

GOSSIP.

THE INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION AT CHICAGO.

The management of the Union Stock Yards at Chicago is erecting a building 600 feet long and 100 feet wide, to be used as additional space for the International Live Stock Exposition, to be held December 1st to 8th. This building will be built alongside of Dexter Park Amphitheatre, which, as has been often stated, is 600 feet long and 200 feet wide, constructed of brick and steel, and containing stall room for about 3,000 animals. The new building is being built for Exposition purposes only, and its erection is a strong evidence of what the Exposition will be. Some idea of the magnitude of the International Live Stock Exposition can be found in the fact that there are 2,230 premiums to be awarded. Only brief breeds of cattle, fat stock, the mutton breeds of sheep, swine and draft horses are recognized in the arrangements for this show, and no less a sum than \$75,000 is offered in prizes.

The live-stock interests, the railroad managements, and a lot of the best and most progressive business men of Chicago have combined in the interest of the breeders, feeders and farmers of the country to make the show a huge success.

The International Live Stock Exposition will be the Magna Charta of everything pertaining to edible meat as raised and fed on the range and farm, or as manufactured by the packers, who will display every branch and product of their work. An additional attraction will be the auction sales of thoroughbred cattle, which are planned on a very large scale, and the annual meetings of Breeders' Associations will be held during the week of the show, so that probably the largest gathering of stockmen ever assembled in America will visit Chicago for these events.

A "MODEL DAIRY" AT THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

The Superintendent of Live Stock at the Pan-American Exposition, to be held at Buffalo next year, has issued the following announcement: Aside and distinct from the regular cattle exhibit at the Pan-American Exhibition, it has been decided to conduct a model dairy throughout the entire six months of the Exposition. This dairy is to be composed of four or five representatives of the breeds of milk cows laying any claim to merit along dairy lines. Plans are being made to have eight or nine breeds represented in this model dairy, and nearly all of the live-stock associations have given assurance of their fullest co-operation in this matter, and have generously offered to place at the disposal of the Exposition the animals that shall form this model dairy. The stable in which the cattle will be kept will be one that is equipped with the most up-to-date appliances, particularly with regard to hygienic and sanitary conditions. It is not the plan to force these cows unduly to see how much can be produced during this time, but to see what they will do under absolutely uniform conditions, as nearly normal as it may be possible to make them on the Exposition grounds. The work will be conducted by men of much experience in feeding and handling dairy animals, under rules which will be formulated for the government of this dairy. Only such changes shall be made during the six months as shall be especially calculated to prove the superiority of some particular breed, and when these changes are made with a view to establishing some characteristic of some breed, all other animals in the dairy will be placed under exactly the same conditions, and careful record kept as to their performance under these conditions. Accurate data will be kept as to the amount of food consumed, its cost, its nutritive value, and also the milk product as to the amount and quality. Those particularly interested in this matter can obtain the details of the management of the dairy by addressing F. A. Converse, Superintendent of Live Stock, Pan-American Exposition, Buffalo, N. Y.

MERCER'S SHORTHORNS.

Few young men in the business have gone more thoroughly into the breeding of pure bred stock than has Mr. T. Mercer of Markdale, Ont. With Shorthorn cattle Mr. Mercer realized that it required no more time to breed and develop the most popular and approved sort than those less sought after by discriminating buyers. At the head of the herd is found the dark red bull, Lovely Victor 22170, by Albert Victor (imp.) 6315, and out of Lovely Lena 19022, by Baron Camperdown (imp.) 1218, tracing direct to imported Lovely 19th, one of Mr. Cruickshank's most favored tribes. Those most familiar with Shorthorn pedigrees and favorite types will at once recognize the immense value in a sire in these days of Cruickshank breeding, and this bull is about as richly endowed in this respect as any to be found. In Lovely Victor (see cut, page 639) Mr. Mercer has a right good bull, whose conformation is strictly in keeping with the high character of his pedigree, combining size and quality, with the best of Shorthorn character, and the finest disposition, his dark red skin yielding to the touch as a piece of velvet. Among the females we found many tracing direct to Cruickshank foundations, Fashion's Fancy 18825, by Premier Earl (imp.) 1281, and out of Fashion 7th 6991, and Red Lilly 1285, by the same sire, and out of Lady Waterloo 2nd 2539, by Prince Inglewood (imp.) 1283, are a pair of cows that any breeder might justly feel proud of, having proven sure and good breeders, and are safely in calf to Lovely Victor. In Dolly Stamford, by Royal Sailor (imp.), and out of Miss Stamford 9912, by young Abbottshurn, champion at the World's Fair, the reader will at once recognize a matron of superior value, whose strength of breeding and the showy popularity of her tribe have won fame for them and the breed, having won herself in Toronto as a yearling. She is a cow of good proportions, has proven herself a safe breeder, and is again in calf to Lovely Victor, while her red daughter by Aberdeen is among the attractive features of the herd. Much might be said in commendation of this herd if space permitted, and we cannot pass without noticing a lot of useful young bulls which Mr. Mercer offers for sale in his advertisement elsewhere in this issue, and which are in keeping with those we have specified, among them being a pair of Royal Sailor and out of 1901 Flower 21779, a young bull whose standing we can find a place at the head of some good herd, where from his breeding and quality he could hardly fail to make his mark for good. Parties needing good cattle will do well to note Mr. Mercer's offerings, and write him for prices, etc.

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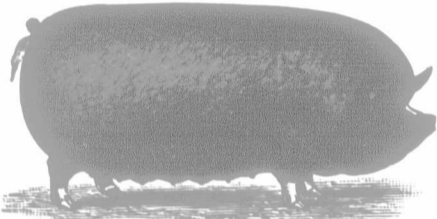
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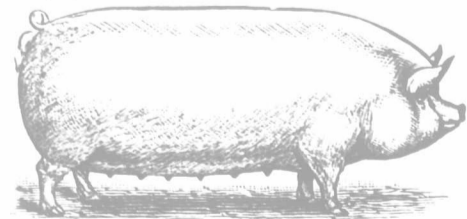
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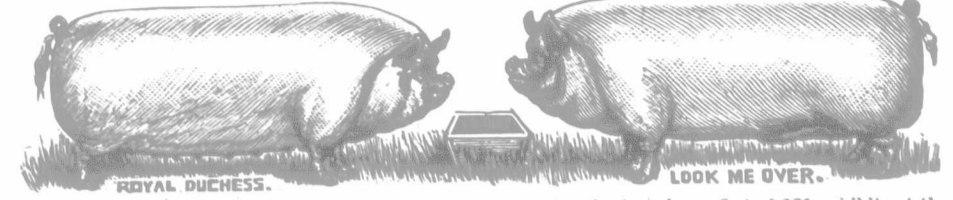
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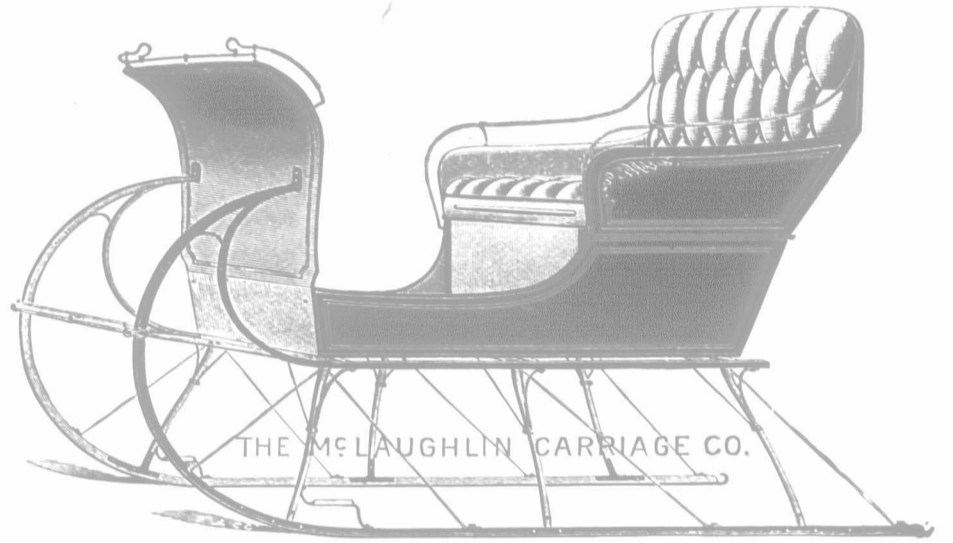


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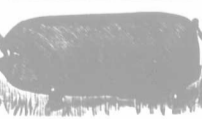
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