



TOO much meat should not be fed cockerels of the high combed varieties, or in fact any of the varieties of Bantams, as it has a tendency to make the combs grow too large and coarse. Many birds are spoiled in this way, even rose-combs.

A starved and stunted fowl is not necessarily a Bantam. Bantams should be Bantams irrespective of the amount of food supplied, but there is no necessity to force growth nor to feed bone muscle forming material, though in the case of Game Bantams a certain amount of this is necessary to gain reach and style.

Variety or soft feathered Bantams are all the better for being moulted in a warm atmosphere, as heat, especially moist heat, is conducive to the growth of feathers. For this very reason Game Bantams do much better when moulted in a lower temperature, coming through the ordeal with shorter and harder jackets. We like barley and buckwheat as a staple mixture for Game Bantams. Wheat is useful in the case of their more feathery brethren.

If your cockerels show too much fighting one with the other, try running a sage old grandfather in the cockerel pen.

Some breeders have argued that it is necessary to moult white birds in the dark to retain or secure the pure alabaster plumage. In our opinion and experience this is a mistake. A moderate amount of strong light is advisable, though of course the full glare of the sun is fatal to white plumaged birds. Unless air and sun are supplied in moderation, a yellow tint is imparted to the feathers.

Do not feed yellow corn to white birds while in moult. The yellow coloring matter in the corn will be distributed through the feathers. This applies to the moulting period only, it will not injure mature plumage.

We want breeders' experience, newsy notes, etc., for this department. Let us have yours. Don't hide your light under a bushel.

Few fowls of any breed; large or small, will beat the rose-comb Bantams year in and year out as layers. For the size of the bird the egg is a large one, especially that of the white variety.

Too many Cochin Bantams have combs too large and high. They would not be tolerated on the Cochin. Why on the Cochin Bantam? Get them down. The blacks fail more than the others in this.

Mr. Chas. Bonnicks, Toronto, is going into light Brahma Bantams. He is importing a pair of the best to be procured as a basis for a start.

Gray & Baldwin, Ottawa, who have been successful exhibitors of Game Bantams, we understand are dissolving partnership and disposing of their stock.

In breeding white Game Bantams the greatest difficulty is experienced in getting typical shaped birds with pure white plumage and—yellow legs. The latter is the hard nut, as it is with all white yellow-legged breeds. It is easy enough to get birds loose in feather with yellow legs, or birds creamy in color with yellow legs, but to get them WHITE in web and shaft and get sound yellow shanks and feet seems yet a long way off, though we know of one or two who are approaching this state, not by any means rapidly.

In the keeping of Bantams we favor hard grain feeding as much as possible. Our own birds never get slops or mixtures, and they keep bright and healthy. Besides being less trouble the birds do better on hard sound grain and green stuff.