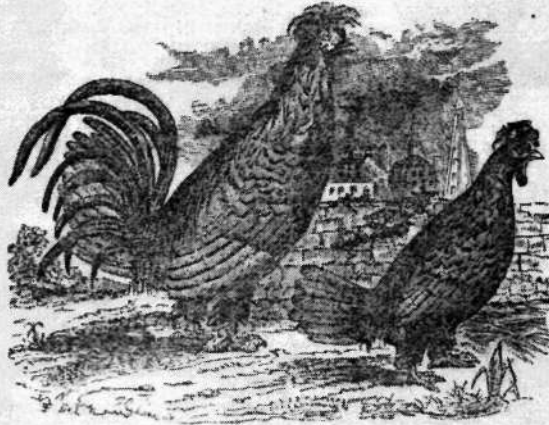


fowl a claim to be considered a distinct species; but their opinion is evidently erroneous. These fowl are good layers, but the eggs are small. For any practical purpose they are quite useless, and are also carefully to be excluded from the poultry yard, on account of the rapidity with which a cross from them lowers the value of our common poultry, darkening the color of the skin, and causing our birds to deteriorate both in appearance and utility.

XVI. THE SIBERIAN OR RUSSIAN FOWL,

Called by some the Russian, and said to be a native of that country, is distinguished by tufts of dark-colored feathers springing from each jaw, others, longer and fuller, springing from the lower mandible, in the form of



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a beard. The color varies; some are white, some blue or black, and others are colored like the game fowl. The flesh of this variety is white and good. They are, likewise, good layers, are hardy, and easily fed. This fowl is sometimes colored like the Spangled Hamburgh—some gold and some silver spangled. When thus colored, they are deemed valuable.

XVII. THE FRIZZLED FOWL

Is so called from the crisped and frizzled appearance of its feathers, and not, as some have erroneously asserted, from a corruption of Friesland, at one time improperly conceived to be its native country. It is a native of Java, and other parts of Eastern Asia: it is smaller than our common fowl, is very susceptible of cold, and is, on that account, very difficult to rear. These fowl are particularly sensible of wet, the chickens especially; they are very

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