

Miscellaneous.

Riddle.

[FROM THE GERMAN OF SCHILLER.]

WHAT's that which, often set at nought,
Would grace the mightiest monarch's hand,
For wounding purpose 'tis wrought,
'Tis allied to the battle brand.

Though oft it wounds, it sheds no blood,
It wealthy makes, but never poor,
Mighty, it has the earth subdued,
And blessings shed the wide world o'er.

To it vast empires owe their dawn,
The oldest cities it has reared,
Yet ne'er through it has sword been drawn,
Or dread been felt when it appeared.

The friend of every land and realm,
Of all that live, the prop and stay;
'Tis well when at a nation's helm
Are those who help it on its way.

Mrs. C. E.

(Answer in our next.)

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EASTER FAT CATTLE FAIR AT GUELPH.—This fair, according to the notice given last week, was held on Wednesday, and considering it was the first of the kind held in the place, and the short notice that was given of it, we may call it very successful.

There were six entries in the class for best fattened ox four years old and upwards. The first prize was awarded to James Wright, the second to John Hlewer.

For the best fattened cow, four years and upwards, there were also six entries. In this class Samuel Hodgskin was awarded the first prize; 2nd, George Wright. For the best fattened steer under four years there were 11 entries. First prize, John O'Rourke, the cattle having been fed at Woodstock; 2nd, Samuel Hodgskin. For the best fattened heifer under four years there were four entries. First prize, W. & G. Swanston; 2nd, Gideon Hood. The judges were Messrs. John Duncan, Elora; and Head and Oliver, Galt.

The cattle entered for competition—27 in all—were splendid animals, equal to anything ever shown in Guelph. Mr. Hodgskin's cow excelled anything on the ground, and the owner may safely challenge the Province to produce her like. Without making any invidious distinctions, we may say that many others were only behind her in size, and fully her equal in other respects. The show was alike creditable to the district and to the owners.—Guelph Mercury.

PHRENOLOGICAL CHARACTER OF MR. F. BARNARD, ESQ. Given at the office of Proff. Josh Billings, praktikal phrenologis, price \$1.

Amativeness—Bigg. Sticks out like a hornet's nest. You ought tew be able tew luv the hole human familee with yure bump at onst. Yu will never be a widderer long, not enny.

Polittiks—Yu have got the natral wa. A splendid bump. It feels like a dimokratik bump, too. Menny a man has got to be constable with half yure bump.

Kombatiffness—Sleightually, very much. Yu mile sife a woman, but tuff match. I shud like to bet on the woman. This bump wants poultising.

Villies—Bi thunder what a bump! I shud think ye cud eat a hoss and cart, and chase the driver three miles, without any praktiks. Thunder and Lightning! what a bump! what a bump! Let Barnum get his hand on this bump and youre fortin iz made. What a bump!

Musik—A sweet, pretty bump. About the size of a lima bean. If I had this bump, I would buy me a juise harp, and wander among the rocky mountains. Pon my word, Mr. Barnard, mi advice is, nuss this bump.

Greenbacks—Well developed. A gorgeous bump. A fortin tew enny man. Yu kant help but die rich, if this bump dont go bak on yu. Gorgeous bump! happee mau? die when you feel like it, deth wont have enny sorrows for your relashuns that this bump wont heel.

SOME hearts, like primroses, open most beautifully in the shadows of life.

A Western New York farmer lately wrote as follows to a distinguished scientific agriculturist, to whom he felt himself under peculiar obligations for introducing a variety of swine:—"RESPECTED SIR,—I went yesterday to the fair at M—; I found several pigs of your species. There was a great variety of beasts, and I was astonished at not seeing yourself there."

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

"CANADA FARMER" Office, April 1, 1864.

SINCE last Wednesday the market has been extremely dull, and prices have not recovered from the dullness which exercised its influence last week. The news from Europe gives no hopes of any increase in the price of breadstuffs in the Spring.

In the American markets, live stock has risen in price beyond the means of very many of the inhabitants in the larger cities. A large number of cattle have been sent from Canada to New York, where the demand is good, but the trouble and expense attending the negotiations, and the depreciated currency in which dealers are paid, must exercise a considerable influence on the trade. The price paid for cattle in New York (see report of market elsewhere) seems large, but it must be remembered that a United States paper dollar is only worth about 61 cents in gold or Canada money. The market here is dull.

Grain and butter are quoted in the American markets at much higher figures than can be realized here, but the same objection stated above holds good in these cases also. Butter is sold in New York at 52c per lb., but that is only 32c in our money.

Flour—Superfine at \$3 60 for shipment per barrel; \$3 75 to \$3 85 for home consumption; Extra \$4 40 to \$4 50; Fancy (nominal) \$4 10 to \$4 20, Superior (none in market) \$4 75 to \$5 10; Bag Flour \$4 00 per 200 lbs.

Fall Wheat, 85c to 96c for common to choice per bushel; 97c to 98c for good to choice; \$1 00 to \$1 02 for Extra, the latter only paid in a very few cases.

Spring Wheat in good demand at 75c to 80c and 82c per bushel; occasionally a load of extra brings 83c to 84c.

Barley at 70c to 80c, and in one or two cases, as high as 86c per bushel.

Oats in good supply at 38c to 40c per bushel, for common to good, 40c to 46c for extra.

Peas 45c to 50c per bushel for common to good, 52c to 66c for good to extra.

Hay \$8 00 to \$9 00 per ton.

Straw \$5 to \$6 per ton.

Hides (green) at 4 1/2c to 5c per lb., the latter price for extra; trimmed 6c to 6c per lb.

Calfskins at 8c to 9c per lb.

Sheepskins at \$1 25 to \$1 75; the latter for extra.

Lambskins at \$1 25 to \$1 70; the latter for extra.

Cool \$7 25 to \$9 per ton.

Wood \$4 25 to \$5 50 per cord.

Provisions—Hams 9c to 10c per lb. wholesale. Fitch Bacon 7 1/2c to 8c per lb. Cheese, wholesale, 10c to 11c per lb.; retail, 12 1/2c to 15c per lb.

Beef—Inferior 5c to 6c per cwt.; extra, \$5 50 to \$6 50 per cwt. wholesale; 5c to 8c per lb. for ordinary; 9c to 10c for superior, retail.

Cakes scarce at \$4 to \$6 each.

Sheep at \$5 to \$6 each, according to size and quality.

Lambs \$2 to \$2 50 each.

Butter—Fresh, wholesale, at 20c to 25c per lb.; retail 25c to 27c per lb. Tub butter, dairy packed, 20c to 23c according to quality, wholesale; retail, 24c to 26c.

Eggs—11c to 12 1/2c per dozen, wholesale; retail 13c to 14c per doz.

Salt—\$1 75 to \$2 per barrel.

Water Lime—\$1 50 per barrel.

Potatoes—25c to 40c per bushel, wholesale; 45c to 60c per bushel, retail.

Apples—Common to good, \$1 50 to \$2 25 per barrel; extra \$2 50 per barrel.

Coal Oil—29c to 30c for Canada; 40c to 60c for Pennsylvania.

London Markets—March 30.—Fall Wheat, 95c to 98c. Spring at 75c to 78c. Barley, 80c to 85c. Oats, at 50c to 55c. Pease, at 45c to 50c. Corn, 52c to 60c. Hay, \$7 to \$9 per ton. Pork, \$8 60 to \$5 75. Beef, \$3 to \$4 50. Out Straw, per load, \$2 to \$3. Butter, fresh, per lb., 20c to 25c; keg, 15c to 17c. Apples, 60c to 75c. Potatoes, 60c to 75c. Flour, \$2 60 to \$2 75. Eggs, per dozen, 10c to 12c. Wool, per lb., 40c to 42c. Hides, dry, per lb., 9c to 10c; green, 4c to 5c. Sheepskins, \$1 25 to \$2 25. Clover Seed, per bushel, \$5 to \$5 12. Timothy Seed, per bushel, \$2 25 to \$3.—Prototype.

Galt Markets—March 30.—Fall Wheat per bushel, 90c to 95c. Spring Wheat, per bushel, 70c to 77c. Barley, per bushel, 75c to 80c. Oats, per bushel, 38c to 40c. Butter, per lb., 14c to 16c. Eggs, per dozen, 10c to 12 1/2c. Wood, per cord, \$2 to \$2 75. Hay, per ton, \$6 to \$8. Straw, per ton, \$4 to \$5. Potatoes, per bushel, 37 1/2c to 60c. Pease, per bushel, 50c to 65c. Beef, per 100 lbs., \$3 50 to \$4 50. Pork, per 100 lbs., \$4 60 to \$5 12 1/2. Chickens, per pair, 25c to 30c. Ducks, per pair, 31 1/2c to 37 1/2c. Apples, per bushel, 60c to 62 1/2c. Turkeys, each, 60c to \$1. Sheepskins, \$1 to \$1 75. Hides, per 100 lbs., \$5.—Galt Reformer.

Kingston Markets.—March 30th.—Wheat (Spring) 75c per bushel; Pease 60c to 60c per bushel; Barley 80c to 85c per bushel; Rye 65c per bushel; Oats 45c to 60c per bushel; Indian Meal 45c per bag; Oatmeal \$2 75 to \$3 per 100 lbs.; Potatoes 35c to 40c per bushel; Turnips 20c to 25c per bushel; Carrots and Beets 50c to 60c per bushel; Onions \$2 to \$2 50 per bushel; Butter, fresh 25c per lb.; do. skinned 20c to 22c per lb.; Beef \$4 to \$7 per 100 lbs.; Hay \$15 to \$18 per ton; Straw \$7 60 to \$10 per ton; Timothy Seed \$1 25 to \$2 per bushel; Clover Seed 8c to 10c per lb.; Wool 30c to 37c per lb.; Hides \$5 to \$5 50 per 100 lbs.; Sheep and Lamb Skins, Fall \$1 to \$1 75; Calf Skins, each 25c to \$1; Veal Skins, each 50c to 80c.

Montreal Cattle Market—March 29.—Extra Cattle \$7 to \$8; First Quality Cattle \$6 00 to \$6 50; Second and Third \$5 and \$4; Milk Cows \$15 to \$20; Extra \$20 and \$25; Sheep, ordinary, \$3 50 to \$4; extra, \$4 to \$5. Lambs, \$2 60 to \$4. Hogs, live-weight, \$5 to \$5 50; dressed, \$4 to \$5 50. Hides, \$5 to \$5 50. Fat, \$1 75 to \$2 25. Tallow, 6c to 5 1/2c.

REMARKS.—Prices are nominally unchanged; but there is little business doing, butchers not having sufficiently disposed of their Easter purchases.—Witness.

New York Cattle Market—BULL'S HEAD, March 23.—Owing to the supposed short supply, the market opened very strong at an advance of half a cent a pound upon the rates quoted in our last report of the market. At this a good many of the first-class retail butchers laid in their supply, some of them paying 15 1/2c to 16c per pound for the same quality bought last Monday at 15c to 15 1/2c. This class of stock was not very plenty, but we thought more so than last Monday. The supply of Western steers of good fair medium quality was abundant, and sold at 13c to 14c. There were too many light, thin steers and rough oxen, but we did not observe any sales of this class as low as last week. Prices generally were 10c to 13c for the lower grades. There were country buyers of working oxen willing to take them at 13c per pound for

the net weight, and in some instances higher, and generally half a cent above the butchers. The Sheep market was better supplied than this day week, and the market not as sharp, though prices were about the same—that is 9 1/2c per pound for good fair sheep of about 95 lb. average on the scales. The poorest rough lots of Medium Sheep sold at 8c per pound, and some scallwags at lower rates. All in market sold, and no new stock expected to-morrow. There is no material difference in the hog market. The supply is light and the trade dull.

Albany Markets—March 23th.—Flour and Meal.—The demand for Flour continues active at very full prices. Corn Meal is unchanged. Grain—There is an improved milling demand for Wheat, with sales of 1,200 bushels Winter Red State, in car lots at \$1 65 to \$1 68, and 5,400 bushels White Michigan at \$1 90. Rye quiet and unchanged. Corn steady and in fair request, with sales of 1,809 bushels Round Yellow at \$1 25 delivered. Oats rather firmer, with a good demand and steady supply; sales 4,100 bushels State at 85c to 86c. In Barley nothing has transpired. Bees.—The market is better this week, having fully recovered from the depression that marked the trade seven days ago. Premium \$3 to \$3 50; Extra \$7 to \$7 50; First Quality \$8 to \$8 50; Second Quality \$5 to \$5 50; Third Quality \$4 to \$4 50. Sheep are doing better this week, although the receipts are heavy. The market opened with a quick demand, and the inquiry continued brisk to the close. An advance of 1/2c to 3/4c per lb. was established, and the market closed firm at 7 1/2c to 9 1/2c. Hogs.—The advance noticed in our last report was well maintained at the opening, and a few lots were sold as high as 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c, the range however being from 8c to 8 1/2c per lb.—Journal.

Chicago Markets, March 26.—Provisions still tend upwards. There is a very active demand for Mess Pork, and the market is firm at yesterday's advance, at \$22, and \$20 75 for a small lot of mixed city. Prime Mess Pork is firm and scarce at \$20 to \$20 50, sellers generally holding at \$21. Pickled Hams are scarce and firm at 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c. Bulk meats are scarce and firm—Shoulders at 8c loose. Lard was firm but not very active, at 11 1/2c to 12c, the market closing firm at the outside figure. The market for Live Hogs was active and firm, at \$5 75 to \$7 75—chiefly at \$7 15 to \$7 40, the market closing firm. The market for Beef Cattle was active at \$3 60 to \$7—chiefly at \$4 50 to \$5 50.—Chicago Tribune.

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