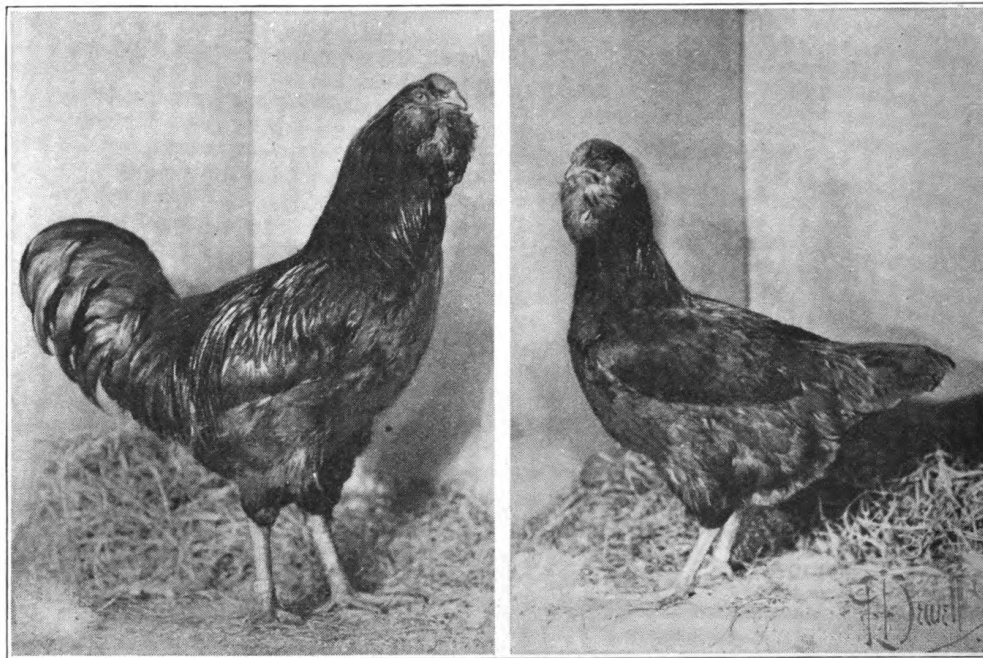


### THE RUSSIAN ORLOFF

This is the only distinctively Russian race of fowls known in America. Those which are now seen occasionally in our shows are of recent introduction, but whether direct from Russia or by way of western Europe the author is not informed. The name is obviously associated with that of the Russian Orloff horse, which takes its name from a celebrated horseman and breeder. Russian tradition is that this race of fowls was imported from Persia by Count Orloff. Brown says that the breed was not known in England and western Europe until 1899; but some lots of them must have come to America very much earlier, for the author when a boy learned of fowls of this description as a characteristic Russian type.

They are large fowls, the males weighing from nine to eleven pounds; the females about two pounds less. There are three color varieties—red, white, and speckled. The red is the only variety that has come to this country. The color in this is a very dark, rich mahogany red. The birds are handsome, the plumage being hard, smooth, and highly lustrous. The speckled variety is described by Brown as of the black-red color type, with a considerable mixture of white. Aside from their looks, the chief distinction of the Orloffs is extreme hardiness. They are indifferent layers, and hard fleshed.



**FIG. 200—RUSSIAN RED ORLOFF MALE AND FEMALE**

Weight—male 9 to 11 lbs.; female 7 to 9 lbs. Color of plumage—dark mahogany red with black in wings and tail; eyes amber red; beak and legs yellow.