

as the tufted for example, in which neither male nor female have any crest nor appendage under the beak; in others, such as the dunghill, for instance, the male has sometimes an enormously large crest and appendages, while the females have these parts diminutive and badly conformed. These discrepancies, however, establish no difference between the individuals, because we are certain and well convinced of their identity. Ought we then to consider the wild cock and hen as individuals of a different species, merely because of this variation? But every difficulty will be done away, if, as persons deserving of credit have informed me, and who live in the country, there are hens absolutely deprived of crests and appendages; this, however, I cannot affirm, because I have never had an opportunity of verifying it.

“ The top of the head, and the commencement of the neck behind, are covered with short, straight, and greyish feathers. The cheeks, and the under part of the throat, are whitish; and those parts naked in the cock, are covered in the hen with very small and numerous feathers.

“ The feathers of the neck behind, are  
brownish,