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The Japanese commissioners, who quhar, Forres, on the Friday. There have been in England for some time on the 56 head catalogued made the a horse-purchasing expedition, have splendid average of £75-9-9. There been buying heavily in Thoroughbreds was a two-days sale at Aberdeen inand Hackneys. The Imperial Govern-tervening. On the first day 120 head ment of Japan is endeavoring to estab- made the average of £49-13-10, and lish their own horsebreeding industry on the second, 96 head made an averon a firmer basis that a supply for war age of £38-10-1. At all of these sales purposes may be available in the home home buyers took the "plums." market. The commission have to spend There were Argentine operators but \$400,000 in Britain.

OUR SCOTTISH LETTER.

THE SHORTHORN SALES. Only one theme could be of much great Shorthorn sales of the season are over, and once again 'Old Amos' giving any guarantee that cattle will comes out very much on top. He was a wonderful man, the old Quaker (Cruickshank), and in the Shorthorn world 'his soul is marching on.' All the same, in the midst of our northern Gordon, who was recently judging at jubilation, let us not forget Tommy Bates. The only remaining Bates herd of cattle in England, of any dimensions, is that of Mr. Joseph Harris at Brakenburg Tower, Carlisle. It was formerly at Calthwaie in the same record is certainly a very high price. grassy county of Cumberland. Mr. Harris sold a draft from his Bates' herd under Mr. Thornton's hammer a few weeks ago, and got capital prices. His cattle have a style that you do not quite find in the thick, fleshy Cruickshank type. A blend of the two, if you get them to "nick" does splendidly, only wisdom is profitable to direct in work of that kind. Forty females and 200 gs for a two-year-old heifer bred by a the Barkenburg T. at the Brakenburg Tower sale averaged £99-18-8, and nice bulls averaged Mathlic. Generally, after the first £50-19-8. The buyers were all home day at Collynie, the chief demand was breeders, and indeed one feature of all the Shorthorn sales lately has been the olds of superior breeding and merit comparative inaction of the Argentine were making big prices. buyers. Mr. Harris got 285 guineas for Dutchess 139th, a four-year-old Duchess a year old, and 265 guineas capital sale the same week. Mr. for a two-year-old Duchess, as well as Duthie gave 170 gs and 150 gs for a 200 guineas for a Duchess heifer calf. The yearling bull, Duke of Cumberland 21st, made 200 guineas, his buyer being A two-year-old heifer from Holl, made the well-known Gloucestershire stockman, J. T. Hobbs, Maisey Hampton, Fairford. Other Duchess cows made er, Mr. H. M. S. Mckay, Burgie Lodge, made a notable contribution to this of the 270 guinea-cow made 155 guineas, sale. the buyers being the Messrs. Dean, old heifer, and 160 gs, 240 gs and 200 gs Dowsby, Lincoln, who were also extensive buyers last week at the northern sales. They are very extensive farmer, Mr. John Gordon. Messrs. breeders both of Shorthorn cattle and Dean gave 240 gs for a bull calf bred Lincoln sheep. A two-year-old heifer at Minas of Sanquhar. In the afterof the Wild Eyes tribe made 155 guineas, noon of the same day another sale was another of the Duchess race made 150 held in the town of Forres, and an guineas, and a Duchess of Cumber. Irish breeder, Sir H. H. Smiley, Ardland heifer calf, fourteenth of the name, more, Larne, had the honour of selling made 160 guineas to Mr. Cazalet, a heifers at long prices to some of the well-known dairy Shorthorn breeder in Kent. These figures show that, Mr. Duthie took one at 155 gs: Mr. given good cattle, well-cared for, and James Durno, Jackston, not 'run to seed,' nothing can beat a second at 130 gs a not 'run to seed,' nothing can beat a second at 130 gs and Mr 'bit of Bates' when you come to the James Durno, Westertown, took a sale-ring. Style and milking qualities third at 150 gs. The week was roundalways count in the female, and that ed off with a sale at Perth on the is as it should be.

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Mr. Thornton has also had a series of quite successful sales in other parts of England. At "The Duffryn" Newbort Hop Richard Strutton has a port, Hon. Richard Stratton has a who has a fine idea about a Shorthorn fine old herd of the Moss Rose tribe. sold a heifer for 160 gs to Sir H. H He sold 55 of them lately, making an Smiley, Larne; and Mr. Stephen Mitaverage of over £36 each, which was chell of Boguhan got 100 gs for a twoquite good. Great Shorthorn sales year-old heifer. Scotland Yet. are also to be held this week in Yorkshire, where Mr. Thornton conducts sales every year. The demand for Apropos of the automobile and the good cattle continues very brisk, but horse-drawn carriage, the following from anything of secondary character does Vogue, a journal of fashion, hits the not make much money.

times the average which he made in it now is, and perhaps it will be little a that year made an average of £45 each, matter how perfect it may be in its since The highest figures this year drawn by blooded horses. There can Were 750 guineas, 720 guineas, 700 gs, be convenience, speed and comfort in ge for 18 bull calves was £304-15- to be aristocratic. Mr. Duthie and his neighbors may be congratulated on a week of

JAPAN BUYS ENGLISH HORSES. to Collynie, was that at Manis of Santhey either had not deep enough purses, or were afraid of the vagaries of the tuberculin test in Buenos Ayres. Aberdeenshire breeders, as the readers of this letter are doubtless aware, have them in this, and he certainly has lost nothing by assuming a resolute atti-

On the first day at Aberdeen, A. T. Toronto, got as high as 180 guineas. and 130 gs for two-year-old heifers. Mr. Anderson, Saphock, Old Meldrum, record, is certainly a very high price. Mr. Bruce, Heatherwick, who also owns a fine old herd got 110 gs for a yearling heifer from an Irish buyer. On the second day, Mr. Anderson, Wardes, had 120 gs for a two-year-old heifer. A new breeder, Mr. Cornelius, from Cheshire, was a good buyer. He gave and 300 gs for a yearling heifer bred by Mr. Godfrey Hill of Little Hadd for heifers. Yearlings and two-year

The Messrs. Law, who are leaving Minas off Sanquhar, Forres, for another He had 270 guineas for another big farm in that neighborhood, had a couple of cows; Mr. Crawford, of Co. Tyrone, gave 200 gs for a third cow. 120 gs, the Messrs. Dean, Dowsby, being He got 106 gs for a two-year-

Apropos of the automobile and the The Northern Shorthorn Week of ion of many who drive for pleasure. Duthie broke all his previous records, in the motor car. It has its good points making an average of £409-16-3, for and possibly after a few years it will 17 bull calves, or not far short of ten become less the unwieldy machine that 1889. Twenty-eight bull calves in less common. But a machine, no and the averages have, with little in- appointments, will never have the chic, termission, steadily increased ever the smartness of a vehicle which is and 530 guineas, Last year the high-machinery and its accomplishments, est figure was 850 guineas, but the but it savors too much of the workshop

INNISFAIL FAIR.

menal trade. The four bull cal- The Agricultural Society's sixteenth om the Uppermill herd of Mr. fair was held on the 11th of October. Marr, which were sold at the same This show is essentially an exhibit of hade an average of 100 guineas, farm produce, roots, vegetables, dairy out the next best sale of the series products and poultry. Farm and

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