

A QUAIN OLD TOWN

LYME REGIS BEING BOOMED AS A
NEW SEASIDE RESORT.

Great Annual Agricultural Exhibition is held there—Popular Show of Englishmen Where the Prince of Wales' Fat Steers Were Want to Be Seen—Superiority of British Animals—Canadian Farm Machines.

Lyme Regis, England, is a quaint old town at the southwest point of Dorset County, England, and is about to have a boom as a seaside resort. Other south England coast towns have become overcrowded and overrun, so some new place had to be blocked out for those who could pay more money and go farther for their outings, and Lyme Regis was hit upon as the choice.

That name, Lyme Regis, sounds odd. The way in which the name started is as odd as the name itself. All hereabout is a great lime region. Centuries ago, as long ago as when the English spelled lime with a "y," the kilns here were famous. The ground upon which they were situated were part of the English crown



STREET IN LYME REGIS.

lands, therefore belonged to the King, therefore "lyme regis," lime of the King. The Latin-Norman law designation sounded more stately than merely "King's lime," so Lyme Regis it remains to this day.

The town lies at the mouth of the tiny river Lyme just where it enters the English Channel. Sheltered by the great cliffs that rise behind the town to the north, one can sit beside the Lyme Regis sea promenade in winter and gaze out southward over the sun-bathed waves. The sun is southern, even though biting winds blow upon the cliffs above.

One of the best of British country fairs is maintained here by a large and influential agricultural and live stock organization called the Bath and Western and Southern Counties Society. The members unite their forces from the several counties in the organization—Dorset, Somerset, Devon and others—and hold annually in Bath or some other city a farming and live stock show. To get a summarized view of the richest, fattest part of agricultural England and its people one has only to attend this show.

The fair has been for generations one of the noted rural events of England. King Edward himself when he was Prince of Wales used to send hither his finest, fattest, beest. Tremendous red brown Shorthorn bulls covered with just the common blankets of a bovine drew crowds of adoring English to their stalls merely by the magic "P. W." (Prince of Wales) marked in dingy letters in the rusty corner of one of these blankets. What is more, the P. W. beest were apt to take first premium.

It would be a mistake to take for granted that the animals in a British live stock show were in every case superior to those of Canada. Beef cattle in Canadian shows are as large as those in England, but they are not so handsome. Now the British stockmen secure the sleek, lustrous coats and perfectly round bodies, smooth as marble, for their beest is a mystery. Perhaps the moister English climate has something to do with it. Perhaps farmers here take more pains with their beest than Canadian farmers do. At any rate, the show British beest is superior in looks to the one raised in the Dominion.

Neither is the Canadian bred draft horse quite equal to the British one. Such splendid draft creatures one never lays eyes on as the Shire horses of England and the pure bred Clydes of Scotland. The Shires, or cart horses, so-called,



THE PLEASANTEST SIGHT.

were more numerous at this west of England show than any other breed. At the close of the fair one day all the animals that had taken prizes were hustled around in the ring and the draft horses were a sight to remember, great chested, large limbed and stately, yet active as well and perfectly trained.

At this fair some of the large white Yorkshire hogs were five feet from snout to tail and weighed 700 pounds. The Tamworth, in some sections the favorite swine of the British farmer, is a close second to the large white Yorkshire both in size and ugliness. It is a huge,

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rusty red hog, with perked up ears, not floppy ones, and large samples of the breed are as heavy as an ordinary two-year-old heifer. It is hard to believe these creatures, in looks as fearsome as the old-fashioned idea of the arch fiend, furnish the tender, delicate flavored bacon which the Britisher is so fond of morning, noon and night, yet they do. And, although Canadian sheep are as large and as well woolled as English, the British mutton of the finest quality is usually rather better than that of the Dominion.

There were Jersey cows there of the British beef type, which only give from twenty-five to twenty-eight quarts a day for the best of them, rows of tiny red Dexter cows and infinitesimal black Irish Kerry cows, with their shining sharp black horns, like those of a chamois; quacking ducks and squawking chickens, and dairy and churning machinery. Here the crowd gathered round like bees, and one stands apart while the throng passes and studies people, the most interesting live stock of all.

It is a fine opportunity to note the rural population of the best part of agricultural England, the section famous for Devonshire clotted cream for one thing. They were to be taken as the superior farming people of England, girls with their sweethearts, mothers with their children, rustic men clad in the farm tog fashion of their grandfathers. There is a marked difference here between the dress of city and country people. They seem to constitute two quite separate classes. There is, to be sure, not any pronounced peasant class, such as still lingers in France, but there is in dress and manner a far greater difference between city and country than in Canada.

Neither are the country people here generally so good looking as well dressed or so prosperous appearing as in Canada, and they are by no means the strong, rosy class we have thought of as belonging to rural England. As a class they are neither large, strong looking nor rosy, and they have very bad teeth, of which they seem to take no care at all. Some curious pronouncements are noted among them. Many of them call a horse a "harsh" and an orchard an "archoard," changing the "o" into "a" in many words.

Next was the agricultural machinery. It looked heavy and clumsy to the Canadian visitor. So did the British carriages and wagons. But suddenly I caught sight of a big white pavilion, with a great collection of machinery underneath it—reapers, mowers, harrows, planters. It was perfectly finished, light, flexible, yet strong. The pavilion held an exhibit of Canadian agricultural machinery, and that was why it did not look heavy and ungainly, like the rest at the fair. It was the pleasantest sight at the fair.

People will find fault. It seems inherent in human nature. The surprising part is, so much fault is found when so few seem to lose any of their faults.

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An Express representative who entered the shop gleaned some interesting information. On the counter were cardboard boxes containing countless cards. On each card was a delicate set of lashes, attached to a scarcely visible strip of fish-skin.

A small bottle containing a "skin fluid," patented in America, and two cards complete the outfit. The eyelashes are 2s. 6d. per pair for "society wear," and 1s. 6d. per pair for theatrical wear.

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The manager declared that the 2s. 6d. pairs were proof against even a prolonged fit of hysterics, but he admitted, of course, that he had no direct evidence to that effect.

The theatrical lashes are black and very long, and made of coarser material. The hairs are of vegetable origin, and of every shade. They can be curled with the tongs when they become aggressively downcast.

Eyebrows at 10s. 6d. per pair, lasting from three to six months, are another specialty at this shop, and into those sold to elderly ladies grey hairs are cunningly inserted.—London Express.

Individuality in Trees.

Those who are planting hardy varieties of trees for the purpose of top-grafting them with the best varieties of marketable apples, are working along right lines to secure profitable orchards, providing other details, such as pruning, spraying, cultivation, fertilizing, etc., are attended to. But there is a pointer here for the grower: Whether he intends to do his own grafting or to employ someone else to do it, he should be casting his eye around at this time of year to see where he can secure the right kind of scions with which to top work his young orchard. Not only should he be on the lookout where to secure the proper varieties, but there is another point of very great importance to the future bearing of his orchard. He should observe the individuality of the trees from which he intends to cut his scions.

This is a new theory to most people, and many are incredulous, but there can be no doubt from the evidence gained by experience that this is not a theory, but a well-established fact—the individuality of fruit trees—that some individual trees will far surpass others of the same variety under the very same conditions as to soil and care, and that scions obtained from such a tree and grafted into another will carry that individuality with it and perpetuate it. Here is simply another evidence of our ability to control the forces of nature for our own benefit, and the fruit-grower should not be slow to take advantage of it.

Caricaturing Crookes.

Sir William Crookes, F.R.S., the subject of a genial caricature by "Sisy" in a recent number of "Vanity Fair," was born one and seventy years ago, and at sixteen, after damaging much of the paternal furniture by acids and explosions, he was an active student in the Royal College of Chemistry, since when he has done much to advance the science of chemistry and physics. He invented the radio-metric, discovered thallium and radiant matter generally; he evolved the genesis of the elements, and founded the "Chemical News." He is a past President of all our best scientific societies, and he has published many practical works on many applied sciences. Without the Crookes tube the Roentgen rays were unknown to the world. This week shown at the Royal Society his newest invention, the spintharoscope, by which the curious scintillations of the newest element, radium, may be readily seen. Altogether he is a very great man of science, who has done much to benefit the world very practically.—London Star.

Early Rising Proverbs.

A father was telling his son of the advantage of early rising, which he emphasized by using the well worn (but much appreciated) adage, "It is the early bird that catches the worm." The precocious juvenile replied, "All right, father; you get up in the early morning and catch the worms, and I'll go fishing with them in the afternoon." Charles Sothorn (of illustrious memory), in his famous character play of "Lord Dundreary," used to quote the proverb, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise," on which he commented as follows: "Now, there's my brother Sam; he used to go to bed early, sometimes as early as 4 o'clock (in the morning), and he was not particularly healthy. As for being wealthy, he would borrow a half crown from anybody without the slightest hope of being able (or even willing) to pay it back. And I never knew him to be wise, but confoundedly otherwise."

Desolate St. Helena.

A recent leading article in the only paper printed on the Napoleonic rock advocates the conversion of St. Helena into a sort of penal settlement as the only mode of salvation. St. Helena had an extraordinary boom of prosperity during the South African war, when thousands of Boer prisoners were isolated there. Now there is no market for the local beef and vegetables, and the agriculturists are in despair. "Their lands are full of weeds, their gardens unplanted."

Trouble in Ant Colonies.

The chief cause of the hostility of different colonies of ants is found to be difference of odor and of ages.



LOSS OF APPETITE

If your stomach is upset or in any way out of order—if food seems distasteful to you—if acidity, burning or fullness of the stomach prevents you from having an appetite—if you wish to eat and eat well—take, before each meal, a wine glassful of

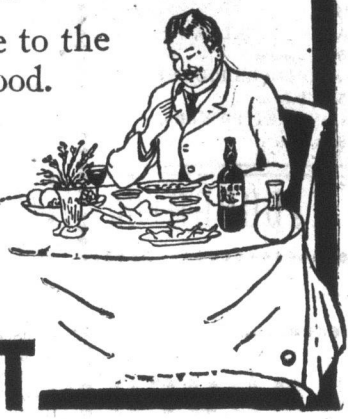
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