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AYRSHIRE Cows .- The report of the Ayrshire Agricultural Association gives the tollowing points as the standing superlority in Ayrshire dairy cows: -Head short, forehead wide, nose fine between the muzzle moderately large, eyes full and lively, horns wide set on, inclining upward and curving slightly inward. Neck long and straight from the head to the top of the shoulder, free from loose skin on the under side, fine at its junction with the head and the muscles symmetrically enlarging toward the shoulders. Shoulders thin at the top, brisket light the whole forequarters thin in front, and gradually increasing in depth and width backward. Back short and straight, spine well defined, especially at the shoulder, the short ribs arched, the body deep at the flanks and milk veins well developed. Pelvis long, broad and straight, hock bones (illium) wide apart and not much overlaid with fat, thighs deep and broad, tail long and slender, and set on level with the back. Milk vessels capacious and extending well forward, hinder part broad and firmly attached to the body, the sole or under surface nearly level, the teats from two to two and a half inches in length, equal in thickness, and hang-ing perpendicularly; their distance apart at the sides should be equal to about one-third of the length of the vessel, and across to about one-half of the breadth. Legs short, the bones fine and the joints firm. Skin soft and elastic, and covered with close, woolly hair. The colors preferred are brown, or brown and white, the colors being distinctly de-fined. Great value is attached to the above form and points by the dairy farmer, and he quickly takes them in when effecting a purchase, so that a

mistake is rarely made. GREEN MANURING -To the men who raise their own clover seed, and some to sell, it is not necessary to give much advice in regard to the quality or kind of seed, but there are many farmers that cannot grow the clover seed they wish to use with any profit, and they must buy, and ask questions, which will be best answered by a public letter. First, which kind of red clover, large or small, is best? The answer is, in climates that are warm enough and having summers long enough to raise two crops in one season, the small, or as sometimes called, the medium, is best. In places that are too cold, and the summers too short for two crops, the large is best. Two crops of the medium are worth more than one crop of the large; but one crop of more than one crop of the large; but one crop of the large is worth more than one crop of the small for manuring the land. The large sends its roots deeper into the soil, and the roots as well as the tops are larger than those of the medium. For hay some farmers like the large, as it is in condition to cut at the same time that timothy is in condition. But other farmers prefer the medium for hay, as the stalks are finer and therefore more perfectly eaten by farm stock, leaving less 'orts,' These men reason that though the timothy grass should always bs grown with either kind of clover, whether for hay or pasture, may not be fully grown when the medium clover is in bloom and at its best estate for hay, yet it will make excellent food-much better than fully ripened timothy. To this opinion I rubscribe, and being so situated that two crops of the medium clover can be fully matured in a season, we have abandoned the sowing the seed of the large entirely. So have nearly all our neighbors who live along the 43rd parallel of latitude, and not more than 1,000 or 1,200 feet above the level of the sea. In seeding down land intended entirely for pasture, a mixture of the two kinds of seed is well. The medium will start soonest in spring, and spring up from the roots more rapidly, as the stock feeds the tops off. The large will come later, and thus help keep up a constant growth of fresh feed. Combining with both varieties of clover timothy and orchard grass, pastures may be made to bear a dense mass of food for stock, and if gypsum (plaster) is freely used in the spring, soon after the grasses start, not only will the growth be rapid, but as the red clover dies out after the third year, white clover and the blue grass will have somehow, taken possession of the land. Where the seeds of the white clover and finer grasses that are sure to get into our lands come from, who can tell? Farmers who do not raise their own seed should use great care in selecting when they purchase. By lack of care many bad weeds have been introduced and much injury done. A dollar a bushel will sometimes be asked by the merchant that sells seeds, for that which is entirely pure and clean, more than is asked for another sample that has a few seeds mixed among the clover that neither few seeds mixed among the clover that neither seller or buyer, perhaps, can call by their true name. Give the extra dollar and take no risk as to the unknown enemy. If a novice will but wet a finger and thrust it into the mass of seel, he will, on withdrawing it, find it completely covered, and if they are all clover seeds he will be justified in examining still further, and a little care will enable any person to determine if the seed is pure. The time to sow red clover seed is about the time of the frost leaving the ground in spring. From the middle of March until the middle of April are generally the best thirty days in which to sow clover seed on winter wheat. In case wheat was sown in seed on winter wheat. In case wheat was sown in a drill, it will be easy for the sower to follow the drill marks, and thus saves flags being set up to guide. Or if there should happen to be a light covering of snow on the ground he can be guided by his own tracks. Care and skill are called for in sowing the seeds, and a time when there is but in sowing the seeds, and a time when there is but very little wind blowing will be improved by the experienced sower. The best "catch and most successfully seeding with us has been when the froat was out of the top of the ground but not underneath. In such a condition. In such a condition the seeds falls on the earth that will be very maller and this is to the seeds falls on the earth that will be very mellow and generally quite moist, and this is to be moved more or less by the going out of the ground of the remaining frost. Seed so sown will fall into crevices and become slightly covered and be very sure to grow. In this condition the sower often finds that mud will form on his boots and walking become somewhat laborious, but if he will go through with his task he will quite certainly be rewarded with a good crop. In reply to the enquiry

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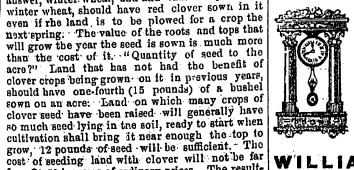
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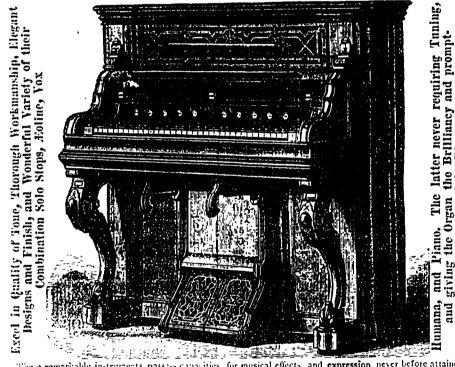
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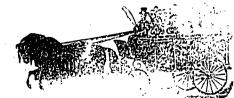
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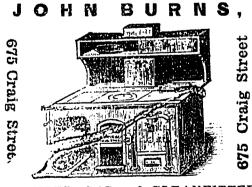
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