible in May and early June.

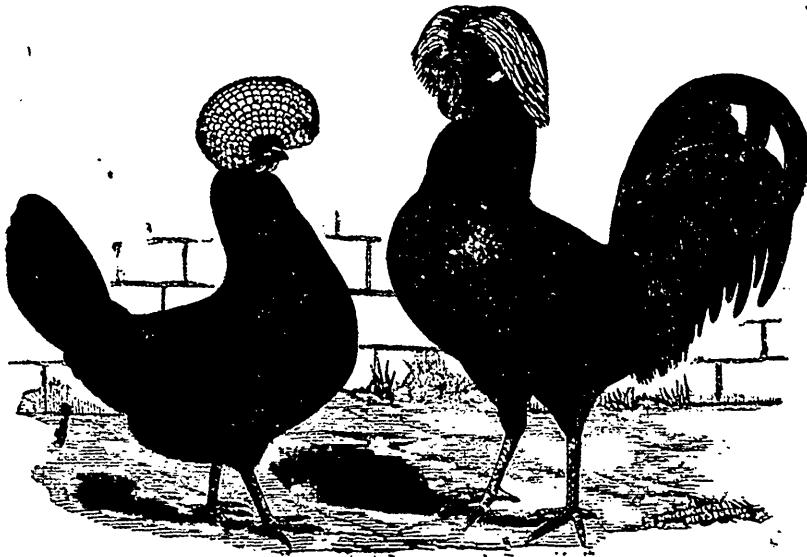
Hens now will be getting broody. If possible set two, three or more at one time, and when these have been sitting ten days test the eggs by rolling your BEE AND POULTRY JOURNAL and tying it round. You can test them by placing the egg at the one end of the hollow before a lighted lamp, and looking through the other end. The eggs that are clear are not fertile, i.e., not impregnated, and will still be good for baking with; those that have just one small vein in them will not hatch; the germ is dead. Those in which you see a speck about the size of a hazel nut, with veins running from it like long spider legs to

#### White Crested Black Polish.

**P**ERHAPS no other fowls in existence deserve the name of fancy fowls more than the white-crested black Polish, and they are especially and always admired by the ladies at all our poultry shows. This is owing to their beautiful large flowing white crests, or top knots, contrasted with a pure black body with green metallic reflections in the sunlight.

The crests of good specimens should be very large, compact and round, with as few black feathers in front as possible, the fewer the better. The combs of all Polish fowls (if any) should be very small and should have the appearance of two small spikes or horns directly in front of the crest, but some of the best specimens have none.

As to their merits, the W. C. B. are classed with the best layers. I find them equal to the



#### WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.

Owned by J. M. Carson, Orangeville, Ont. Hen Canada scored 84. Cockerel "Afton" scored 96.

the inside of the shell, are in most cases hatchable. So if these only are given to one or two of the hens it will leave the other hen free to be set again, and only ten days time is lost, and another sitting can be hatching but a little time behind the others. The chicks, too, being so nearly of an age, will do better while growing together.

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Leghorns in this respect, especially during the six months summer weather, and they are a much better table fowl, being very plump and juicy and the flesh of excellent flavor.

The crests of the little chicks should be examined occasionally, and if any lice be seen, which is a common occurrence, Persian insect powder should be applied, working it well into the little woolly crests with the fingers. Sulphur will answer the same purpose, but the Persian powder is almost immediate death and is the latest and best discovery for all kinds of hen and chicken lice. It is sold by most druggists.