

GOSSIP.

"Say," said one of the two forlorn-looking specimens of the genus American tramp, who had been ditched on the Arizona desert, to the operator at the lonely siding, according to George H. Daniels, "couldn't stake a feller to sotae-thin' t' eat, cud yeh?" "No," responded the operator, who had to do his own cooking. "Ain't even got a few scraps left from brekfust?" "No," was again the cheerful response of the man whose cooking left no scraps. The weary disciple of rest turned away disappointedly, then paused, and questioned, "Yeh report everythin' goin' by to th' despatcher, don't yeh?" "Yes," was the response this time. "Well, jest report two empties goin' east, will yeh?"

A big, good-natured farmer was awaiting the suburban train, accompanied by a handsome Gordon setter. Two sons of Britain stood near him. The dog strayed away from his owner, who was reading a newspaper. "Hey!" called the farmer. "Come here, Locksmith!" and the dog immediately ran to his feet. One of the Englishmen approached the farmer. "May I ask," he said, "what you called that dog?" "Locksmith," said the farmer. "And why, pray?" "Because every time I kick him, he makes a bolt for the door." There was a general laugh, in which the Englishman joined. When he returned to his companion he remarked: "Most extraordinary name that man over there calls his dog." "What?" asked his friend. "Locksmith," replied the first Briton. "And why such a name?" "Because, he says, every time he kicks 'im, he runs out of the house!"

The British Columbia big shows had an exhibit from the stables of Alex. Galbraith & Son, Brandon, Man., the shipment being in charge of Manager Jas. Smith, "frae Aberdeen." The results were encouraging to the firm, and are expected to be just as much so to the districts now owning the horses brought out, many of them prizewinners in Auld Scotia. The horses are located as follows: Proud Prince, a black three-year-old, the Newton Stewart district premium horse, 1903, by the great Prince Thomas, out of a Sir Everard mare, and the big grey Percheron, Valley Prince, winner of his class, both at New Westminster and Victoria shows, as well as five times at Illinois fairs, became the property of the Richmond Breeders' Association, of which T. Laing, Eburne P. O., is secretary. This district had out some remarkably good colts of Clydesdale ancestry at the local show, and are determined to keep to the fore with draft horses. Golden Prince, a bay four-year-old and sweepstakes draft horse at New Westminster, as well as sweepstakes Clydesdale stallion at Victoria, a massive fellow of the Clydesdale type, goes to Ladner, as the property of Geo. Embree, Ladner P.O., where he will try conclusions at the stud with his show-ring rival, Premier Prince. The field there is a good one, as is evidenced by the large ring of brood mares at the district show. Farmers in that locality are lucky to have a chance to choose between such veterans of the show-ring as the two stallions mentioned, for which to the enterprise of Messrs. Embree and Vasey is due the credit. Vancouver Island gets the big brown horse Rosario, a horse with a record, having had numerous district premiums as well as being four times first at the Royal Northern at Aberdeen. Rosario ran his competitors hard in the show-rings in B. C. this fall, but it was the oft-told story, the victory of youth over age, defeat with honor. To J. Corfield, Duncan, B. C., is due the credit of placing such a horse within reach of the breeders of his section of the country. Suffolks are not as common as other breeds of draft horses in Canada. Where known they seem to be valued and sought after. Sudbourne Sherin, after noted wins in England and a h. s. at the Royal, where competition is hot, and first prizes at the two leading shows of B. C., goes to Lulu Island, the property of Steves and McCullough, Stevenson P. O., stockmen of provincial reputation, the former as owning a breeding stud of Suffolks, the latter an exhibitor of Ayrshire cattle.

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