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SILVER SPANGLED POLANDS, (BEARDED.)

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Silver Polands, of which these cuts are good representations, are decidedly great favorites with many fowl fanciers, as is shown by the many pairs that are brought forward at our shows. They are one of the oldest pure bred varieties, having been exhibited extensively in Canada for the past twenty years. Among the gentlemen who first introduced them may be mentioned Squire Carr, of Drummondville, Squire Peters, and Mr. John Bogue of London.

There are two distinct families of this variety, the bearded and the plain. All the specimens first shown were of the latter family. Their bearded cousins were not introduced until several years

later, and the first specimens shown were not considered by fanciers to be as perfect as the plain, but through careful selection and the introduction of fresh blood, very great improvement has been made, so much so that the fancy has changed and the bearded are now decidedly the favorites.

The rules to be observed in breeding Silver Polands are the same as for the Golden. Great care must be taken to preserve the spangling on the feathers distinctly marked, and keep them as free as possible from mousing as this is a very serious fault in the show pen.

Polands should be kept in a very clean place; they should always have a grass run in summer,