

## RECENT PURCHASES OF IMPROVED STOCK BY THE EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH.

The visit to England some twelve months ago of the Emperor and Empress of the French, appears to have resulted beneficially for agricultural improvement. Mr. Wilson, who is the manager of the royal farms at Windsor, was entrusted by the Emperor to select quite a herd of the best specimens of short-horn cattle that Britain could produce. Accordingly twenty-eight cows and heifers of the breed which takes the very highest rank in the mother country, were recently dispatched to France, with two bulls and eight calves. Of the bulls Prince Alfred had been bred at the Home Farm, Windsor. Master Butterfly 4th, is a son of the renowned Master Butterfly, for whom 1,200 guineas were paid a short time since, by an Agricultural Society in Australia, and from a daughter of Colonel Townley's celebrated cow, Beauty, who has commanded such general admiration. The stock will be located on the model farms of St. Cloud and Versailles. By perseverance in the use of such means, France will be in a fair way of approximating to the high standard which England has long reached in this most important department of a national agriculture.

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

Professor Way, who has for several years been the consulting chemist of this Society, has resigned, and Professor Voeleker, of the Royal Agricultural College of Cirencester, has been appointed to fill the vacant post. The former by his patient researches and careful deductions has done much to advance the modern science of agricultural chemistry, and, from what the latter has already effected in this particular department, there is every reason to hope that Professor Way will be followed by a worthy and efficient successor.

The Society's Annual Exhibition will take place this year in the ancient city of Chester, commencing July 19th, the Corporation contributing £1,800 towards the local expenses.

We may also state further that the Exhibition of the Highland Society of Scotland, will be held in the old granitic city of Aberdeen, commencing the 31st of August.

**THOROUGH-BRED HORSES FOR OREGON.**—Mr. John P. Welsh, who purchased of John B. Burnet, of Syracuse, the celebrated thorough-bred horse *Consternation*, for \$3,500, with the intention of taking him to Oregon this season, as, as we are informed by a gentleman who saw Mr. Welsh a few days since, concluded to let *Consternation* stand in Kentucky the present season, to serve thorough-bred mares. Mr. Welsh has purchased in Kentucky, *Rifleman*, a very superior thorough-bred colt of great substance, and promising to be a most valuable horse. *Rifleman*, bay colt, foaled May, 1855, by *Glencoe*, out of the dam of *Marksmen* and *Prazier*, winner of the first prize in the ring for thorough-breds, at the Fayette Co. Fair, held at Lexington, Ky., and also at the State Fair at Paris, Ky., in the year 1856.—*Country Gentlemen*.