

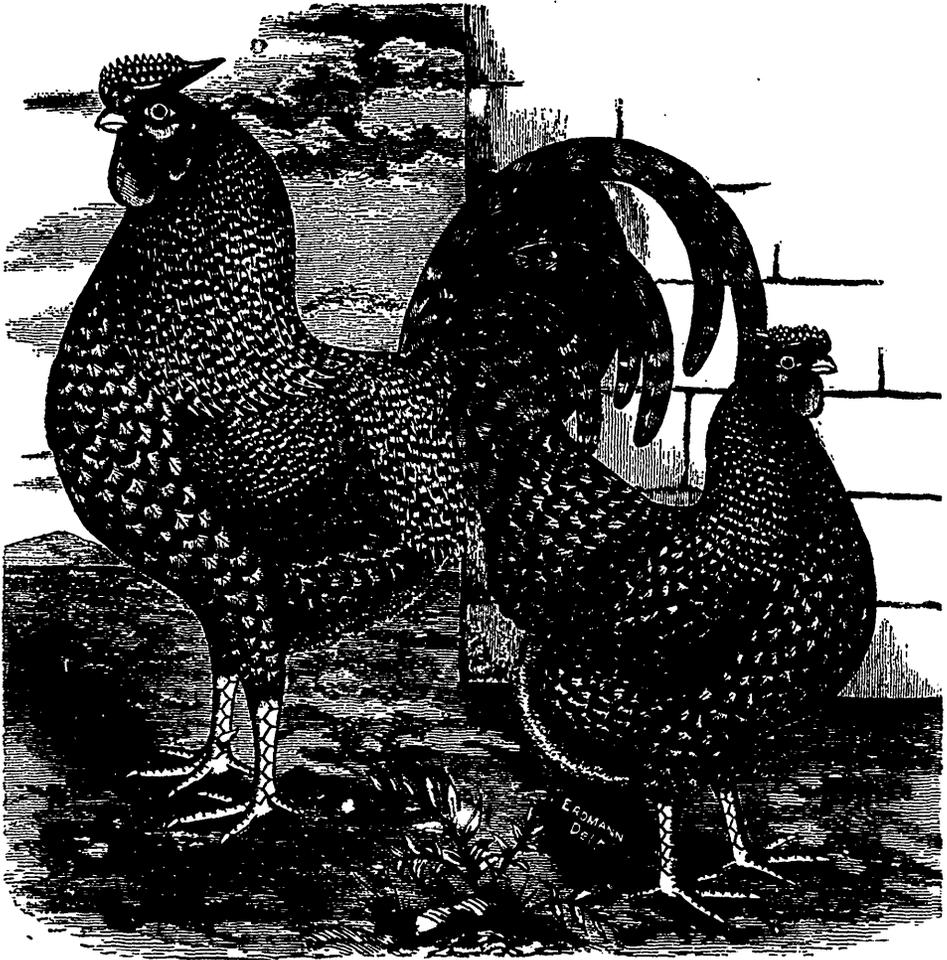
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## DOMINIQUES.

Long before Brahmas or Cochins found a place on American soil, or even Plymouth Rocks had an existence, Dominiques were occasionally to be found in farm yards in the States. They are an American breed, descended from some common stock, possessing certain characteristics which reproduced themselves, although not with that degree of certainty which characterizes our modern breeds. Their existence antedates any period of the Hen

Fever epidemic. They were bred long before crossing for new varieties was in vogue, and can disclaim any mongrel blood, save, possibly, what might have been introduced occasionally to prevent deterioration. They do not hold a very prominent place in poultry culture, but this is no fault of the breed. It is because, in olden times, no one was found who devoted the proper time or talent to bring them up to a desirable standard,