face, throat, chest, belly, part of the legs, crest of the mane and tip of the tail white. Some are red, but the white markings in all cases are the same, giving a uniformity of appearance to the herd that no other cattle, with the exception of the Devous and the polled breeds, have.

They are the result of judicious mixture at an early date with other breeds, one being red cattle with a white face, from Flanders, which greatly

increased the size.

THE AYRSHINES belong to the Middle horns, and are probably the best dairy breed, taking into consideration the quantity and quality of their milk, in proportion to their size, their hardiness, and easy keeping. When dried-up, they fatten as quickly almost as the Short horns. Of late years their size has been considerably sacrificed to breeding for some imaginary points of excellence. They have never obtained much popularity in this country. their small size not taking the eye in comparison with the short horns. It is only those who have tried them and know their good qualities who prefer them. They have never been brought before the public and pulled like the Jerseys and Holsteins. Ayrshire breeders are greatly to blume for not calling more attention to their favorite breed. It is probably because the greater part of them are canny Scotchman who do not like to go to the expense of advertising and puffing them, like the Jersey and Hollstein breeders.

THE AYRSHIRE cattle won the champion milking prize the other day at the Bath and West of England Show, and, according to experiments made at the Ontario Agricultural Experimental Farm, they gave nearly double the percentage of butter that the Holsteins gave, and much more than any other breed tried, with the exception of the Jerseys, the latter giving 6lbs. of butter to the 100lbs. of milk, while the Ayrshires gave 4.20, and the Holsteins only 2 40. Their color is chiefly red, or bright brown and white, the white often interspersed with small red spots, and they are generally more like

small Short horns than any other breed.

THE HOLSTEIN, FRIESIAN AND GOLLAND cattle are essentially the same; they have of late been greatly brought into notice, and now that the boom of the Jerseys is going down, they are going up. They are a large, handsome breed, black and white in color. They are more given to milk than beef, but, unfortunately, their milk, though very plentiful, has but a small percentage of butter, and they have not the name of fattening well or quickly when dried up. They will be a good breed for the milkmen, giving plenty of thin mik without the necessity of watering it. Whether their qualities are such that they will prove a permanent acquisition remains to be seen after further trial.

THE JERSEY cattle are the only other breed of Middle-horns deserving of notice. The Guernsey and Alderney are essentially the same, modified by separate insular breeding, and are evidently descended from the small Norman breed, common on the opposite shore of France, and from which the

Lower Canadian breed are also descended.

They are quite small; do not give much milk; but what there is of it is extremely rich in cream, and unless crossed with some other breed, are not valuable for the butcher. We have seen some very valuable half-breeds between them and the Canadian cow, A cross with the Short-horns cannot be recommended, as the difference in size is too great. A valuable breed might be formed by crossing first with the Ayrshire; and afterwards one cross between these and the Shorthorn to increase the size might be advisable, still keeping up the flow of rich milk.

THE SHORT-HORN CATTLE is the only other breed deserving of notice; and taking all things into consideration, they are no doubt the most valuable breed of all. Charles Collings, of Teeswater, was the first to improve the breed which were then called Teeswater or Durhams; but as there are now no competing breed of short-horns, they are known as the Short-horn, and

the other names have gone into disuse.

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Some strains of the Short-hoins are more famed for milk than others, according as they were bred for dairy or for fattening. By careful selection and breeding, the milking qualities could be increased, but it would no doubt be at the expense of the fattening quality. It is very doubtful if an all-purpose cow can be bred equally good for the dairy and the butcher, as increasing the one diminishes the other. The Short-horn, perhaps, comes nearer to it than any other breed -Exchange.

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