



BRAHMAH FOWLS.

MOUNT PLEASANT FARM.
CLOCKVILLE, MADISON CO., N. Y.
June 14, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have your kind favour of the 9th inst., and with much pleasure send you a description of my Prize Brahmas, to accompany their portraits; and perhaps it may not be inappropriate to remark in this connection, that, last season, I kept fourteen distinct breeds of fowls, as I wished to form my own opinion as to the merits of the different varieties. Out of these fourteen varieties, I have selected the Brahmas and Black Spanish for future use. Mr. David Ely, of Rochester, N. Y., has very kindly sent me some eggs from his Pheasant coloured Chittiegongs. These are large and beautiful birds, but I have not yet tested their excellence. Mr. Ely thinks they can hardly be excelled.

The colour of my Prize Brahmas is white, with beautifully pencilled necks, running in very regular black streaks, or marks, from their heads nearly to their shoulders; their tails, which are very short, are nearly black; they have two or three black feathers in the tip of the wing, but these do not show when the wing is in its natural position. They

are short-legged, compact, heavy fowls, with very full, plump breasts, and are very fine boned. The rooster is not so distinctly pencilled as the hens are, and his long feathers have more of a creamy shade.

The two hens weighed in November last, (being spring chicks,) 8lbs each; the rooster, a year older, 12lbs. They are very docile, are easily confined with a picket fence three feet high, and, in fact, are just the kind of fowls to become the pet of the farm yard. They are excellent layers, but I have not yet tested their table qualities, though the half-bred fowls are excellent in this respect.

The portraits sent you are very accurate, being drawn from life by J. R. Page, Esq., of Lennett, N. Y., who is unquestionably the best animal delineator in this country. They were engraved by Leadly, Miller & Mix, of Rochester, N. Y. They are very superior fowls of the breed, as may be inferred from the fact that they easily won the first prize at the last Show of the New York State Poultry Society, being in competition with the fowls of most of the oldest and best breeders in the State.

If I am successful with my chicks this season, I