

CHERRY DUCHESS.

29 Cherry Princess.....	£15 5 0	Lord Beattie.
CLEOPATRA.		
6 Cleopatra 6th.....	42 0 0	Lord Beattie.
33 Princess Cleopatra.....	94 10 0	Mr. A. Whitman.
47 Lucy Constantine.....	195 0 0	Mr. Angenstein.
50 Lady Margaret.....	138 10 0	Mr. Angenstein.

Total £420 0 0

(Four lots, average £105.)

MUSICAL FAMILY

11 Musical 9th.....	210 0 0	Lord Fitzherberts.
28 Melody.....	68 5 0	Mr. Phillips.
41 Musical.....	65 2 0	Mr. Coleman.

Total £343 7 0

(Three lots, average £114. 9s.)

WALNUTS.

7 Heda's Farewell.....	65 2 0	Mr. H. Thompson.
42 Guinevere.....	63 0 0	Lord Chesham.
6 General Trochu.....	66 3 0	Col. Bruce.

Total £194 5 0

(Three lots, average £64. 1s.)

LADY BIRDS.

24 Lady Bird 6th.....	157 10 0	Mr. Gow.
49 Lady Mary.....	115 10 0	Mr. Gow.

Total £273 0 0

(Two lots, average £136. 10s.)

The above represent the principal families sold. The difference in value is affected by purity of blood; however good the specimens may be, the public will not give high prices unless the strains are pure. According to the present fashion and past experience, each additional generation of Duchess blood adds from £50 to £100 to the value of the animals; hence it is not surprising that bulls of this sort are eagerly sought after, and make long prices. Two are to be sold at Winterfold on the 18th, and, together with the other valuable animals, will attract a large company.

Sale of Mr. Wm. Bradburn's Shorthorns, at Wednesfield, Wolverhampton, on Friday, October 18.

BY MR. JOHN THORNTON.

The preface to the catalogue stated that the herd was first started from the well-known stock of the late Mr. Joshua Price, of Featherstone, the prize heifer Honey Flower (grandam of Miss Chesterfield) being purchased in 1860; this heifer by the bull Sultan (15355), who was second at the Chester Royal, and full of Milcote blood, was lineally descended from June Flower, bred by Mr. Torr, a great granddaughter of Strawberry, bought by Mr. J. G. Dixon at Robert Coling's sale, 1820. There were also descendants of Flora, a prize heifer (granddam of Nitrogen, ancestress of Ammonia), whose pedigree traced to Mr. Manning's stock at Rothersthorpe as well as other animals from Mr. Price's herd. Purchases were also made from Mr. Charles Stubbs' stock (Coraline being one of them), and some others were bought at the Earl of Dartmouth's and Mr. Harvard's sale at Winterfold, 1871. The bulls had been Wednesfield (30281), half brother to Miss Chesterfield, and the prize-winner White Satin (27800), who, bred by Mr. Swingle, was descended from Mr. Torr's stock through his sire, and from the late Mr. Chapman's prize strains of Whitwell, Oakham, through his dam. Mr. Bradburn had been faithful to the almost dying wish of his friend Joshua Price, in continuing the reputation of the Featherstone shorthorns in the Cannock, Rugely and Staffordshire shows, and he further extended it, by bringing them forward at not only the Royal,

but at the Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, and nearly every other county exhibition. And similar, too, was the Wednesfield herd bred, for, besides the half-dozen prize things, Mr. Bradburn kept about a score of short pedigree useful dairy cattle; so the charge was in truth literally fulfilled for a dozen years or more, until the decline of life and anxiety of business compelled the successor to give up some part of his business. The land at Wednesfield accordingly is to be set, and the first thing was to dispose of the herd before the showyard honours waned, and the cold and chilly November blast set in. The place is ill-fitted for a herd; the murky clouds drop their blackened particles, the coarse, green grass assumes a sickly ashy hue, and rare are the days when the sun's piercing rays can gleam through the darkened air, and give light and life to vegetation and animal creation. Even the buildings are of the red, shaly, porous brick, such as the miners' thirty years' cottages are made of; and as Wednesfield House must have been a farm long before the stress of the mining operations were in force, they could not boast of much comfort. Yet, nevertheless, some of as finely fed animals as the country has seen for some time walked therefrom, to beat in distant Northumberland the Cardiff prize-winner Exercise and air (such as it was) was the secret of his training—ah! and of how many more? but he lacked the snug old gorse sheds from which Joshua Price sent out his Alma, his Flora, and his Princess. Adjoining the buildings, capable of holding perhaps a dozen at the outside, were nice little paddocks or pastures, in which, on their return from the shows, the prize-winners roamed at pleasure, but knew too well where to return for food. Fifty head, with accommodation for a score, necessitated out-keeping, and several of the animals calved on the coal-pit banks, hence the nomenclature. The consequence of this was those reared at home were brought out in beautiful condition, whilst some few of the others from a distance, heavy milkers, were in a poor state. They acted nevertheless as splendid sets off to those in show-yard trim.

At the luncheon there was a bottle of champagne to a man. The business was all over before four o'clock, amounting to a total of £1,841 14s., of which the cows averaged nearly 40 and the bulls 30 guineas, or a general average of £36 2s. per 51 head.

COWS AND HEIFERS.

- Hinda 2nd, by Lord Derby (18223).—Earl of Sefton, 31 gs.
- Miss Chesterfield, by Fitz Turk (19763).—Mr. H. Fawcett, 80 gs.
- Dairymaid 5th, by Prince of Featherstone, (29652).—Mr. Woolf, 26 gs.
- Meadow Bute, by Volunteer (30237) Earl of Sefton, 29 gs.
- June 3rd, by Thorndale's Grand Duke (20976).—Mr. E. Wortley, 40 gs.
- Delight of Patshull, by Colonel Dan (21445).—Mr. T. R. Parry, 32 gs.
- Miss Valentine, by Huntsman (21964).—Earl of Sefton, 55 gs.
- Virginia 2nd, by Charleston (21400).—Mr. J. Webb, 40 gs.
- Oxley Maid, by Duke of Manchester (17732).—Mr. A. S. Hill, M.P., 48 gs.
- Ellen, by Leo, (24320).—Mr. T. Nash, 27 gs.
- Red Rose, by Royal Butterfly 15th, (20723).—Mr. H. Fawcett, 110 gs.
- Beautiful, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. F. Bird, 28 gs.
- Coraline, by Lord Lyon (24417).—Mr. S. Brown, 145 gs.

- Princess 4th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. W. H. Kitson, 26 gs.
 - Ammonia, by Lord Charles (26624).—Mr. J. Bickford, 90 gs.
 - Snowball 4th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. J. Webb, 31 gs.
 - Snowball 2nd, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. J. Webb, 34 gs.
 - Princess 5th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. H. Wale, 37 gs.
 - Matchless, by Wednesfield, (30281)—Mr. J. C. Major, 36 gs.
 - Snowball 5th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. S. Stubbs, 30 gs.
 - Lust, by Wednesfield (30281)—Mr. J. Bickford, 22 gs.
 - Snowdrop 3rd, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. F. Bird, 26 gs.
 - Lily 3rd, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. T. R. Parry, 19 gs.
 - Lily 4th, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. E. H. Horsley, 15 gs.
 - Beautiful 2nd, by Wednesfield (30281)—Mr. J. Webb, 25 gs.
 - Lust 2nd, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. E. H. Horsley, 24 gs.
 - Princess 6th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. W. H. Kitson, 19 gs.
 - Coalpit Lass, by Charles Edward (25743).—Mr. S. Brown, 37 gs.
 - Miss Lea, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. H. Wale, 16 gs.
 - Miss Field, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. C. Stanley, 13 gs.
 - Miss Boot, by Wednesfield (30281) Mr. T. R. Parry, 16 gs.
 - Miss Last, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. S. Hudson, 16 gs.
 - Oxley Lass, by Woodhouse.—Mr. H. Wale, 15 gs.
 - Christine, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. S. Brown, 60 gs.
 - Louisa, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. W. Yates, 10 gs.
 - Princess 7th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. H. Wale, 21 gs.
 - Medea, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. W. Yates, 15 gs.
 - Folly, by Woodhouse.—Mr. J. C. Smith, 51 gs.
 - Cowlip 2nd, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. Downing, 13 gs.
 - June 5th, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. W. Yates, 15 gs.
- BULLS.
- White Satin (27800), by Donald Bano (26698).—Mr. G. Britt, 45 gs.
 - Lord Preston, by Charles Edward (25743).—Mr. G. Mann, 23 gs.
 - White Velvet, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. J. Porter, 33 gs.
 - Prince of Wales, by Charles Edward (25743).—Mr. J. Roberts, 47 gs.
 - Surly, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. O. Bennion, 40 gs.
 - Phosphate, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. J. Lawrence, 50 gs.
 - Lord Lush, by Wednesfield (30281).—Earl of Sefton, 21 gs.
 - White Satin 2nd, by White Satin (27800).—Mr. J. Bickford, 20 gs.
 - Lord Fringe, by Wednesfield (30281).—Mr. S. Hudson, 14 gs.
 - Lord Bilbook, by Woodhouse.—Mr. O. Bennion, 14 gs.
 - Banksman, by Lord Hawkesworth.—Earl of Sefton, 21gs.