

GOSSIP.

"I been thinkin' 'bout gittin' married," said a layman to Brother Williams. "You reckon I could git a marriage license for a dozen watermelons?" "I reckon you could," replied Brother Williams. "But my wholesome advice ter you is ter eat de watermelons!"

GOOD BULLS NOT PLENTIFUL IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Apart from pedigree, many of the bulls at Bingley Hall last week would have served their mission in life better as steers. It is possible, indeed easy, to overdo bull breeding, and it is very evident that more is wanted to sell a bull than a number in the herdbook. There were a few useful animals, but none of the top rank, and it would appear that the severe drain of the foreign demand has left the country with a short supply of good bulls.—[F. & S.]

HACKNEYS SELLING WELL.

On September 8th a sale was held of a draft of 71 head of Hackneys and Hackney ponies from the stud of Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bart., Warrington, Eng. None of the stallions were over a year old.

For Hackneys, the highest figure was 255 gs., given for the yearling colt, Terrington Recruit, by Goldfinder VI. (1791). He was purchased by Lord Ashdown, Co. Galway. The three-year-old gelding, Flourish, went at 170 gs. to Mr. McKibben, Windermere; the yearling colt, Terrington Finsbury at 110 gs. to the Hon. F. Wrench, Co. Dublin, and the filly foal out of Miss Caxton (11294) at 100 gs. to Mr. K. P. Evans, Belgate. Mr. Montgomery, Castle-Douglas, had the yearling colts, Terrington Cleophas at 57 gs., and Terrington Candidate at 37 gs., and the two-year-old filly, Terrington Hyacinth at 68 gs. Mr. Gemmill, Ayr, had the brood mare, Miss Caxton at 57 gs., and Mr. J. Smith, Dundee Ring o' Bell (12955) at 80 gs., and Terrington Bella Donna (18966) at 62 gs. The highest price for ponies was 95 gs., given by Mr. Woods for the yearling colt, Aintree, by Sir Horace (5402). Mr. Gemmill had the yearling colt, Free Lance at 22 gs. The total realized was £3,020 17s. The Hackneys averaged £62 10s. 6d., and the ponies, £33.

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A private letter recently received in New York from a Russian woman, according to The Tribune, quotes the following little folk story as an illustration of the present situation and the popular attitude in Russia:

"Japan would have consented to peace with Russia some time ago if the Czar had been able to send the Mikado the following persons: Two functionaries who do not steal; two priests who do not drink; one mujik who has never been whipped; one workman who has always had enough to eat. But the Czar was unable to find such persons in his whole country, and offered instead: Admiral Alexieff, Grand Duke Sergius, General Orloff, Admiral Ouchtomsky; and the priest, Jean de Cronstadt. But the Mikado would not accept these substitutes, and that is why the war still goes on."

At the Nicos casino, during the season here, I attended, said a Pittsburg woman, a concert given by Siegfried Wagner's orchestra. There were many Americans at this concert. Next to me sat an elderly American woman in a beautiful gown, and a noted Russian Countess was beside her.

The two during the intermission, began to converse. The Russian lady had visited America several times. She was conversant with American music. She said a number of intelligent things in good English, but my compatriot's replies I was unable to hear. Finally, though, I did hear one.

"Don't you think," said the Russian, "that Damroch is the best conductor in America?"

"I dunno," said my compatriot, "as I ever rid on his car."

SUNNYSIDE HEREFORDS.

About twelve years ago this now famous herd of Herefords was founded with a few animals purchased from the Stone estate, of Quelph, Ont. Since then great changes have taken place in the herd, scarcely one of the original animals remaining, their places being taken by others imported from the leading herds of the United States. On the splendid farms of O'Neil Bros. are now about 80 head, representing the blood of such notables as Lord Wilton, Anxiety, The Grove Srd, Garfield and Beau Real, the world's most famous Hereford blood. The females, a great many of which are imported, represent the breeding of such noted herds and breeders as H. Green, of Kingston, England; F. A. Nave, Indiana; James A. Funkhouser, Platteville, Missouri, and other American breeders, whose reputation for high-class Herefords is world-wide and unchallenged. In looking over the sixty odd females, one is struck with the exceptional uniformity of type that characterizes practically every one of them—thick, smooth, even, low-down and full of quality, all in the pink of condition, many of them fit for the showing. It is safe to say that Sunnyside herd of Herefords to-day stands second to nothing in Canada. At the head of the herd is the massive and aristocratically-bred bull, Imp, Onward, that carries the blended blood of the world's most famous Herefords, notably Rudolph, The Grove Srd, Anxiety 4th, Adonis, etc. He is sired by the noted Lead On, a son of Seabreeze; dam Columbia, a half-sister of the great Mark Hanna. Onward has proven himself prepotent as a sire, stamping his get with a mark of superiority and a form of perfection which once more proves the worth of pedigree, something that has been demonstrated hundreds of times, but which it is still hard to make some people believe. His lieutenant in service is Proud Protector, a worthy son of the \$4,000 bull Protector, champion of all England. Imp, Onward is now for sale, as many of his heifers are coming on, and O'Neil Bros. have reluctantly decided to part with him. Hereford breeders should make a note of this, as he will, no doubt, soon be picked up. There are also for sale about 15 young bulls, worthy sons of Onward, and about a dozen young females, from one to three years of age, some of the three-year-olds being in calf to the stock bull; then there are three older bulls that have been used to some extent on the herd, that are now for sale. Messrs. O'Neil Bros.' post office is Lucan. Their farm is four miles from Lucan and 17 miles from London.

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