

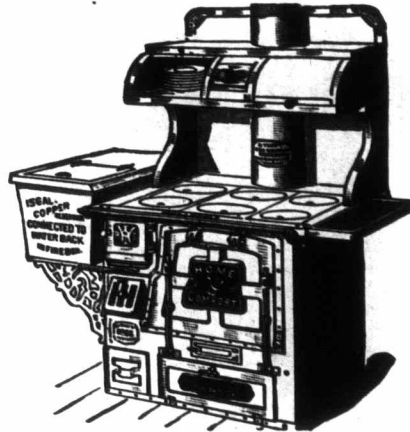
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The celebrated Shire stallion, Lincolnshire Lad II, 2365, the property of Fred. Crisp, died recently at the White House Stud, New Southgate. He was foaled in 1872, and sired many noted winners. At the Darlington Royal, out of the twenty animals to which money prizes were awarded fifteen belonged to the Lincolnshire Lad family.

HORSE BREEDING AT MAPLEWOOD.

A few years ago Mr. F. C. Stevens, with characteristic enterprise, established at Attica, N. Y., a few miles out of Buffalo, the Maplewood herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, one of the largest and, beyond peradventure, unsurpassed in many respects by any other "black and white" herd in the world, as their triumphant show-yard career demonstrated. Latterly, however, he has turned his attention to Hackney horses, and bids fair to duplicate in that branch of live stock breeding the successes which he achieved in cattle rearing. The writer once had the pleasure of visiting "Maplewood," which is a magnificent farm, well adapted for the purpose to which it is now devoted. To begin with, Mr. Stevens secured from Messrs. E. Beith & Co., Bowmansville, Ont., the prize-winning stallion Ottawa, and the mare Winnifred. Since then he commissioned Mr. F. S. Peer, of Mount Morris, N. Y., to make a selection of Hackneys and other horse stock for him in England. The Hackneys brought over consist of Langton Performer, by Garton Duke of Connaught, dam Fusee 2nd, by Matchless of Ludesborough, and several mares. Langton Performer is a dark chestnut, 15.23, with four white feet. He is three years old. He won first as a two-year-old at the great Yorkshire show, and second at London in 1885. As a three-year-old he stood second to Rosedor (whom he defeated at the great Yorkshire show) for the junior champion prize. The New York Rider and Driver states that Mr. Peer preferred him to the first prize horse, which is equivalent to saying that he considers him the best Hackney stallion in England. The mares consist of Mischief, by Matchless of Ludesborough; Modest, by Chocolate, Jr., with a stallion foal at foot by Ganymede, the champion Hackney stallion of England in '94 and '95. Lady Danegelt, a two-year-old daughter of Danegelt and Lady Sutton, by Chocolate, Jr., dam Sweetbriar, by Denfory. The dam of Lady Danegelt is Garton Duchess of Connaught, full sister to Garton Duke of Connaught, the sire of Langton Performer. The Welsh ponies (seven) were selected in the mountains of North Wales, and are of the true Welsh type. Mr. Peer also selected in the Shetland Islands six Shetland ponies, four of them (mares) for Mr. Stevens, and two (a stallion and a mare) for Mr. Allan Apper, of New York.

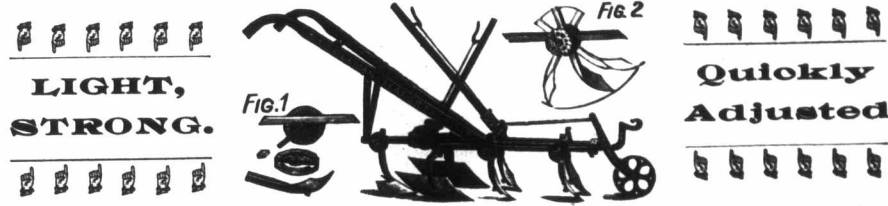
WOODROFFE DAIRY AND STOCK FARM.

Some four miles west of Ottawa, and most beautifully located on the banks of the River Ottawa, is Woodroffe Dairy and Stock Farm, the property of J. G. Clark, on which are bred a good class of Clydesdales, Ayrshires, and Improved Large Yorkshires. The farm consists of 300 acres (100 acres of which is rented), and is exceptionally well adapted to the dairy business. The well-appointed stables, beautiful pastures, and the large herd of sleek, well-kept, pure-bred and high-grade Ayrshires, make a visit at Woodroffe a pleasant remembrance, and a few hours inspecting stables, stock, and farm, will be found time both pleasantly and profitably spent by anyone interested in a well-regulated stock and dairy farm. The herd consists of some seventy-five head of choice pure-bred and high-grade Ayrshires, from which Mr. Clark supplies Ottawa customers. At the head of the herd is the stock bull Gallant Chief (8916), being also used on the herd this season. He was bred by Jas. Rae Shirruffs, Clarence, Ont., and was sired by Pendleton (3222), his dam being Ayr Lass, an excellent milking cow. Gallant Chief is an exceptionally fine young bull, and he is four of them (families) noted for their production at the pail. Queen 508, by Clansman 327, dam Model 403, we considered an exceptionally good representation of the breed, and we were informed that she is a remarkably good performer at the pail. Her daughter, Fairy 1028, by Highland Laddie 467, dark red and white, very like her mother, is a beautiful heifer, and should mature into something good. Other members of the herd are also well worthy of mention, if space would permit. Among the young stock are many promising heifers, and the herd in general is of an excellent type. Mr. Clark has been quietly building up a pure-bred herd of choice quality, and has had no trouble to dispose of his surplus stock at very remunerative figures.

After looking through the Ayrshires we were next shown the imported Yorkshire swine, an even, well-modeled lot throughout. The foundation stock was purchased from Green Bros., of Innerkip, and as Mr. Clark is conveniently situated to the Experimental Farm, he has been able to take advantage of using such choice stock as Snowdon 1031 and Kinicroft Giant 424. The present herd boar is Champion 1828, by Kinicroft Giant 424, dam Surprise 1985. Champion was selected from the first prize litter at the Ottawa exhibition last fall. The sow Ottawa Queen 1850, bred by Joseph Fletcher, Oxford Mills, by Isaleigh King 1159, dam Simple 875, is a very even, deep-bodied sow, with well-sprung ribs, thick, well-fleshed hams, and standing on short, well-placed legs. She was suckling a fine litter of young pigs at the time of our visit, by Kinicroft Giant, Juno 1700 in the next pen is also a sow of much quality and individual merit, nursing a litter of little beauties about seven weeks old, also by Kinicroft Giant. Surprise 1985, by Favorito 3rd 178 (imported in dam), dam Matron 2nd 129, a rather large sow of model Yorkshire type, was nursing a litter of strong youngsters by Wallace 1071. This sow was the dam of the first prize litter of 1894 at Ottawa. Mr. Clark has three fine young sows left of last fall litters, and also some choice young boars fit for service.

Clydesdale horses have also been bred on this farm for some years past. Independence 385, one of the brood mares, is an animal of excellent bone and fine conformation, with very good action, weighing over 1,700 lbs. Kate 64, another fine mare with foal at foot, was seen. These two mares have produced some half dozen very promising young colts.

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