

variety, I am sorry to say, has a weakness that way, especially some strains; not only are their earlobes very white, but the shape of them is round. For this fault we have to thank those fanciers who have introduced black rosecomb blood into their birds.

The Scotch Grey Bantams are sometimes called "cuckoos," a name which is wrong and very misleading, and one I strongly objected to. A "cuckoo" Bantam may have feathered legs, yellow legs, a rosecomb or a crest, and to be a really proper cuckoo color the head, neck, and back should be a leaden-grey, not barred, tail feathers slaty-black with white ends, legs and feet yellow, they would then be rightly named, and more like their namesake the common cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*). They can also be the shape of any variety of poultry. What I have always tried to breed, and will continue to do, and what I want others to breed, is a typical miniature Scotch Grey and not a non-descript of any color and shape. I am not a Scotchman, so that has nothing to do with it.

The Scotch Grey Club used to include Scotch Grey Bantams, but I am sorry to say they have ceased to do anything for the Bantams, so we must make a start for ourselves. I am endeavoring to get two challenge cups, one for Scotch Grey Bantam cockerels and one for pullets, and shall be pleased to hear from those fanciers interested in Scotch Grey Bantams who will assist me in helping on this pretty and interesting variety.—F. J. S. Chatterton, F. E.S., M.B.O.U., in "Poultry."

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While in Toronto, I did not have the pleasure of meeting you, but fully intended to, but overlooked it, but hope to in the near future. Now even I had the pleasure of meeting my old friend, Mr. Chas. Bonnick, who, as a chickman, is made of the right stuff. While there, Mr. B. presented me with a setting of white Rock eggs,

and out of these I have ten fine healthy chicks and doing well. I may possibly exhibit some of them at the Toronto Industrial against Mr. B., but I hate to beat him at his own game. However, if I do, Mr. B., and I will make it all right. I also sent to Bradley Bros., Mass., and got a setting of barred. Out of these I have nine fine chicks, so you will see I am in for business.

With my early hatch I had very poor luck indeed, consequently haven't much use for them, I think the best time is from the 1st of May to the 20th of June, as then they are able to run round and hunt for themselves, and get worms, etc., and I'll guarantee they will grow as much in one week, as they will in two, when hatched in March and April. Wishing you every success,

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