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My dear Pease,

I had one homozygous Barred cock through to the adult stage, and bred from him last year. Since then I have killed him and sent him to the Museum. He was throughout life very considerably different from the heterozygous cocks, of which I have reared several.

I do think your point about Black is an important one, though I don't see how one can form an opinion upon the information supplied by existing breeds, as to whether Barred attracted attention early in the presence of Black.

One odd thing has turned up since, namely, an old Barred hen, presumably with degenerate ovary, developed spurs, and I tried to keep her to see if the plumage would be modified. She died not much later, and I have samples of her plumage, which I have not yet been able to compare feather by feather with that of the male birds, but I rather think she will resemble the heterozygous cock. If so, this makes rather strong evidence for the view that there is a female chromosome with the normal allelomorph of Bar in it.

Yours sincerely,