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Gossip.

The management of the Toronto Fatstock Show advise that they intend holding a fat-stock show at the Union Stockyards, along same lines as last year's, and that the dates have been set as Dec. 10 and 11, 1915. The premium list will be ready for distribution in about three

W. A. Dryden, of Brooklin, Ont., writes: 'In regard to the young bulls which I offer for sale, three of the lot are sired by Archer's Hope =80017=, and are extra good bulls. They are just a year old this spring, two of them in May, and were rather young to sell earlier in the season. These bulls are of the herdheading stamp, and reveal the character, flesh and smoothness of their sire. They will be offered at a moderate price, and should go into breeders' hands who realize the value of a good sire, one that should do the work of a real improver. Many of your readers who were at Toronto and London last fall will remember Rare Sort =90497= as the winner of third at Toronto and second at London as a junior yearling. He has been shipped, along with my best senior bull calf, to A. E. Stevenson, Port Huron, Mich. Just a little before this shipment E. L. Robinson, Gowanstown, Ont.. secured the red Lord Madge =95843=. Mr. Robinson did not ьее this bull until he was unloaded at his station, and in acknowledging receipt of the bull, expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the bull that was shipped to him. Messrs. A. & J. Heron, Ashburn, Ont., bought Golden Light =95481=; Roy Ward, Balsam, Ont., secured Lancaster Lord =95837=, and Frank Batty, Brooklin, Ont., bought Lancaster Hope =95836=. W. C. Rosenberger, Tiffin, Ohio, took five young cows and the junior yearling bull Master Jailt =95839=. Norman Harrison, Priddis, Alberta, took four heifers and one bull, and James I. Miller, Myrtle, Man., got a good roan thirteen-months-old bull to use this summer, and top the Manitoba Provincial sale next March at Brandon. These buyers all have faith in the blood of Archer's Hope. Besides these sales, I took sixty bulls, all Shorthorns, to Calgary, Alberta, in April, and was fortunate in making a sale of the whole lot to one buyer. It is always a pleasure for me to show my cattle, and if anyone wishing to visit the herd will make an appointment with me I shall be glad to be at home and will make an effort to have their visit enjoyable and profitable whether they buy or not. My Shropshire lambs are growing nicely, and should have a number of well-grown buck lambs suitable for a limited service this

Questions and Answers. Miscellaneous.

Pig and Ducks Die-Horse Coughs.

1. Castrated boar June 5; apparently all right until June 7, when noticed he was swollen. Died June 9. Could you give me any information how to treat a case of that kind?

2. Have lost a setting of young ducks. They were all right when first hatched, but eyes got sore, kept failing a few days, then died.

2. We keep Marses and cows in same stable facing each other, with a feed alley between. Would this arrangement he likely to have any bad effect in either horses or cows? Some people claim that is why we never have healthy

3. Horse six years of age had distemper quite badly. Has recovered from that, but has a slight cough.

Ans.-1. Occasionally a fatality occurs in hogs from castration, but this is not frequent. Provided the operation was properly performed, and instruments used Properly disinfected, about all that could e done would be to keep the pig quiet n a clean place, feed on light, sloppy feed, and bathe the parts in carbone

2. All that we can suggest is that you keep the ducks in a clean, dry place, give plenty of shade and fresh water,

and feed on mash feed, preferably shorts. 3. Provided the stables are clean and well ventilated, it should have no very serious effects. Many stables are so arranged and the stock does well in them. Of course, it is better to have

them separate, but this is not always practicable.

4. Take 3 ounces pulverized gum opium, 1 ounce powdered digitalis, 4 drams arsenic acid, 4 ounces powdered liquorice - root. Mix, and make into 24 powders. Give a powder every night in damp food. Repeat the prescription if necessary.

Slow Feathering Chicks.

Please tell me the reason why the Wyandotte chickens do not feather out? I have lost so many this year. they are about seven weeks old they seem to take a chill and die very quickly. Could I give them anything to help .(; .1

Ans.-When chicks have arrived at the age of seven weeks they should not suffer greatly from chills if they are allowed dry quarters in time of rain, and suitable shelter at night. The cockerels may exhibit some slowness in feathering, but that is apparently natural. We do not consider that these chicks are in any way abnormal in their feathering, and would be inclined to think that there is something wrong in other directions. Plenty of wholesome feed and suitable shelter are the chief factors in successful chick raising. Remove any chicks that do not appear perfectly healthy, and if possible allow the others the run of a yard that is fresh, and where poultry has not been confined previously. If the chicks are not with a hen or in a brooder at night, prepare a hover for them to keep them warm, but do not make it too small. We are inclined to think there is nothing wrong with the feathering of the chicks.

Veterinary.

Retention of Afterbirth.

Cow calved on February 23 and retained the afterbirth for ten days. She is very poor, and has not shown æstrum. J. M. H.

Ans.—She is suffering from a form of blood poisoning, caused by absorption of some of the decomposed afterbirth. Mix equal parts powdered sulphate of iron, gentian, ginger, and nux vomica. Mix a tablespoonful of this with 11 pints cold water, add to it 50 drops carbolic acid, and give as a drench three times daily. When she improves in health and strength æstrum will no doubt appear.

Fatality in Cattle.

Heifer appeared all right at noon. About 2 p. m. she began to run around in circles and froth from her mouth, and died about 3 p. m. Next day another acted the same way. It was all right at night, and next morning was acting the same as the first one, and soon died. Post-mortems revealed the fourth stomach black. It seemed to be burned; the lining membrane would all peel off. The small intestine also was black, with inflammation. There were three other cattle with these, and one of them seems to be affected. F. W. A.

Ans.—The symptoms and post-mortems indicate acute inflammation of the fourth stomach and small intestines. Treatment in such cases is practically of little avail. It consists in giving large doses of opium, from one to two drams, according to size of patients, every four hours. The trouble may be caused by some irritant in the pasture. The sudden deaths indicate anthrax, but the post-mortems described do not. It will be wise to have a veterinarian hold a post-mortem and investigate the cause if you have further trouble.

A certain little girl was discovered by her mother engaged in a spirited encounter with a small friend, who had got considerably worsted in the engagement.

"Don't you know, dear," said the mother, "that it is very wicked to behave so? It was Satan that put it into your head to pull Elsie's hair." "Well, perhaps it was," the child admitted, "but kicking her shins was my



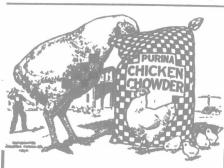
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