

(D.) LEGS AND FEET.

The legs and feet of a bird should be of strong bone and good quality to allow of good exercise, with scales evenly placed upon the leg, indicating good quality. The bone must be strong, but not coarse. The nearer to the kid-glove finish, we can find by rubbing the thumb and forefinger up and down the leg, the better the quality of the bone. Strength of bone, however, must always be present in the fowl one wishes to breed from.

I. THIGHS.

A thigh of medium length that is plump and well muscled is required on a fowl that will take plenty of exercise, which is essential to their good health and condition.

II. LEGS.

The legs should be straight and medium to short in length. They should be well set apart, indicating a wide and deep body. The legs should be of the representative breed colour.



Selection should begin from the time the chicks are hatched.

III. TOES.

The toes should be medium in length and strong, showing good scratching ability, with claws that are well worn, proving that the fowls are taking plenty of exercise to keep them in good health and condition.

DISQUALIFICATIONS.

Disqualifications are really indications in commercial fowls of birds that should not be bred from. Decidedly crooked breast-bones and keel-bones are generally inherited characteristics, and one should always endeavour to keep such out of their flocks.

The other disqualifications mentioned when found on a bird would certainly prove detrimental to males or females for breeding purposes.

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