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YE MINORCA OF YE OLDEN TYME.

We have seen and heard much controversy as to the origin of the Minorca, and the length of time it has been bred

the pages of a large volume devoted to poultry, published in the year 1853, namely, *The Poultry Book*, by the Rev. W. Wingfield and S. W. Johnson, Esq. Illustrated by Harrison Weir. This book in a chapter devoted to the "History of the Spanish Fowl," under which head the W. F. B. Spanish, White Spanish, Anconas, Andalusians, and *Minorcas*,

"The Minorca fowl is very common in Devonshire and Cornwall, though by no means limited to these counties. In the western part of Cornwall, especially birds of this variety have often been valued as first-rate layers, and for some years they formed the one, principal stock of our own yards. (Remember this was written in



WHITE WYANDOTTES.

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in the yards of English fanciers, one journal going so far as to say that it was nothing but a modern offshoot of the Leghorn, this we think we shall be able to prove to be an entire fallacy.

Through the courtesy of a brother fancier we had the pleasure of perusing

are classed, has this to say of the Minorca. "Names also that denote some sub-division of this family strengthen our conclusion; for the *Anconas* and *Minorcas* derive their designations from localities that carry us far beyond mere Spanish boundaries."

1853, 34 years ago. The italics are ours—Editor REVIEW.) The milder temperature of the south of England would offer peculiar advantages to the successful management of these fowls, which for a long period, (mark, a long period, Editor REVIEW,) accustomed to