

## STOCK GOSSIP.

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Mr. Mortimer Levering, Secretary of the American Shropshire Association, reports the demand for breeding sheep strong at good figures. Wool sold at an advance this season, and it is said that over one hundred new woolen mills are in operation.

F. W. Terhune, Brantford, Ontario, writes:—"Have sold a sow in pig, to Joshua Cook, Paris; sow pig and boar to E. Walker, Welcome; pair of sows to Thos. Lane, Brantford; boar to Frank Bryan, Mohawk; boar and four pigs to Thos. Robson, Bright; brood sow to F. Parsons, Carlisle. I still have a couple of nice salable sows on hand, also some young pigs farrowed in July and August."

THE AVON HERD OF POLAND-CHINAS, CHESTER WHITES AND TAMWORTHS.

We recently visited Messrs. Herron & Daffoe, of Avon, Ont., importers and breeders of the above-mentioned breeds of swine. A large herd is now on hand, a number of which are imported. Imported sires of the different breeds are used, so the young stock is descended from imported sires and imported and home-bred sows. These gentlemen are prepared to supply the public with young pigs, either sex, and all ages and almost any breed, at prices that will astonish them, if they will only write for prices and particulars. Look up Messrs. Herron & Daffoe's advertisement in our advertising columns.

LEE FARM JERSEYS AND STANDARD-BRED TROTTERS.

Just on the outskirts of the village of Rock Island, picturesquely located among the hills, is Lee Farm, the home of Dr. E. P. Ball. On arriving at the farm we were first shown through the stables, which contained a few nice Standard-bred horses, the stock bull and some of the younger things of the herd, the majority of the Jerseys being out on the hills to pasture; and a pleasing picture it made. From these hills we had a fine view of the surrounding country, and the hills and valleys of Vermont.

At the head of the Jerseys is Prince Hugo (23710), by Victor Hugo (imported), dam Queen Hugo. Prince Hugo is a grand bull, and the best of Jersey blood courses through his veins. He is very docile and likes to be petted as well as his female stable companions. This bull is giving much satisfaction to his owner as a sire, and a number of nice young things were seen got by him. In another stall was Stanley of Lee Farm (39127), a splendid two-year-old by Stanley of St. Anne. One of the foundation cows that has done much towards building up this herd is Chief's Princess (23781) (imp.), by Walnut Chief (3139), dam Princess of Walnut Farm. A number of excellent animals were seen in the herd, the descendants of this cow, Princess P (87083), a four-year-old by Romeo's Garnet (14182), pure St. Lambert; Prince's B, a three-year-old by Orloff of Lee Farm, from Chief's Princess; Princess Merrill (34937), by Orloff of Lee Farm; Fanny Lee (57011), by Romeo's Garnet 14182, dam Notta (11950), are some of the best, and are excellent cows, mostly descended from Chief's Princess, and of much the same type. A fine yearling bull was also seen by Alexis of Lee Farm, and some extra good bull calves. The young stock are mostly sired by Edward H. (27945) and Prince Hugo.

Standard-bred Trotters.—A couple of good stallions were seen. Sutton, by Epaullet, is a nicely-turned horse, with a record of 2:26, and Lambeth, by Daniel Lambert, is also a good one. A couple of the best mares were Lady Lee, rec. 2:19, by Abdallah Wilkes, dam Dairy Maid, a Kentucky-bred mare, and Bonniebell, by Viking, who has a record of 2:19.

SHORTHORNS AND BERKSHIRES AT GLENBURNE.

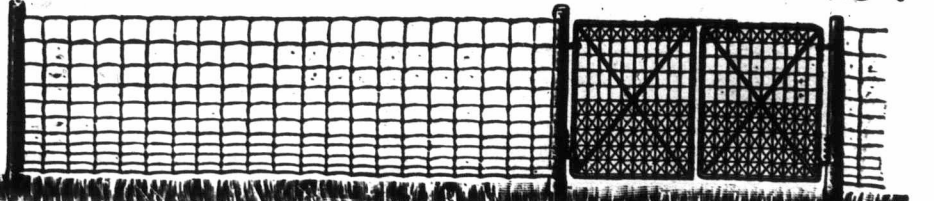
The writer had the pleasure a short time since of spending a few hours amongst the Shorthorns and Berkshires of Glenburne, the property of Mr. John Racey, Jr., of Lennoxville, P.Q. The Shorthorns are a useful lot, and are kept for their combined qualities of a general purpose cow. None of the stock are pampered, or in high condition, but are simply kept on good pastures, and are just in healthy, thriving condition. At the head of the Shorthorns is Strathroy (9305), bred by John Miller & Sons, Brougham, Ont., and sired by the noted imported bull Vice-Consul, and from a Strathallan cow. Among the cows, some of the best are such ones as: Duchess of Halton 4th (17950), by Prince Carignano, a Cruickshank bull, and from the Duchess of Halton (5878). Another good cow is Duchess of Halton 5th (19363), a daughter of Duchess of Halton 4th, by Neidpath Prince (12318). One of the best milkers of the herd is Roseberry (20388), by Primrose Duke (imp.), dam Kathleen (1838). Blooming Bell (15533) is also a very good cow, bred by J. C. Snell, and by Sir Charles, a bull bred by John Isaacs; his dam, Bell of Malton, being from a great milking family; a very good calf, coming a year old, was seen from this cow, and by Strathroy. Rose of Glenburne by Duke of Glenburne, and from Butter Cup, is another of the good ones.

Berkshires.—The Berkshires are a lengthy, even lot, and possess much quality, and are of a useful type. The stock boar, Randolph (2871) imp., in dam by Mr. Snell, Edmonton, bred by Mr. Benjafield, Eng., of the Topsy Duchess family, is a boar possessing good length and depth, good strong back, well-sprung ribs, thick-fleshed hams, and strong bone; as he is only a yearling we look for him to mature into something good, and judging from some of his produce in the youngsters, he will prove himself a valuable sire. Among the sows, Reba (3222) is one of the best; she is by imp. Perry Lad, her dam being Kathleen (imp.). Mr. Racey considers this sow one of the best breeders he has ever had on the farm, and we do not wonder that she is so highly valued, after seeing a number of her progeny, which certainly did her credit; one of her daughters, Rosette, by imp. Queen's Own, we were particularly well pleased with. Sally Four-hundredth is a sow we thought much of also, by Negro, a boar bred by R. Gibson, Delaware; her dam being Stella, by an extra good Lord Derry. A number of grand young pigs, both boars and sows, from 3 to 5 months' old, were seen, from the above-mentioned sows and by Randolph, the present stock boar, and Clifford (1855), a boar of Mr. Snell's stock. The youngsters are a lengthy, smooth lot, in good condition, and should give satisfaction.

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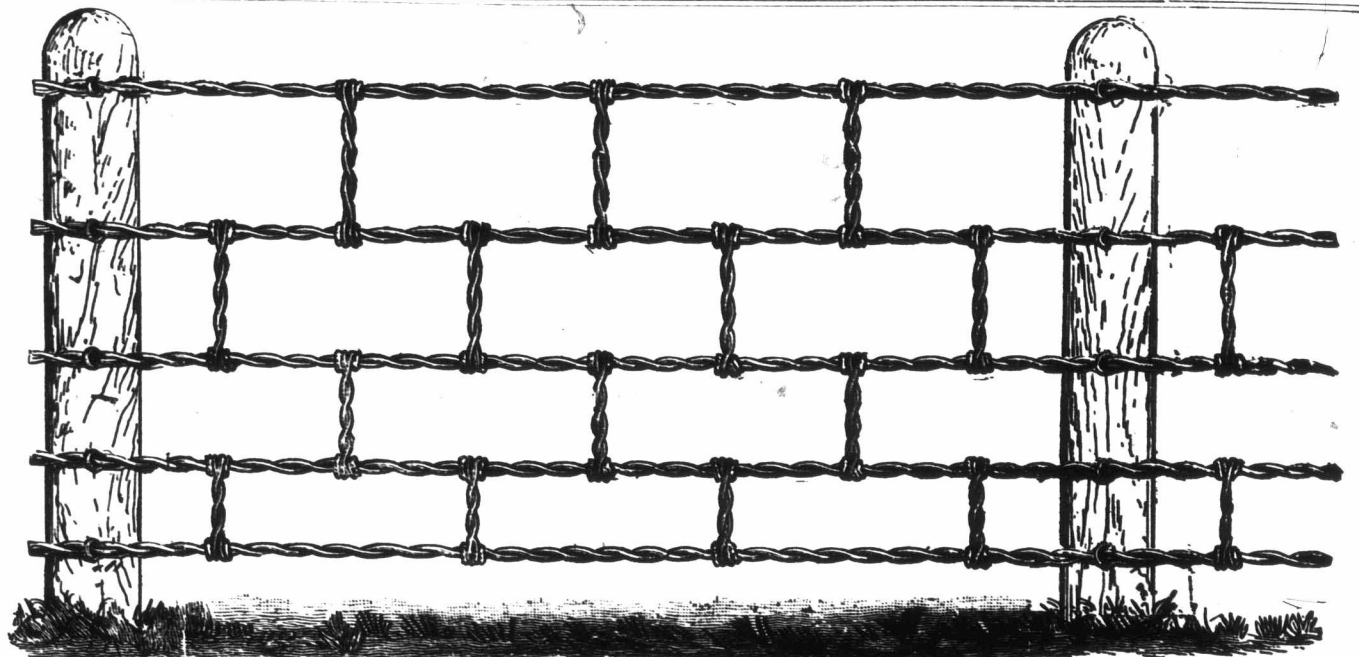
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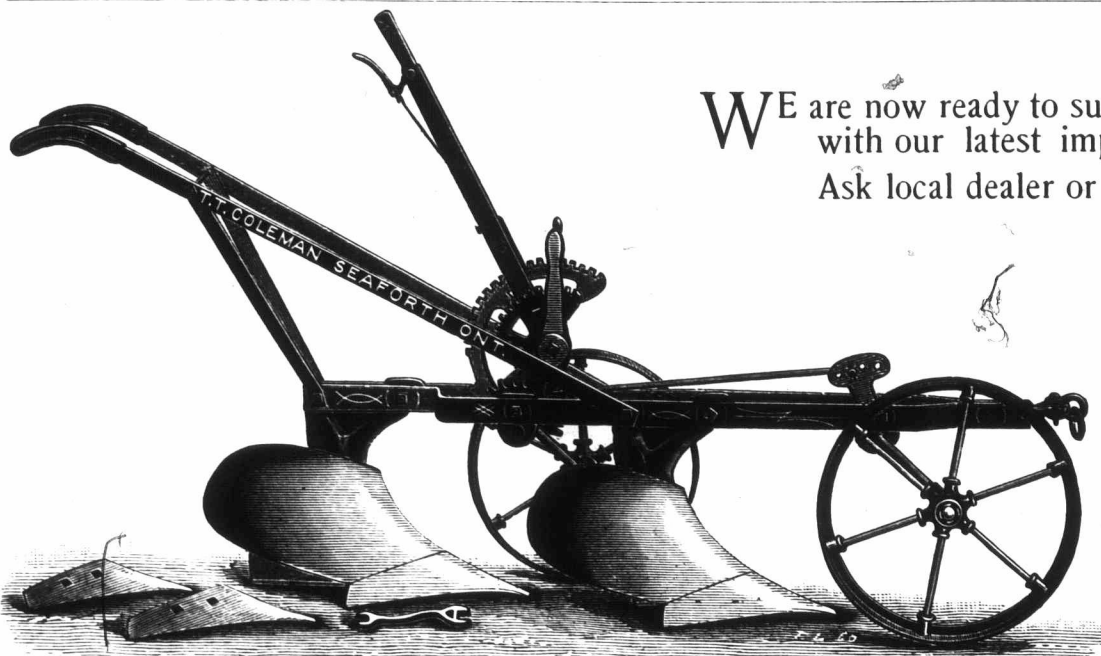
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