

## INDIAN GAMES

Editor Review,—

**I**NOTE H. S. Babcock's quotations. The Club should come out flat-footed and disqualify a dubbed Indian Game. It should be considered *prima facie* evidence that the comb was a single one or so defective as to cause it to be disqualified in any other pea-comb breed.

Again, the Club should describe the breed, as pencilled with lines running parallel with edge of the feather. If more than one line is better than one, then make one line a defect and let it be cut. It is an easy matter to say pencilled by two lines running parallel and parallel with edge of feather.

The fact of the matter is there is a preference for the character of pencilling found in the dark Brahma or part-ridge Cochins, from which source it has in all probability come. I think it looks rather weak in any club to cater to a mongrel condition of things. The sooner the Club comes down to uniform type and color and character of pencilling, the sooner will their breed become respected and accorded the appellation of "thoroughbred" by the fraternity. It looks to me as if they were allowing too many excuses and leaving too many loop-holes for mongrels and first crosses to come in and divide the trade, and giving the huckster too much chance to bring discredit upon a bird they are pushing into public notice.

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## NOTES.

BY BLACK WYANDOTTE.

**I**FIND that too much corn, will often prove fatal to Brahmas. They take on fat easily, and are not so given to rambling, as some other birds; consequently, they are liable to apoplexy. I lost a very valuable hen from this cause a few days

ago which has admonished me that less corn and more light-food (and not too much of either) is the thing for Asiatics. There is little danger with the chicks as they are growing, and their food goes where it does the most good, and not so much to fat, but the mature fowls should be guarded carefully in this respect, if we want to preserve their breeding powers, and prevent the loss of valuable birds

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The fowls are now coming into their full new plumage, and I take it that a finely marked dark Brahma hen, is at this season of the year, one of the most "beautiful to look upon" fowls extant. I have never been an admirer of the dark Brahma male, but the female must be acknowledged to be simply superb in every respect. Perhaps the more homely mate serves to set off her charms more favorably. It is a pity this grand bird should be so much neglected. In spite of the fact that they are difficult to breed, they are one of the most attractive of the Standard birds, and a bird, that has practical value, equal to any of the Asiatics.

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It is the medium sized fowl, that catches the eye of the average farmer. Such birds as Wyandottes, Plymouth Rocks, Dorkings, Javas, come nearer the common idea of a "business fowl" than the heavier or lighter birds, it being generally known that they are better for all purposes than either the of the extremes in size. They are the best and most successful sitters and mothers, unless we except Games and bantams. For some reason, Dorkings have never "taken hold" very well, with American breeders, although they remain a favorite medium-sized breed in England. As the breeders of other breeds, are beginning to seek strength in unity, perhaps a "Dorking Club," could have much influence, in bringing this valuable fowl to the front.

## TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

**O**N Oct. 9th, 1890, the Toronto Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association held its usual monthly meeting in Richmond Hall, after the lapse of three months. The President in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. No business of special importance was transacted, but it was the feeling of the members present that a revision of the by-laws was necessary. This will be talked about at the next regular meeting. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by several of our members relative to the judging of some of the birds at the Industrial, notably Indian Game. The members decided to hold a debate, and obtain standards and works on this breed, so as to come to a definite decision regarding the points of Indian Games.

There were on exhibition several pairs of white Minorcas; prizes awarded, 1st Thos. A. Duff, 94, 93½. 2nd John Gray, 94, 92½. Judges, J. E. Bennett, Rob't Downs, Cha's Bonnick. Pigeons—Any other variety—1st, 2nd and 3rd, W. Fox; judge H.B. Donovan. After some further discussion the meeting adjourned.

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Secretary.

## KEMPENFELDT POULTRY &amp; PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

**T**HE annual meeting of the Kempenfeldt Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was held in Barrie exhibition grounds on the 26th Sept., at 1 o'clock p.m.

The President, Mr. Peter, called the meeting to order, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

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