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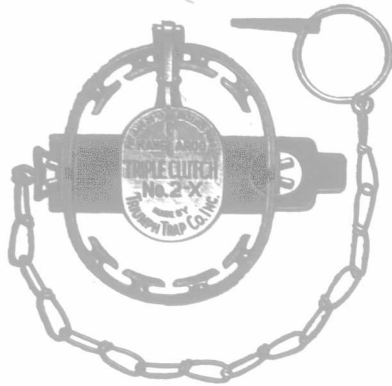
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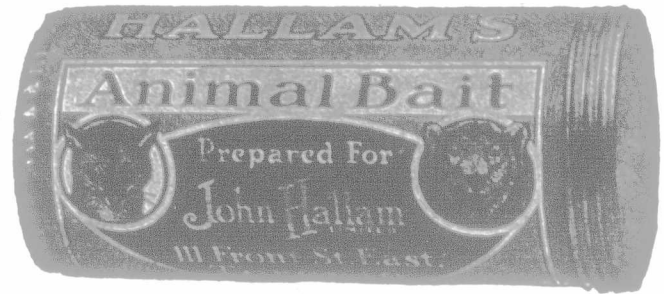
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**Gossip.**

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, Volume 94, the latest Herd Book, has been received at this office. It is a large volume of nearly 1,000 pages and is printed on high-quality paper. This book contains the names of the directors and owners, and the breeding of animals numbering from 547001 to 577000. The animals are all indexed at the back of the book so as to facilitate finding the breeding in the main part of the volume.