

Shorthorn bull, *Pride of Sunline*, sold for 100 gs. at His Majesty the King's recent sale at Sandringham.

## Our English Letter

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In bright, sunny weather that was as exceptional as it was welcome in the early days of March, a draft of Shorthorns from His Majesty the King's herd was sold by auction on the 6th inst. There was only a fairly good company present, but the prices realized must be considered more than satisfactory. A good beginning was made by the purchase by Messrs S. E. Dean & Sons of the roan four-year-old cow at 40 gs., at which price her five weeks old heifer calf was also knocked down. Sir Alexander Henderson secured a nice three-year-old in *Lancaster Lassie* at 50 gs. and Mr Godfrey Hill one of similar age in *Lady Fruits* at the same figure. The next lot, *King Cup*, whose pedigree traced back to the pure Booth blood, ran up to 185 gs. before she was knocked down to Mr. F. Miller, who bought her for exportation to the Argentine. Another extensive buyer was Mr. J. E. Andre, who for *Crystal Constance*, a beautiful red heifer of the Cruickshank tribe, paid 100 gs. and 65 gs. for *Arabella* by Carlyle. Of the two-year-old heifers the one that made the best price was *Oxford May*, which went to Dean & Son at 85 gs., whilst *Lord Calthrop* gave 60 gs. for *Baroness Cinderella II.*, a twin. Two yearling heifers made 130 gs. each, while *Lord Brougham* paid 45 gs. and 40 gs. for two nice heifers of the Oxford family.

The fine red bull, *Pride of Sunshine*, by *Pride of Collynie*, caused spirited bidding between Mr. Andre and Mr. F. Miller, the former eventually securing him at 100 gs. (£2,100). Mr. Jules Gravins gave 100 gs. for *Heirloom*, and Captain Whitting 100 gs. for *King's Guard*. The total sum realized was \$14,550 for fifty-one head, which gives an average price of just under \$295 each, the fifteen bulls sold making the satisfactory price of \$385 each.

### THE SHIRE HORSE SHOW

The twenty-seventh exhibition associated with the Shire Horse Society took place in London and the collection of entries was one of the best ever got together. It was peculiarly gratifying to notice the grand representation of young stock, for nothing goes to demonstrate the splendid usefulness of the society's work more than the improvement shown year by year by the youngsters.

the offspring of the best animals which in previous years have won high positions in the shows. Taking class by class the entries averaged 35, not too unwieldy, so that the judges were able to get straight to work without the preliminary waste of time which in some previous shows has so delayed the proceedings. The totals of the sections were as follows: Sires 2,421, mares and fillies 250, geldings 21.

The championships were decided before an appreciative and well crowded ring and the awards of the judges apparently gave public satisfaction. The first of these awards was for young stallions not over three years old, and this found *Lord Egerton of Tatton's Tatton Dray King* to the fore; this is a bay colt two years old and full of quality and it was on this score that he beat *Childwick Champion*, who was a year his senior. The cup for the best older stallion was noticeable for the fact that out of four first prize winners three were the property of one exhibitor. The winner was found in *Present King*

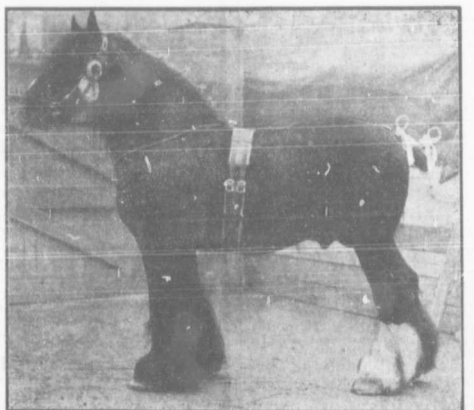
and, a black seven-year-old shown by Messrs. Forshaw & Sons, of Carlton-on-Trent; the reserve went to *Lord Egerton*, with *Tatton Friar*. The gold challenge cup of 100 gs., offered for the best stallion in the show, was only a repetition of the above reward, Messrs. Forshaw's fine black horse winning with a good deal in hand at the first time of asking, for it may be noted that *Present King II.* had never before been exhibited at the Shire Horse Show.

Then followed the mare championships and the best young mare or filly was declared, after some little time had been spent in comparing their respective merits, to be *Dunsmore Fuchsia*, belonging to Sir P. A. Mintz, an award which she also won a year ago, thus creating something like a record for the section. The cup for mares of four years old and upwards resulted in another win for Messrs. Forshaw & Sons, this time with the aid of *Sussex Blue Gown*, a stylish six-year-old gray, while the reserve went to *Lord Rothschild* for *Princess Beryl*, a black ten-year-old that has already won a number of prizes. The gold championship challenge cup resulted in another victory for Messrs. Forshaw & Sons' gray mare, with *Lord Rothschild* in reserve, placings which were certainly popular.

The last two days were devoted as usual to the sale, fewer animals were brought into the ring, but prices were well maintained. The top price for stallions was 280 gs., that sum being paid by Mr. A. J. Hollington before he secured possession of *Lincoln Coeur de Lion*, a bay two-year-old. A much higher figure was made in the mare classes, 510 gs. being the price of Messrs. Forshaw & Son's champion gray *Sussex Blue Gown*.

### THE HACKNEY SHOW

The annual show of the Hackney Shire Horse Society, which succeeded the Shire Horse Show in the Agricultural Hall, attracted more than its usual amount of attention. Not only were the entries more numerous, but the actual attendance at the show was on a greater scale than for a number of years past. The championships too brought out several features of interest; for instance, last year's champion mare *Rosadora*, now the property



*Present King II.*, Champion Stallion, Shire Horse Show, London, 1906