

birds indeed, and rarely seen as yet in the country. Mr. Joyce deserves great credit for his enterprise in introducing the rarer forms of both pigeons and fowls.

HOUDANS—were shown, if we mistake not, for the first time for some years, if not absolutely for the first time. There were two lots, one of which was much in advance of the other. Cannot some one improve the appearance of Houdans without diminishing their useful qualities. There is too much of the "homespun" in their get up for birds. A bird should be beautiful or give place to one that is. At present the Houdan is not beautiful—not very beautiful.

POLISH, W. C. BLACK.—A few real beauties, but the fair outside in certain cases did not avail. The impartial eye of the judge decided that they must, beauty and all, give place to others that had the true colors throughout. The competition was close, and the winners upon the whole first-rate.

GOLDEN SPANGLED (bearded)—were a numerous class which might have been better. None of the male birds were really A 1. The winner of first among hens was a fine bird with immense crest, and excellent in other respects, though a little defective in legs. She won in spite of a 'false' feather, which the owner according to his fixed principles (in opposition to all trimming as we understand) left, conspicuous as it was.

SILVER SPANGLED, (bearded).—A poor lot we are bound to say. The more apparent when placed, as they were, beside the Golden.

GAMES.—Not as numerous as we could have wished, especially the Pyles and Duckwings.

B. B. REDS.—The winners were first-rate, and so were some of the others; but the difference was marked enough. In Games and Game Bantams, Mr. Bicknell cut severely on symmetry and station and head and neck. Now as it is these points chiefly

that give the Game fowl his characteristic appearance, this scoring seems to us perfectly right. As well have a Gobbler that would not strut as a Game Cock that will not stand up and look defiance to all the world.

DUCKWINGS.—A few nice ones, too few, too few, alas, of these beautiful birds! **PYLES.**—There were likewise few, and some none too good. A Pyle when good is a beauty indeed, but when half and half—"Avaunt and quit my sight."

BROWN REDS—were a fair class, a few good ones.

PIT GAMES.—The large exhibit of birds of this class was a new feature of the show. Nearly every bird was in good condition, and the winners all well worthy of their prizes. This exhibit served the purpose of allowing of a comparison with the other Games. They seem to be a revival of ancient history; or should we say a chapter connecting the present with the past?

GAME BANTAMS—were as usual a numerous class, and the winners throughout were good; a few hens such as are not often excelled. The competition in **BLACK REDS** was keen, and the winners very fine birds. The **BROWN REDS** not so good, we thought. The **PYLES** were capable of improvement in a large degree. There were, however, two or three real good ones. The same remark applies to the **DUCKWINGS**. We must not forget to notice some very fine **WHITES**.

BANTAMS OTHER THAN GAME.—Not as numerous as last year, and not so good. Where was Mr. Oldrieve, of Kingston? Several birds, especially Pekins, were disqualified as "overweight," as was also a nice Golden Seabright Cock. The hen escaped and secured a first. **ROSE-COMB BLACKS**—We have seen smaller and better. The hens looked much too large. There was one nice small pullet. The **SILVER SERRIGHTS** were not to our mind seemed to lack color and symmetry. The Buff Pekins shown, had they not

been too heavy, especially the males, were good. A pair of **BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS** looked well and secured first.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS, (1) BARRED—Were numerous enough, but not right in plumage. How hard it is to get them so! Happy are they that have the opportunity to learn what is correct from a reliable authority. (2) **WHITES**, much the best and deserved the tickets they got. **WYANDOTTES**, seem as yet to be but "half made up." There is an undesirable indefiniteness about them—at least most of them; and we saw none that met our ideal at the Montreal show. There is a chance to show the Montreal Fanciers what the bird ought to be, if any one has got such on hand. We are speaking, of course, of the silver-laced variety. **RED CAPS.**—We had almost forgotten, and perhaps it would have been just as well if we had. These suggested to us ruined Hamburgs. An unnecessary variety.

TURKEYS.—Few—but a pair of magnificent Bronzes. O! that we had a farm, we exclaimed inwardly, as we looked on them!

GEES.—White China and Embden alone represented, but good ones. Montreal much needs more entries in water-fowl.

DUCKS.—Most of the class were first-rate. **ROUENS**, a few good ones. **CAYUGA**—a drake with most resplendent plumage. **PEKINS**, some fine birds. The winners left little to be desired. **AYLESBURYS**, were to us disappointing, though they attained the rank of prize winners.

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BRAHMAS, LIGHT—T Hall, cock, 2nd 89-1-2, 3rd 85-1-2. Hen, 1st 94, 2nd 90½, 3rd 90-1-2. Cockerel, 1st 93, 2nd and 3rd 89-1-2. Pullet, 1st and 2nd 91-1-2, 3rd 90. Breeding Pen 1st. **DARK**—J Ainslie, cock, 2nd 89. Hen, 2nd 86-1-2. Cockerel, 2nd 83-1-2. Pullet, 2nd 87, 3rd 84-1-2.

COCHINS, PARTRIDGE—J Eddy, cock, 2nd 88. Hen, 2nd 89. Pullet, 1st 90. Breeding Pen, 1st A Joyce. Hen, 3rd 87. **BUFF**—A