

Until this year Dale had an untarnished record as a winner, but now there are three other kings who have, at various times, enjoyed honors ahead of him. Dale is undoubtedly the smoothest and most uniformly fleshed of all his competitors, but he departs from type in his head and straight, short horns and is beside neither as wide in front nor as deep in the rib as his greatest competitor, Dandy Rex, who, while he does not carry his side lines as true as he might, particularly in the region of the heart, is superior to Dale in his more typical head and horns, wider front and deeper body. Sotham's Improver might easily be placed ahead of either of these were it not for an undue patchiness about his tail head. And, as far as Van Natta's Christopher, he outweighs all the others by 200 pounds, but his lines are not so true and he shows an undesirable weakness about the hocks. At nearly every fair where these animals have met they have been differently arranged, but taking the average of all, Dandy Rex has proved himself the greatest, followed closely by Dale, Improver and Christopher probably in the order named.

As one approaches the forty or more animals that face the judges in most of the younger Hereford rings, he usually feels that there are about a dozen individuals, any one of which might readily be placed among the winners, and the history of the fall campaign justifies the first impression. And yet there are a few outstanding youngsters that one cannot refrain from mentioning. Gudgell & Simpson again have the honor of having bred *Mischief Maker*, who easily bears out her name in any ring and is, perhaps, the best female in the Hereford ranks to-day. From her captivating face all the way through to her heels she is simply faultless. She has finish, flesh, hair, symmetry, breadth, depth, straight lines and everything else you can think of that is desirable. Like the rest of the herd to which she belongs, she is strongly but not incestuously inbred, tracing back six times to *Anxiety IV*. A fitting tribute to the breeding is the fact that, at the great Kansas City show, Gudgell & Simpson not only won the largest proportion of the prizes, but first and second prizes for young herds. Prof. Curtiss, of the Iowa Agricultural College, recently got a heifer from this herd in exchange for 925 good gold dollars, and on being asked if he were not afraid to buy such inbred animals, replied, "Not so long as I see results like these."