

Live-stock Trade with Argentina.

Some information regarding the possibility of developing a trade in live stock with Argentina is given by Mr. W. S. Spark, the well-known English horseman, in a letter to Mr. F. W. Hodson, Live-stock Commissioner. Soon after his arrival in that country, Mr. Spark wrote: "I find all cattle landed here must, besides the certificate of breeding, have a certificate (or rather the shipper must produce it) from the Minister of Agriculture, or his deputy, of the country from which they are sent, to declare that there has been no infectious disease in that country for six months previous to shipping. If the said document is not produced, the cattle are not allowed to land. In any case, all cattle must be kept in quarantine for 40 days, after which they are tuberculin tested, and if they do not pass, are slaughtered, and the owner has to bear the entire loss. Notwithstanding all this trouble, it will pay breeders to send really good pure-bred Shorthorn bulls and heifers here to sell. You can't sell grade cattle at any price."

In a later letter, Mr. Spark says: "The more I see of this country, the more convinced I am that the Canadians can do a very large trade here in live stock and agricultural machinery, on neither of which there is any duty here. I enclose you an account of a sale of imported bulls, which took place last week, which shows that the twelve animals offered brought \$79,900, or an average of nearly \$6,660 each. These prices are in Argentine dollars, equal to 44 cents Canadian money. I have attended eight similar sales, and the average prices paid have been 1,400 Canadian dollars each. The bulls sold, I am told by good judges, who have been to Toronto Show, would not be good enough to win there. The only time to sell here is in September (the best month), October and November, so they would have to be shipped in June and July from Canada. You really should attend next year's exhibition at Buenos Aires in September, which will be international. I hope Canada will make an exhibit, for if she did, all the stock could be sold at the exhibition at very remunerative prices."

W. A. CLEMONS.

GOSSIP.

"Does your coachman have any perquisites?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"He had one once," replied her hostess, "but the doctor said it was brought on by being out too long in the hot sun. My, I don't know what I'd do with a person around me that had them regular."

The other day a well-known counsel, examining the plaintiff in a breach of promise case, inquired of her: "Was the defendant's air when he promised to marry you perfectly serious or one of levity and jocular?"

The complainant replied: "If you please, sir, it was all ruffled with him running his hands through it."

"You misapprehend my meaning," said the counsel. "Was the promise made in utter sincerity?"

"No, sir, it was made in the wash-house," replied the plaintiff, amid roars of laughter.

Judge Julius M. Mayer tells a story about a white man who was arraigned before a colored justice of the peace during reconstruction times for killing a man and stealing his mule. It was in Arkansas, near the Texas border, and there was some rivalry between the States, but the colored justice tried always to preserve an impartial frame of mind.

"We've got two kinds of law in this here co't," he said, "Texas law and Arkansas law. Which will you hab?"

The prisoner thought a minute, and then guessed that he would take the Arkansas law.

"Den I discharge you fo' stealing de mule an' hang you fo' killin' de man."

"Hold on a minute, Judge," said the prisoner. "Better make that Texas law."

"Vell right, under de law ob Texas I fine you fo' killin' de man an' hang you fo' stealin' de mule."

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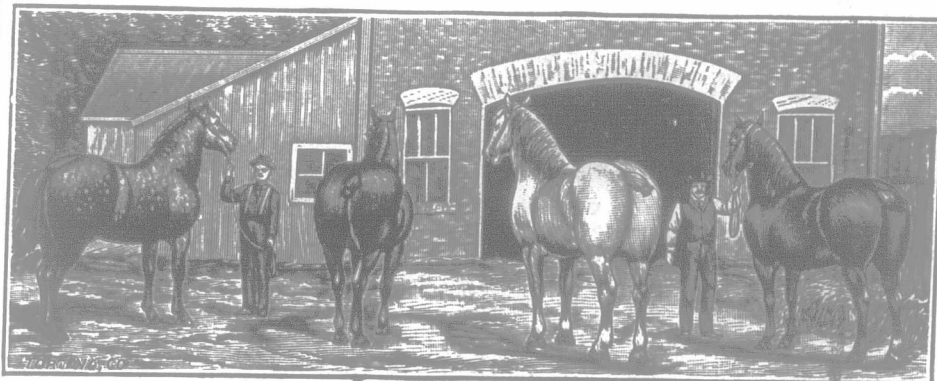
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GOSSIP.

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Two imported Clydesdale stallions are advertised for sale in this issue of the "Farmer's Advocate," by Wm. Meharey, Russell, Ontario. See the advertisement, and write him for particulars.

Good habits are easy to form, too. If you try brushing your teeth after each meal you will soon feel uncomfortable when you omit it. This will save dentists' bills and discomfort.

The Glasgow Herald, referring to remarks made at the annual conference of Scottish Chamber of Agriculture about cattle diseases, says: "We have disease amongst us, and yet are solicitous to protect ourselves against a country where disease does not exist." It suggests that British stock might benefit from the admixture of foreign blood.

The servant problem is yet to be solved, is the way Chairman Taggart looks at it.

"It was like this," said the Chairman to some friends the other day. "The old servant we had for ten years came to me last week and said she would have to leave the same day, as she was about to be married."

"What do you mean?" I asked. "You won't leave us so suddenly! Ask him to wait a few days."

"Sure, sir, I'd like to oblige you, but I don't feel well enough acquainted to ask him such a thing," was her answer.

THE PERKINS SALE OF SHORT-HORNS.

The auction sale, on Oct. 26th, of the herd of Shorthorn cattle belonging to the estate of the late Mr. J. E. Perkins, Petrolia, Ont., was quite successful, the cattle selling for good value, and the attendance quite large. Following is the sale list:

Mountain Flower (imp.), Alex. Stewart, Ivan	\$270
Beautiful Belle (imp.), Ed. C. Attrill, Goderich	175
Beautiful Belle 6th (imp.), John Rawlings, Forest	140
Lustre Belle (imp.), Wm. English, Petrolia	150
Belle of Fairlea, Alex. Stewart	130
Queen Beas 3rd, H. McComb, Sykes-ton	115
Beautiful Belle 2nd, Robert Robert-son, Oil Springs	100
Leonore of Sylvan 21st, G. T. Fuller, Watford	140
Belle Osborne, John Morgan & Sons, Kerwood	195
Lilly White, Cohn Monroe, Inwood	116
Rose 2nd of Kertch, Robt. Holmer, Chatham	185
Queen Alexandra, John Morgan & Sons	165
Orphan Annie, Wm. Cummings, Alvinston	150
39th Duchess of Thorndale, Jno. McIntyre, Camlachie	95
Nettie of Collinville 2nd, A. Duncan, Petrolia	80
Knogle Rose 33rd, H. McComb	80
40th Duchess of Thorndale, H. D. Kewley, Sarnia	85
Knogle Rose 41st, M. Duggan, Petrolia	85
Bessie Thorndale, Neil Monroe, Inwood	96
Rose of Fairlea, M. Duggan	50
Duchess of Fairlea, Chas. Cundrick, Watford	70
Duchess of Fairlea 2nd, Wm. Brown, Petrolia	50
Knogle Rose of Fairlea, S. W. Edwards, Watford	90
Knogle Lady, John Wooley, Petrolia	45
Knogle Belle of Fairlea, S. W. Edwards	80
Bulls.	
Prince Fragrance (imp.), Wm. Muxlow, Petrolia	\$250
Prince Alexander, John Hardy, Sarnia	65
Duke of Fairlea 2nd, Wm. Brown, Petrolia	60
Prince of Fairlea 2nd, P. Campbell, Inwood	75
Prince of Fairlea, Jas. Metcalfe, Petrolia	65

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