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**Contributors and Enquirers—A Request.**  
Persons sending enquiries for our "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DEPARTMENT," or letters or articles for publication, will oblige us by always giving their Post Office, and Province or State, together with name plainly written, in order that no mistakes may arise. In several letters we have lately received this has been overlooked.

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STOCK.

Mr. Duthie's Successful Sale.

Mr. Wm. Duthie, of Collynie, Scotland, who now occupies the position of almost unchallenged supremacy in that country as a Shorthorn breeder, offered and sold, on October 9th, a large draft of grandly-bred females, and the whole of his 1894 "crop" of bull calves. The sale took place at the farm of Tillycairn, in the presence of a distinguished and representative company, including many breeders of eminence from England and Ireland, one or two from Canada, and the elite of the "Shorthorn" men of the north. It is not very many years since the appearance of an Englishman at a sale of Shorthorns in Scotland was an almost unheard-of occurrence. Every sale, since Mr. Duthie's first, has had an increased number of Englishmen, who now form quite an important element of discriminating and liberal purchasers. The position which the Collynie herd holds in that country has not come by chance, but by long-continued and persistent effort on the part of the owner, who, to secure some of the best strains of "Cruckshank" blood, has spent what would be considered a fortune by many. By breeding only the best to the best, keeping in view individual excellence, as found in the best of the Scotch tribes of Shorthorns, and by bestowing much attention and care on the production of naturally well-fleshed and sound-constitutioned stock, Mr. Duthie has succeeded in placing Collynie in natural succession to Sittyton, upon which, indeed, his standard has been largely modelled.

The draft, which, as has been stated, included, in addition to the bull calves, a draft of over forty head of cows and heifers, was, to put it briefly, worthy of the reputation of the owner and his magnificent herd, and the response of the breeders was quite in keeping with the high character of the offering. Among the cows there were a number of straight-bred Sittyton cattle, and it goes without saying that breeders appreciated the opportunity that was offered of securing some of the blood upon which Mr. Cruckshank made his world-wide reputation. The bull calves were a "crack" lot, displaying quite as much type, breeding and quality as those generally seen at the Collynie sales. The average of the bull calves just stopped short of the record average of 1883, but, with this exception, it is the highest of the eleven sales which have been held at Collynie. One hundred and ten guineas, which was paid for each of two, was the highest figure reached. One animal, being a roan calf, "Now or Never," got by Scottish Archer, and out of Sittyton Nonpariel, is a low-standing, deep-fleshed, "blocky" animal, with rare middle. He was commenced at 45 guineas, and ultimately knocked down to Mr. Garne at 110 guineas. The other was Bridegroom, also a roan of beautiful symmetry and substance. He was secured by Mr. Gilmore, of Montrave. Another roan calf, Watchward, reached the three figure limit, bringing 100 guineas. He is a roan of remarkable quality, style and symmetry, exhibiting rare top-line, magnificent shoulders, and well-filled quarters. These envied figures, at this age of acknowledged depression in Shorthorns, goes to show that the best will always find moneyed purchasers. To think that this year's sale has only been surpassed in average once in eleven years, and that in 1883, must be to Mr. Duthie a pronounced satisfaction that his able efforts are being appreciated.

**SUMMARY.**

	Average.	Total.
15 cows	£37 17 4	£ 568 1 0
3 two-year-old heifer	21 0 0	63 0 0
9 yearling heifers	38 5 4	344 8 0
17 heifer calves	33 4 7	564 18 0
30 bull calves	49 10 6	1,485 15 0
74	£40 17 10	£3,926 2 0

The following table gives the averages for the Collynie bull calves since 1883:—

Year.	No.	Average.
1884	30	£49 10 6
1885	21	50 15 0
1886	23	34 19 4
1887	42	36 16 0
1888	28	45 6 9
1889	31	36 15 0
1890	7	24 6 0
1891	13	28 5 4
1892	21	37 7 6
1893	18	38 10 10
1894	12	41 6 3

Clipping and Singeing Horses.

Road horses that naturally grow heavy coats, will do their work much easier and with less risk of catching cold if clipped or singed. If clipped, it should be done no later than Nov. 1st, as they will then have a few weeks to grow at least a protection before winter sets in. Except for the appearance of the horse, singeing is to be preferred, as by it the length of the hair can be controlled at will on the different parts of the body. For example, the flanks, thighs, shoulders and belly should be singed quite closely, while the neck and back may be left fairly well covered. A singed or clipped horse should not be allowed to stand uncovered even ten minutes after a drive, as the danger of congestion from exposure is considerable in such a case. No stable that has road horses is complete without a singer, as by it even a fine coated horse can be improved in appearance by scorching off the long hairs around the jaws, throat, ears, flanks, etc.

Chatty Stock Letter from the States.

FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

Top native cattle, \$6.00; being a little lower than two weeks ago; best heavy hogs, \$5.00; being 50c. lower; best sheep, \$3.15; being 50c. lower; best lambs, \$3.75, being 50c. lower than a fortnight since.

The beef cattle market lately has had three depressing influences at work: (1) Liberal receipts; (2) bad foreign outlet; (3) heavy runs of cheap range cattle.

The hog market has continued on the down grade, and good droves of packing hogs, averaging 250 to 300 lbs., have been bought as low as \$1.61. At these prices the demand has seemed to improve, and with \$5.00 for the top, and \$1.75 for the average, buyers seem willing to operate quite freely. The quality of the hogs is getting a little better, but is far from the average winter packing season standard.

One of Armour & Co.'s cattle buyers declares that there will be a scramble to get cattle enough as soon as the Northwestern range season is over. The first big storms on the plains usually wind up the range cattle season.

One of the largest American cattle exporters is said to have dropped over \$100,000 in the past two months.

Distillery cattle feeders are taking in large numbers of western range cattle at \$2.75 to \$3.25, getting good ones around \$3.00.

The marketing of Mexican cattle has commenced under the new ad valorem duty of 20 per cent. Owing to the poor quality of the cattle from the Southern Republic, the tax only amounts to about \$2 to \$4 per head. This rate can be paid and still leave a profit to owners, but the former specific rate of \$10 per head, regardless of quality, was prohibitive on the common cattle—the only kind Mexico has to send. The trial shipment, consisting of 234 steers, averaging 821 lbs., sold at \$2.45, and 50 cows, 762 lbs., at \$2.25. The cattle came from the George L. Cheesman ranch, at Sabinas, Mexico, and were shipped by H. Gonzalez. They crossed the line at Eagle Pass, and the ad valorem duty on the whole lot was \$600, which was about 10 per cent. of their valuation on the market. The freight was \$161.55 per car, and the cattle netted \$10.83 per head.

The Continental Pork Packing Co., headed by T. E. Wells, formerly of the International Packing Co., is the newest venture in the pork packing business. The new concern seems to be well equipped for business.

Pork packing at Chicago, since March 1, shows an increase of 284,000 hogs, compared with the returns for the corresponding time in 1893. The packers seem to have the price of hogs down to a basis they consider safe for business, and they are showing more activity than for some time past. Eleven of them are now operating in the hog market.

Compared with a year ago, present prices for various farm products show the following changes: Cash wheat, 9c. lower; May wheat, 12c. lower; cash corn, 12c. higher; May corn, 9c. higher; cash oats, 1c. higher; May oats, 2c. higher; mess pork, January delivery, \$2.00 lower; lard, cash, \$2.70 lower; January delivery, \$1.35 lower; short rib sides, cash, \$2.00 lower; January, \$1.20 lower; hogs, \$1.85 lower; fat cattle, but little different, and sheep, \$1.00 per 100 lbs. lower.

The forthcoming Chicago Fat Stock show will be held in the heart of the city, at State and Sixteenth streets, and not at the stock yards as was originally planned. A prominent feature of the show this year will be the horse department, which, for a time, has been divorced from these annual exhibits of fat stock.

The sheep market has been flooded with breeding stock. Receipts of ewes lately have been very heavy, and the demand for them very light. Lambs, too, except the choice kinds, have been in very heavy supply, and they have sold as low as \$1.50 per 100 lbs., which isn't much per head on a light lamb. There were three weeks in succession lately when receipts here were 80,225, 95,601 and 93,425 head, making an average of 89,780 head per week. The largest run on record for one week previous was 82,006 head, received during the middle of October, last year. There were four days in succession when the average receipts were 20,000 head. That is "slaughtering the innocents" at a rapid rate.

In the exposition building at the Illinois State Fair on September 28, a number of prominent poultry and pet stock breeders of the State effected the permanent organization of the Illinois State Poultry and Pet Stock Association, by the election of the following officers:—President, Grant M. Curtis, of Quincy; Vice-President, Mrs. R. A. Judy, of Decatur; Secretary, Edward Levings, of Paris; Treasurer, Rainey Miller, of Champaign; Executive Committee—Isaac Root and S. S. Noble, of Bloomington; Daniel Robertson, of Palmyra; S. T. Jones, of Williamsville, and M. W. Summers, of Curran.