

Stock.

As we intend to make this department of special interest to all that are engaged in breeding, we shall be glad to have a large correspondence with those interested in stock matters.

We shall be able to offer special inducements to breeders to advertise in our paper, and shall keep a book for the entry of all pedigrees of Short Horns open to offers of purchase. Breeders' cards, not exceeding five lines of space, will be inserted for one year for \$5; for a larger space \$1 per line per annum will be charged.

Southdown sheep and Berkshire pigs, bred by F. W. Stone, Esq., came off on his farm, one mile from Guelph, Sept. 14th. The day was fine, but the attendance was very small, owing, perhaps, to the Guelph races taking place on the same day. 100 Cotswolds, comprising about equal numbers of rams and ewes, were offered, and about half of them were sold. Prices for rams averaged \$30 each, the highest realized being \$80. For ewes the average was about \$30 per pair. Southdowns went low, \$20 being the highest offer for a ram, and only four out of ten offered were sold. The animals were in thin condition from the effects of the drouth on the pasture.

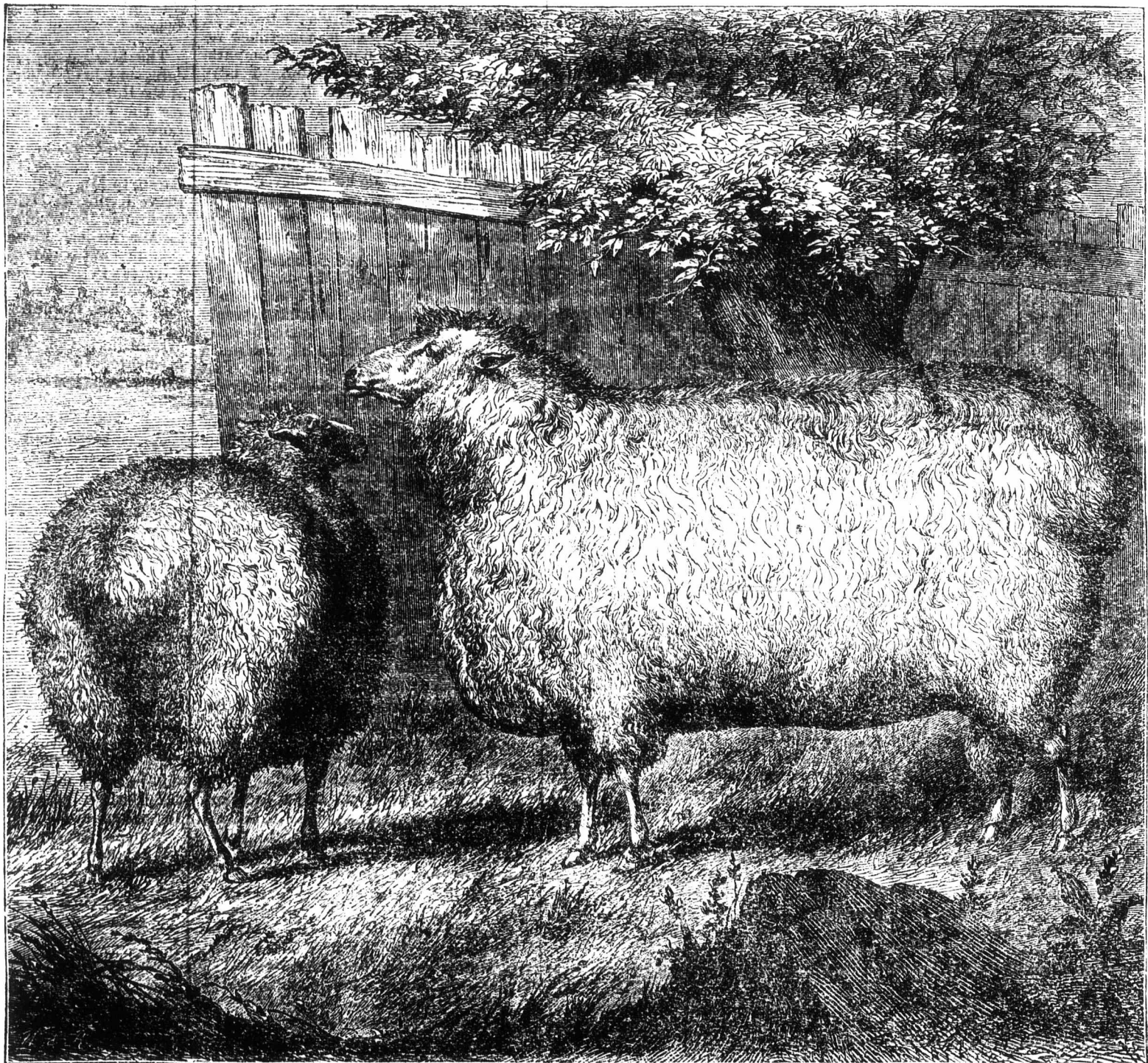
STOCK JUDGING AT FAIRS.
It is becoming a great source of com-

ble before such judges, are utterly ruined for all breeding purposes afterwards. So great an evil do some of our breeders find this, that they have resolved to withdraw altogether from exhibiting valuable stock in the older female classes. This feature also accounts for the paucity of competition in these classes, while the younger ones are usually well filled.

Why, after the trouble and expense has been gone into of getting up an exhibition and inducing people to subscribe a liberal prize list, the most important part of it, the selection of judges, is left pretty much to the last, and then, too often, in the hands of two or three of the directors, whose sole object is to get friends appoint-

FARMERS PACKING THEIR OWN HOGS.

We have of late received several letters from various sections of the country, showing that the present low range of prices in the hog market, and the possibility that the same may be maintained for another year, has created a popular idea in the minds of a certain class of farmers, that it would be rather a good idea for farmers to cut and pack their own hogs, instead of sending them to market to be cut and packed by others, and thus save a portion, at least, of the money which is now made by middlemen. And we have been solicited to give our opinion as to the feasibility of this "reform," and to give the farmers of the country some idea of the manner in which pork products are prepared for market. In relation to this matter, we can say, that, while in favor of farmers asser-



COTSWOLD SHEEP.

We give this month a very excellent cut of a ram and ewe of the Cotswold breed of sheep. This breed is fast gaining favor with our farmers. They have fine long combing wool of a better quality and larger quantity than the Leicester. They attain great weights, some having been sold in England that went to a dressed weight of 420 pounds when slaughtered. There is just now a great demand for rams of this breed to cross upon the existing flocks with a view to the improvement of the fleece while at the same time enlarging the carcass.

SALE AT MORETON LODGE.
The 12th annual sale of Cotswold and

plaint among stock breeders that the judges at Agricultural Fairs, especially at the larger ones, often pass over the best animal and give the prizes to those that are in such high condition that their defects are completely hidden to the eye. This is partly due to the fact that the judges are selected with little regard to their actual knowledge of the good points desirable in the class of stock they are called upon to judge. Their position is often due rather to the favors of directors than any merit of their own.

Many fine animals, after undergoing a course of training to make them presenta-

ed whom they can control, is beyond our comprehension. It would not be possible, in all cases, to give entire satisfaction to every one, but the general public are usually pretty fair critics, and can readily appreciate the advantage to all, of having encouragement given only to those really deserving of it. Let the motto of every Agricultural Society be, "A fair field and no favor." The success of an exhibition is made or marred by the decision of the judges appointed; and exhibitors will patronize those at which they observe there is no partiality or ignorance shown by those whose business it is to pass judgment upon their efforts at improvement.

ting their independence upon all possible occasions, and of their being relieved from the exactions of middlemen wherever their services can be dispensed with profitably, we believe that in this case the farmers will make more money by confining their efforts to the raising of pork which they understand, and in which they can calculate with a reasonable degree of certainty the profits they will be likely to realize, and leaving the packing of pork to those gentlemen who understand that line of business, and who possess the capital to conduct it even if their calculations of profits fail. We think the middlemen, who bought hogs alive all winter from \$5 to \$7 per hundred, and sold their product on a market regulated by \$3 live weights,

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