

GOSSIP.

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The Glendower Stock Farm, Doogan Hills, Staten Island, N. Y., paid \$12,000 for the champion Hackney stallion, Matchless of Lonsborough, at the sale of Dr. W. Seward Webb's Hackneys, conducted by Mr. W. D. Grand at the American Horse Exchange, New York, recently.

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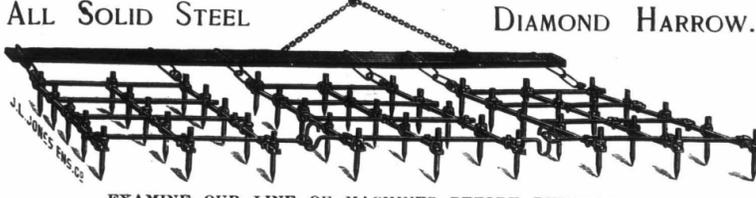
A FINE HERD OF JERSEYS.

Visitors to the Western Fair, London, Ont., during the last few years have been not a little surprised at the number and excellence of the exhibit of Jersey cattle. In the younger classes especially the competition has been very keen, and has been acknowledged to be, in some years, in advance of that seen at the Toronto Industrial; indeed, in many cases the Toronto winners have been turned down, and exhibitors from the east have confessed their surprise at the general excellence of the cattle met with. Among the most successful exhibitors at the Western have been Messrs. Humpidge & Laidlaw, of London, who in 1896 were awarded, in this close competition, eleven prizes, seven of them being first prizes, including the sweepstakes for best bull any age, on Prince Frank 33972, illustrated in this issue; sweepstakes for best cow, and the first prize for the best herd of one bull and four females. A representative of the ADVOCATE recently had the pleasure of inspecting the "Etrick" herd at the farm of Mr. Laidlaw, some 6 miles from London, where the cattle are kept, and was more than pleased with the uniform excellence of the herd. The number of registered Jerseys owned by these gentlemen is something over forty head (including calves), about fifteen of which are young cows in milk, the balance being largely made up of promising heifers in calf, a nice lot of heifer calves, and a few excellent young bulls. At the head of the herd stands the handsome and richly bred four-year-old bull, Prince Frank, bred by Mr. C. H. Babcock, Friendsburg, N. Y., sired by Dalesman, a grandson of Stoke Pogis 5th, sire of Sister of Charity (with a record of 24 lbs. 14 ozs. butter in seven days) and of eighteen other cows having records of 14 to 22 lbs. Stoke Pogis 5th was almost full brother to the famous Matilda 1th, which made a record of 30 lbs. milk daily in 16,153 lbs. in a year. He was also full brother to Stoke Pogis 3rd, sire of Mary Anne of St. Lambert, record 36 lbs. 12 ozs., and of 27 others averaging over 20 lbs. in a week. The dam of Prince Frank is richly bred and is close to imported stock from the island of Jersey. He is a bull of fine dairy form, standing on short, straight legs; has a handsome head (inclining rather to the strong masculine character, without coarseness. He has a rich yellow skin, deep body, smooth shoulders, thin withers, open ribs, large and well-set rudimentaries, and a long, flowing switch which sets him off to good advantage. He is not only a show bull, but has proved a getter of show calves, as the record of his calves and heifers at the Western Fair proves, and a more uniformly good lot of youngsters is seldom found in any herd. The females of the herd consist of pure St. Lamberts and St. Heliers, with a group of handsome imported heifers of strong miscellaneous breeding, running in lines having numerous records in the list of 14 to 22 lbs. each. There are no old cows in the herd, and a goodly number are just coming into their prime. Amongst these are: The five-year-old Queenette, winner of first prize at the last Western Fair, a sweet cow with fine dairy form, rich yellow skin, and good udder and teats. She has recently calved, showing a magnificent udder, running well forward and back, and with good sized teats, evenly placed. The first prize three-year-old cow, St. Lambert Lucy, by Canada's John Bull 5th, a pure St. Lambert, is a very handsome young cow with well-balanced udder and rich color. St. Lambert's Jane, St. Lambert's Jeanette, St. Lambert's Grace, and St. Lambert's Allie, all by the same sire, are a quartette of handsome and richly bred young cows, all looking like workers in butter. Kitty of Glen Rouge (by One Hundred Per Cent.), coming three years old, had just dropped her first calf and had put up a show of udder development such as we have never seen equalled by a heifer of her age, being swollen all along her belly clear up to the brisket and running high up behind. She is a large, strong, useful looking young cow, with well-set teats and remarkable escutcheon, and is a pure St. Lambert in breeding. Zoie of Glen Rouge, another St. Lambert heifer, two years old, is specially worthy of mention as being handsome and promising. New Trilby, Cordonnet, Helen Varick, and Cowmag are a quartette of imported heifers from the herd of Mr. Babcock, N. Y., showing rich color, strong constitution, neat heads, and good promise as dairy cows. St. Lambert's Bonnie, second prize heifer calf at London, by Prince Frank, is a heifer of great promise, being fine in neck and shoulders, deep bodied, short legged, and rich in color of skin. Her mate, St. Lambert's Babe, is of similar type. Stella L. and Crotella are a pair of useful looking St. Helier cows, while St. Lambert's Chicora, by Prince Frank, out of Stella R., is a charming heifer and full of promise. Prominent among the young bulls is Pride of Alton, born in May, 1896 (imported in dam), got by Yogi and out of New Trilby, a very stylish and promising youngster, with handsome head and horns, high crest, deep ribs, long level quarters, rich yellow skin, and extraordinary development of rudimentary teats. He seems to have everything in him necessary to make a successful show bull and breeder. There are several other good young bulls, two of which are over a year old, strong, vigorous, and of fine dairy form; and the younger calves are all very promising.



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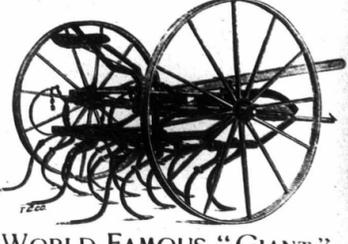
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