

and they are at home on the farm. For grading farm flocks, where the hens are of good size, they are of great value. Cocks weigh 12 lbs., hens 9½ lbs.

BUFF COCHINS.

It is impossible to show in an engraving the beautiful color of buff Cochins, which, as the name indicates, is a clear, uniform buff throughout. They are almost as large as the Brahmas, and look really heavier, as their feathers are more fluffy and their bodies deeper and broader than any other variety. Cochins are extremely hardy from the shell to maturity, and fairly good layers of nice brown eggs, and, if not too old, will moult early, and begin laying soon after. They consequently become broody in the early spring just at the time when sitters are wanted, and for that purpose they cannot be excelled. We do not



Partridge Cochin Hen,
The property of Wm. Stewart & Son, Menie, Ont.

find them too awkward and clumsy, but good, careful sitters. We have had one hen to hatch four broods in thirteen weeks, by transferring the chicks to other hens as soon as hatched. Cochins are lazy, and do not really care for a large run, therefore are desirable for city yards, or persons anywhere who do not care to allow the fowls free range, though we must always bear in mind that the larger the run the better the results will be. A four-foot fence will keep them in. There are other varieties of Cochins, viz.: Black, White, and Partridge. Cocks weigh 11 lbs., hens 8½ lbs.

BLACK LANGSHANS.

The natural home of the Black Langshans is the northern part of China, and many breeders import from there yearly the finest specimens

obtainable for use in their yards, while other importations are made from England. As a general purpose fowl they seem to meet the wants of a large portion of American fanciers. Our personal experience has taught us to prize them very highly, both for eggs and table fowls. Their combs are medium in size, standing erect on both male and female, and somewhat larger than the Cochins. Their plumage is a glossy greenish black, full of lustre. Their breast is full, broad, and round, and carried well forward, body deep and slightly resembling the Brahma. They are feather-legged, but not near so heavy as the Cochins or Brahmas. We find them exceedingly hardy from the shell to maturity, and great winter-layers of large, brown eggs. Their skin is white, the meat very tender and juicy. They are equally valuable in the city or on the farm, and their popularity is increasing steadily, as they combine nearly all the valuable characteristics that go to make up an ideal general purpose fowl. Their main drawback is the popular aversion to white meat and black feathers. Cocks weigh 10 lbs., hens 7½ lbs.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

Barred Plymouth Rocks are general favorites the world over. The body color is greyish white, each feather regularly crossed with parallel bars of bluish black, producing the effect of a bluish tinged plumage. Beak and legs yellow, combs rather small, wattles of medium length, and not likely to be frosted. Their meat is yellow, plump, and firm. They are adapted to either farmer or fancier; their disposition is gentle, and they bear confinement well. As egg producers, sitters, and mothers they are very satisfactory. The young are hardy, quick growers, easily reared, and are ready to dispose of as spring broilers in from eight to ten weeks from hatching. To persons so inclined, a trial will convince them of their usefulness. Cocks weigh 9½ lbs.; hens, 7½ lbs.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

White Plymouth Rocks are identical with the barred, with the exception of color. They are one of the most popular of white breeds. They are vigorous, strong, and hardy, either as chicks or grown fowls. They grow rapidly and mature early. We find them, if anything, superior to the Barred Plymouth Rocks in egg production, and valuable for winter layers. They make elegant market fowls, the absence of dark pin feathers, and the rich yellow skin covering a firm, juicy, and plump body, making an attractive sight. Add to the above qualities that they otherwise present a very handsome appearance. They are sought after for the lawn and for general purposes. Cocks weigh 9½ lbs.; hens, 7½ lbs.