

nor the ducks are extreme in colour either one way or the other.

The above three ducks have well-marked, good bills, but the two young ducks we are selecting for this drake, although similar in plumage to the old ones, have bills as clear as a drake.

We do not advise this drake-billed duck fancy of ours to be carried too far, but we never like to be without one such duck in our breeding-pens annually; a dark or leaden-coloured bill will never command the attention of a Rouen fancier. There is a great improvement, however, of late years, in this respect; not only has the plumage become richer, but the bills are clearer.

We may expect a large percentage of good-coloured drakes from this pen, and a fair average of uniform coloured ducks, great size being their chief merit.

Our remaining five ducks (four old and one young) are all of exhibition type and colour; they have all been carefully bred from uniform parents. The Duke is just the drake for them to make certainty doubly sure. Conqueror, Emperor, or even our old champion, would be too dark for them. It would be repeating the folly of the fancy to use a very rich coloured drake with them.

The Duke is a darker drake than Hero, and he has a dark, self-coloured tail, still he is a bright and taking colour throughout, and with such mates as we have selected for him, he cannot fail to produce standard birds.—*Fancier's Gazette.*

#### NOTES.

##### WORLD'S FAIR 1893

The poultry show of the World's Fair will be held from October 16th, to 28th, altogether too long. Entries will be taken up to July 13th 1893.

ARKANSAS POULTRY FARM.  
(See description elsewhere.)

