

left by other fowls, and grow fat on it. In the barn-yard, in gardens, and in pasture land, they are alike useful and beneficial. There are three kinds which now stand high among breeders, namely: The Aylesbury, which is pure white; the Rouen, which in color resembles the wild Mallard, and the Cayuga, which are pure black except occasional white spots on the breast.

SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—The poultry exhibitions held in England during the last year show a falling off in this beautiful variety of the bantam breed. The great fault with breeders, or rather the great difficulty of breeding, is in breeding too large birds. A sebright cock should not exceed in weight twenty ounces, nor a hen sixteen; even smaller size than this is preferable for exhibiton, but not for breeding. The carriage of the cock should be the most conceited it is possible to conceive of: head thrown back till it touches the nearly upright tail, the wings drooping half way down down the legs; motions, restless and lively, always strutting about as if seeking for an antagonist.

FOOD FOR GAME FOWLS.—Dr. Cooper says the different sorts of bread for feed, such as oat meal, barley and corn meal, must be heated, and ought to be baked the day before they are used. They are made in the following manner: take equal measure of the white of eggs, and milk; beat them well up together, then add as much flour as will make it bread, which must be well worked up and baked. Care must be used to let it be baked, without burning the crust. Sour milk must not be used, as it will cause purging. In mixing milk and water for their drink, observe not to put more than one-fourth skimmed milk and three-fourths spring water. When there is a greater proportion of milk it is not so cooling.

IMPROVEMENT IN FOWLS. An Irish writer in an American journal says: "Ah, then, musha, is it because a dunghill chicken was good enough for you, stage coaches are good enough for the present generation? Surely we don't refuse the benefits conferred by steam and electricity and machinery simply because our ancestors

had no such blessings. You are not satisfied to breed horses that can trot a mile in three and a half minutes, because that was the highest speed attained in your grandfather's time; and why not carry the same ideas of improvement into the poultry yard."

WESTERN NEW YORK POULTRY SHOW.

We are indebted to the editor of the *Live Stock Journal*, Buffalo, for a corrected prize list of the above poultry exhibition, and regret that we are unable to publish it *in extenso*. In the special premiums we see the names of several well-known breeders as successful prize takers, among whom may be mentioned J. A. Miller, St. Catharines, and David Blaunt, Clifton, Ontario; Philander Williams, Taunton, Mass.; C. A. Sweet, Buffalo; D. C. & B. Ralph, Buffalo; Geo. E. Warner, N. Y. Mills; Hon. L. F. Allen, Buffalo; Chester Walcott, Trenton, N. Y.; S. Curtis, Buffalo; E. P. Howlett, Syracuse; J. Y. Bicknell, Westmoreland, N. Y.; G. R. Tuttle, Cleveland, Ohio; A. Nelson, Buffalo; E. C. Deane, do.; A. P. Wright, Do.; Jacob Graves, Do., and Hibbard & Ongley, Auburn, N. Y.

The contest in the several classes for the Society's premiums appears to have been very close. Among the successful exhibitors not previously mentioned are to be found the following: E. G. Studley, Claverack, N. Y.; B. Cartwright, Buffalo; D. Williams, do.; D. W. Herstine, Philadelphia; D. D. F. Coon, Marcellus, N. Y.; Josiah Beardsby, Buffalo; Chester Walcott, Wm. Simpson, junr., W. S. Scott, and W. K. Provoost.

The contest in the Game class seems also to have been very keen, and the contestants numerous. Messrs. S. Curtis, D. C. & B. C. Ralph, Frank Martin, J. Y. Bicknell, J. A. Miller, S. Wood, Fayette E. Cook, S. B. Covert, J. Neil, Hiram Hopkins and B. Lansing were the prize takers. Among the specialties exhibited were ferrets, minks and quails, and an incubator, the latter of which attracted considerable attention, and is claimed to possess improvements of a very important nature. Altogether, we congratulate our Buffalo fanciers on the success of their first exhibition.