Besides selecting males from egg-laying strains further care should be exercised to see that the birds selected possess the blocky build so essential in the fattening crate.

Fig. 53 illustrates a desirable type of bird to place at the head of a flock or in the fattening crate. Note the breadth and depth of breast. Fig. 54 illustrates an undesirable type of bird either as a flock header or for the fattening crate. Note the lack of breast and could he be seen from the front it is certain that his legs would be close together and his whole appearance indicative of narrowness and lack of constitution.

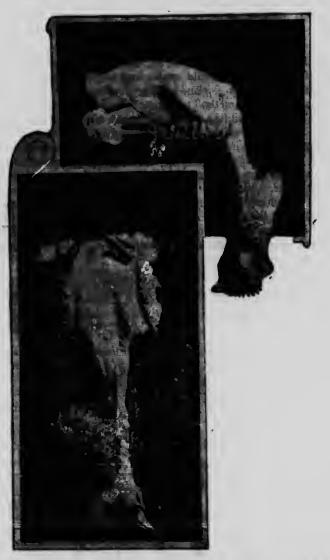


Fig. 65.—Two Views Showing Back and Breast of Properly Shaped Fleshed Bird.