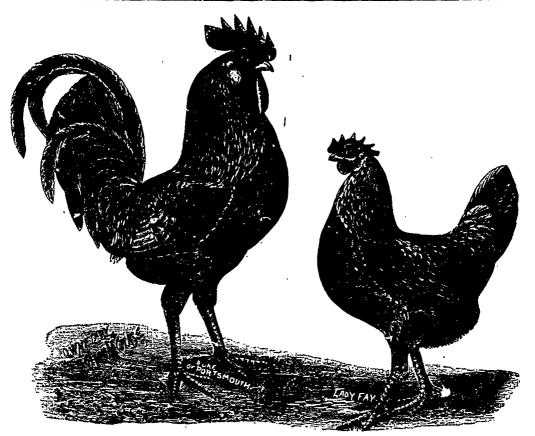PAIR BUFF LEGHORNS.

OWNED BY MR. CHAS. M. CHASE, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

in the comb, loss of a feather from the tail, or a simple spot as large as a pea out of place, has debarred the best pair from competition as "disqualified." It is time this nonsense, so regularly puffed in the poultry journals, should cease, and award premiums for merit only. Why a light hackle without a black lining on a light Brahma should prevent a pure-bred bird of good quality from competition, is more than farmers can understand. It is this senseless trash, styled marking, that keeps the farmers' poultry away from shows, and the "fancy" indulge in much mystery over the peculiar points of the breeds. The truth is there is no mystery about it all, and the first pre-mium birds are usually about the most worthless to be seen at exhibitions, many of them being utterly unfit for breeding purposes. We prefer poultry for profit instead of feathers and the farmers care very little about a falling comb or crooked feathers, provided the fowl is from a strain of good layers that possess superior frames and other desirable characteristics. A little more common sense is needed in this matter, and less child's play. *Ex.* [As a matter of fact exhibitions are not for the purpose of picking out the best layer or those birds which carry the greatest amount of meat. ED.]

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When chickens legs become scaley and rough it is the disease known as "Scaley legs." This trouble is usually confined to the Asiatic breeds and is easily cured. It is caused by a little parasite getting under the insterstices between the scales and the legs. Carefully apply kerosene to the affected parts, wipe up and then rub in ointment made of sulphur and lard. One thorough application will usually be enough.

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A flock may be composed of some of the best layers to be found, yet the average number of eggs secured may be low. If you want to make poultry culture profitable, this is one of the points worthy of attention.