

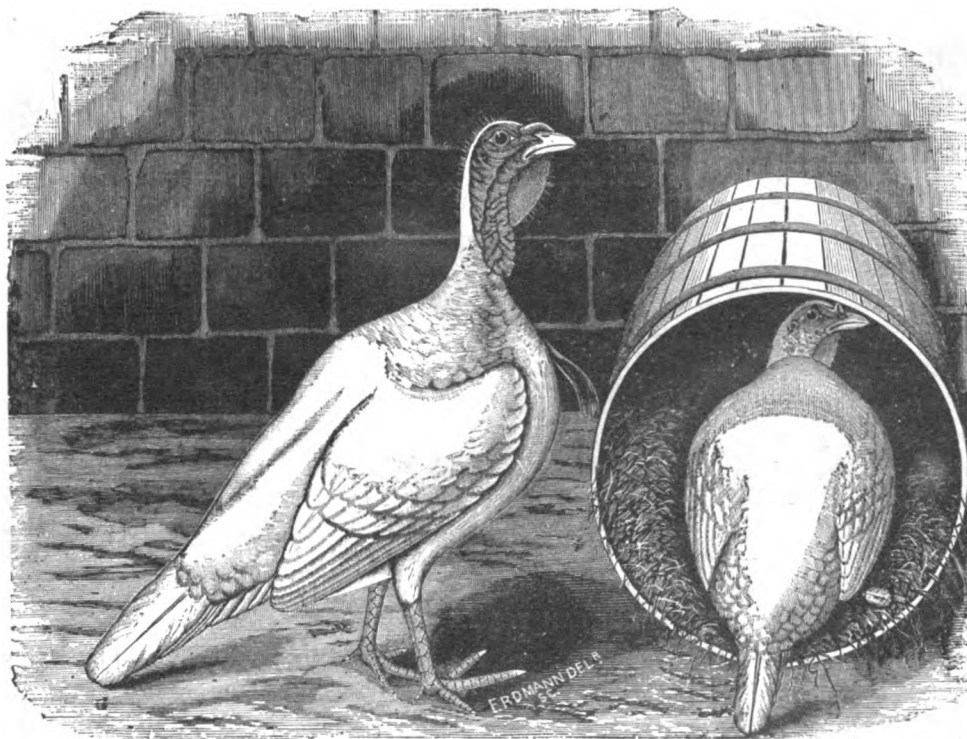
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THE WHITE VARIETIES.

Exclusive of the Bantam class, there are in our present Standard seventy-three varieties of land and water fowl described. Of this generous number, fifteen are pure white in plumage; so that the numerous fanciers who admire, above all colors, birds of snowy feathering throughout, have plenty of room for choice. There is a quiet beauty about this fine stainless color—if color it can be

called—that far surpasses gorgeous hues and rainbow tints, and nature is not sparing of its use in the animal world.

The most advanced race of all humanity is white; and descending in the scale of intelligence, what more beautiful in the equine race than the "milk-white steed" of romance.

Riding a white hobby-horse, we might go further, and declare that the best swine were white; the most beautiful of Pigeons the White Fantail; a white elephant worth a

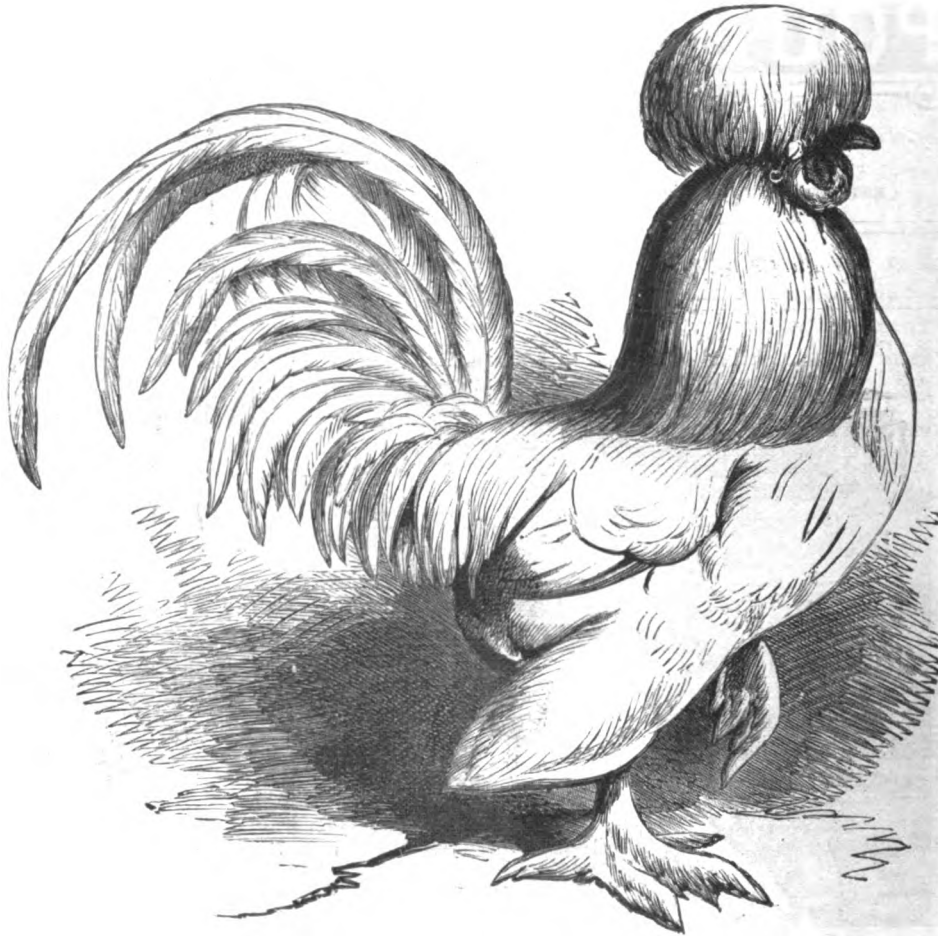
score of dusky ones ; a white cat the best mouser ; white mice and white rats the most pleasing of rodents ; white lambs so lovely that a "black sheep" is a bad one ; the greatest ox ever raised was white ; one of the leading poultry breeders in the West is White (Jas. E.) ; and so, having run into poultry, we might assert that of all varieties the White are the handsomest. But we won't.

We have recently illustrated, in the BULLETIN, White Polish, Aylesbury (white) Ducks, Crested White Ducks,

twenty pounds ; hens not less than twelve pounds. With the exception of slightly smaller size, pink legs and their attractive snowy white plumage, the White Turkeys do not materially differ from the Bronze or Black varieties of this *the American fowl*.

THE SULTAN FOWL.

Serai-Taook is the Moslem's name for this contribution from Turkey to our list of standard fowls. *Serai* (Sultan's



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White Games and White Leghorns. This month we present views of White Cochins, White Dorkings, White Turkeys, Sultans, Pekin Ducks and Embden Geese—all belonging to the White Varieties.

WHITE TURKEYS.

The White, sometimes called White Holland, Turkeys, are not as large as the mammoth "Bronze" (and it may be well to remark, in passing, that the latter are not *always* mammoth), the standard weights being some five pounds less for the White than for the Bronze variety. To be standard, White Turkey cocks should weigh not less than

Palace) *Taook* (fowl)—the "fowl for the Sultan's palace." Well, there is no accounting for tastes, and perhaps the Sultan Fowl suits the Sultan to a dot. But if it does, we do not care to have him select poultry for us.

Sultans were imported from Constantinople to England some twenty-seven years ago, but never met with much favor, owing, perhaps, to the difficulty of getting good birds to breed from, they being by no means common, even in Turkey itself. They are small, blue-legged fowls, with rather pretty plumage. For them *not* to have vulture hocks is a disqualification, while they have feathered legs, and crests somewhat resembling White Polish. The illustration is not first-class—neither are the fowls.