

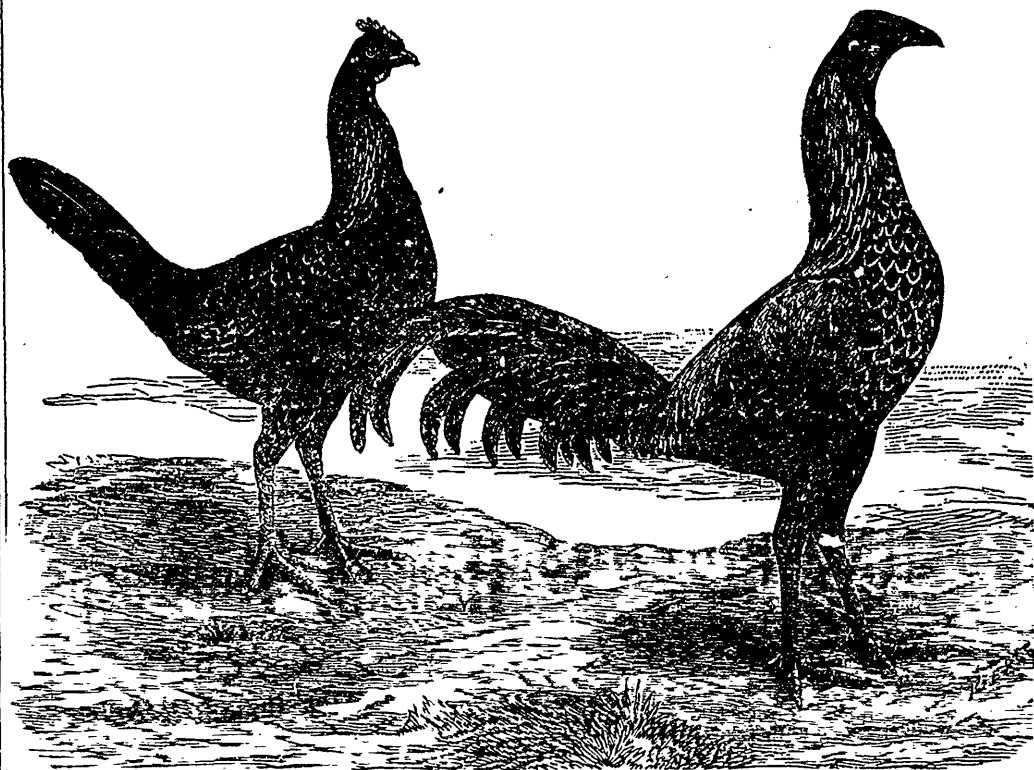
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BROWN-BREADED RED GAMES.

Canadian fanciers have been largely instrumental in bringing this noble variety into notice on this continent, but during the past few years they have allowed interest to flag, and the number of good birds at our shows has decreased. We would be pleased to see a revival of interest in them this winter. In the United States they are now regarded as the birds *par excellence* of the game classes, and it is the position they are entitled to.

Brown-reds are thus spoken of by an English authority :

" Among the Red birds we find those known as Gingers, Streaky and Brown breasted Reds, Muffs, and Tassells. These two last are at least most commonly seen of this color; the distinctive mark of the 'Muffs' being a beard around the throat, while 'Tassells' have their name from

a few long feathers forming a crest at the head, like that of the lapwing plover. The latter were great favorites in Devonshire some years since. The hens of the Streaky breasted Reds and Gingers are usually dark brown or rusty black, with a little yellow on the hackle, back, and wing-coverts. The comb, too, is frequently of a dull leaden hue. In appearance, therefore, as may be readily be supposed, they are far behind the partridge-colored hens of the Black-breasted Reds. Let us, however, do full justice to their figure, which combines strength and activity of no ordinary kind, and, with a clear determined eye and resolute bearing, proclaims them no unfitting help mates for their more gorgeous husbands, and both willing and able to assist them in the hour of peril."

But two of the above named breeds are recognized in the American Standard of Excellence. The Brown-reds and Ginger-reds.