

GOSSIP.

Little's sheep dip, cattle wash and general disinfectant, sold by Mr. R. Wightman, Owen Sound, Ont., has stood the test of time, and is used by breeders and dairymen throughout the Dominion, proving eminently effectual in destroying ticks, lice, ringworm, mange and other pests. It is mixed with cold water readily, so is easily prepared, and it leaves the skin, hair and wool in a glossy, healthy condition.

A Scotch minister was one day talking to one of his flock, who ventured the opinion that ministers ought to be better paid.

"I am glad to hear you say that," said the minister. "I am pleased that you think so much of the clergy. And so you think that we should have bigger stipends?"

"Aye," said the old man. "Ye see, we'd get a better class o' men."

Miss Gladys Deacon, an American girl, amazed a scientist whom she met recently at a London dinner party. The scientist narrated in great detail to the girl a series of experiments he was conducting with the microphone.

"The microphone," he explained, "magnifies sounds to the ear as the microscope magnifies objects to the eye. The footfalls of a centipede heard through the microphone resemble a tattoo on a kettledrum. The dropping of a pin is like the report of a cannon."

"That is very interesting and odd," said Miss Deacon.

"This afternoon," resumed the scientist, "I caught a fly and studied its note. The note resembled the neighing of a horse."

"Perhaps," said the young girl, "it was a horsefly."

The late Charles Denby, former U. S. Minister to China, practiced law in Indiana before the outbreak of the civil war, and a lawyer of Evansville said of him the other day:

"Col. Denby, as a lawyer, was particularly good in cross-examination. He could confuse and frighten a witness and make him contradict himself in nine cases out of ten. One day, though, the tables were turned.

"The witness on this occasion was a mild young man, with a slow, careful way of speaking. Col. Denby put him through a terrific ordeal in the way of a cross-examination, but to no effect. The young fellow couldn't be swerved an inch from his first statement.

"Now, young man, look here," said Col. Denby, finally, "is it, or is it not, the truth that an effort has been made to induce you to tell the court a different story from this?"

"Yes, sir, it's the truth."

"Ha! Now, on your oath," said Denby, "I demand to know who the persons are who attempted this heinous thing."

"Why," said the witness, "you're the principal one, I guess."

In Glengarry Co., Ont., three miles north of Lancaster, G. T. R., is the home of Mr. Donald Cumming, breeder of Ayrshire cattle and Clydesdale horses. At the time of our visit, Mr. Cumming had on hand 34 head of pure-bred Ayrshires, a big, well-made, typical lot, headed by Sir Donald of Elm Shade, by Imp. Scotland's Glory, dam Imp. White Glen, winner of first prize at Toronto and Ottawa. This bull is proving all that could be desired as a sire, his calves coming straight, smooth and milky-looking. The females are a splendid-looking lot of dairy cows with well-developed udders and teats. Mr. Cumming is offering for sale several two- and three-year-old heifers, the Glengarry Prince, a bull that Mr. Cumming informs us was never beaten in the show-ring. There are also two young bulls, one out of Lady Wonder, who with three of her sisters won first at Chicago. Mr. Cumming claims this to be the best bull in make-up he ever raised, and he is certainly a wonderfully well put up animal. He is also offering for sale the quality Clydesdale stallion, McInnis 2nd, by Imp. McInnis, dam Belle of Ormstown. This horse is choke-full of quality from the ground up, and is a crack stock-getter.

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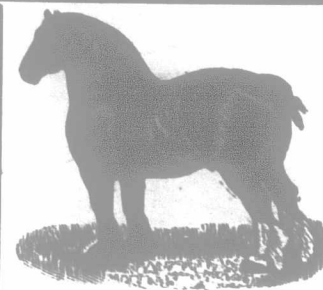


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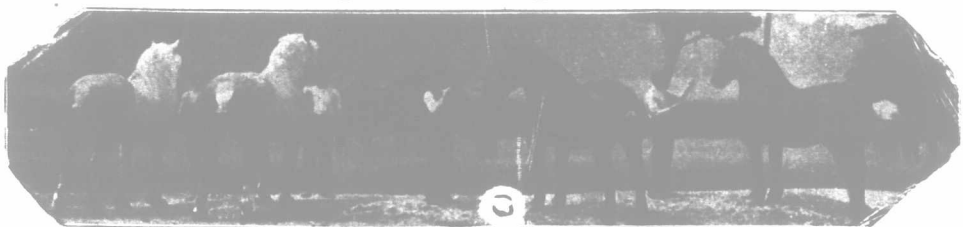
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A good story is told at the expense of a Western Ontario minister who went on a fishing excursion a couple of years ago. Remembering the many jokes indulged in by local newspapers and neighbors, reflecting on the veracity of sportsmen regarding the weights of fish reported to have been caught by them, our friend the minister determined to protect his reputation by purchasing a set of scales, which he took with him. Some months later, his wife presented him with a son and heir, and, as is usual, it was suggested that the baby be weighed, but the question arose, where shall we find scales, when one of the household remembered the fish scales, which had been stored in the attic. These were brought out, and it was found that the baby weighed just forty pounds.

Mr. N. Dymont, Clappison, Ont., breeder of Ayrshire cattle, writes of his herd: "Dairymen of Glenora 13475, sire Comrade of Garlaff (imp.), dam Mayflower 2nd of Drumsue (imp.), is doing good service in our herd as a sire. The last seven calves are dandies, five of which are heifers. Have some fine bulls by him, and from milk-test winners, that are now fit for service. We have 30 females and 10 males, 22 females which are of breeding age. We have done a little showing, too, and have won upwards of 300 prizes—150 firsts, 90 seconds. At the Provincial Dairy Shows, our herd won first five years in succession. In the last two years have not had cows freshen in time for test, but am pleased to see the Ayrshires win over all breeds, and note the winners are bred from Morton's importation, as our own are nearly all from same."

TRADE TOPICS.

DAUBENY OATS and Carter's Black Japan barley are two specialties in seed grain placed upon the market this spring by the G. Carter & Son Co., St. Mary's, Ont., as intimated in their new advertisement on another page in this issue. The chief value of the Daubeny oats is their exceptional earliness, ripening with barley when sown mixed for feeding purposes, as well as being a heavy yielder when sown alone. The new variety of barley is six-rowed and bearded like Mandsehuri, and is said to be hardy and prolific. This firm also have in stock a number of the best-tested of other varieties of oats and barley. See their advertisement and write them for what you want.

VALUE OF MANURE SPREADER.—The manure spreader is not an implement of very recent production, as might be judged by its growing popularity and the extent of its recently being advertised. Its day was pretty slow in coming, but it has come as fully as it has suddenly. Its place on the best-conducted farms is as established as that of any of our other indispensable farm implements. But in a great many of our farms the places are not filled, and alongside the empty places are many needs for their filling. By the use of this machine, the farmer will get much more value from the manure, both by reason of his ability to make a given quantity cover more land and to get it more readily and completely incorporated with the soil. Frequent light dressings of manure produce better results in crop growing than less frequent and heavier coats. In the light dressing, the roots of the plants appropriate the food elements as fast as the elements become available. The more the manure is divided and broken up, the more points of contact for the feeding roots, and the more quickly, as well as completely, it nourishes the crop. The ownership of a manure spreader is an earnest that the farmer is more fully appreciating the value of the manure, and following this will come his more careful saving of it, and this one item alone will make the purchase of the spreader a highly-paying investment. The consideration of the labor-saving functions of the machine is one we farmers cannot afford to ignore, for the scarcity of labor makes labor higher priced, and in many cases compels us to use that which is less efficient than we desire. Therefore, we must make the work as easily performed as possible, and by the use of implements of expedition, reduce the cost of labor by increasing its output.—W. F. McSparran, Penn.

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