

TRANSFERS OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK.

American Berkshire Record.

Royal Beauty V., 13552. John B Thompson, Plattsburg, Mo., to N. H. Gentry, Sedalla, Mo. Florence, 14587. H. D. Nichol, Nashville, Tenn., to Mrs. Hal Murfree, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mary, 14588 and Levi, 14589. H. D. Nichol to Mrs. V. J. Morton, Union City, Tenn. Vigor, 12377, and Venture, 14598. W. W. Bugbee, El Dorado, Kan., to P. H. Finley, same place. Augustus, 14643. Wm. H. Matson, Augusta, Mo., to W. A. Harris, Dardenne, Mo. Handsome Duke, 14568. N. H. Gentry, Sedalla, Mo., to W. A. Harris. Sovereign Duke XV., 14559. N. H. Gentry to J. F. Brooks, Hume, Mo. Sovereign Duke XVI., 14560. N. H. Gentry to J. H. Butler, La Junta, Col. Sovereign Duke XVIII., 14561. N. H. Gentry to J. A. J. Shultz, St. Louis, Mo. Beauty Duchess II., 14564, and Jumbo, 14565. N. H. Gentry to R. A. Tussey, Slater, Mo. Silenus 11389. C. R. Robert, Oakdale, N.Y., to Bradish Johnson, New York, N.Y. Black Jack, 14631. T. R. Procter, Utica, N.Y., to W. W. Godding, Washington, D.C.

THRIFTON NOTES.

The counsel given by the live stock papers to sheep breeders ever since the last tariff revision has been much like music from a harp of one string. The song has been "Hold on to the sheep; they will pay better after awhile."

The few farmers who could endure such music, and stand the pressure financially, are now in fair position to make sheep-raising profitable.

Of late a new string has been placed in the harp, and the burden of the song now is, "Although swine plague, and low prices for pork may be discouraging to hog-raisers, there is no reason why they should give up and quit."

No, take all the better care of what you have, and if others are needed for their improvement, buy now, while hogs are low, the very best your means will allow. In spite of all that can be said, hundreds of men will go out of the business, or so neglect their stock that those who remain, and keep in the line of improvement, are sure to be well repaid for so doing.

Hon. John L. Mitchell, Milwaukee, Wis., bought of J. H. Potts & Son, Jacksonville, Ill., the recorded 3-year-old Southdown ram, Harry Webb 97, for \$100.

James Long, of England, in his new work, *The Book of the Pig*, says: "It has frequently been stated that the Berkshire was made by a cross with the Neapolitan, but we are inclined to doubt the statement that the true Berkshire, the animal so famous for the large proportion and streakiness of its lean, owed such a remarkable and valuable quality to a race which imparted fat so generally to British pigs."

"SMALL THINGS" IN LIVE STOCK.

Helena, Montana, Live Stock Journal.

A million dollars is a vast sum of money, yet every day we hear people talking or read in the papers about millions and millionaires. But very few people comprehend how much money it is, or what a million means. If one could lay by or save up a dollar an hour, night and day, it would require 120 years to accumulate a million dollars. It is not strange, perhaps, that people are not able to comprehend the significance of these round numbers, since so few have experience in dealing with such large sums. It is strange, however, but nevertheless a fact, that there are thousands of people who have no better comprehension of the significance of small sums that come within the range of

their every-day business experience. For instance, we read in the markets that steers are selling all the way from 3 to 5 cents. It seems a trifling, commonplace matter, which most people read about without comprehending that each cent's difference in the price, represents a difference of \$10 in the value of a 1,000-pound steer, and that, taking the 3 cent and the 5-cent cattle as they come, the heavier grades will carry an additional \$10 worth of meat for each cent difference in the price. Some one has said that half a loaf is better than none, but there is a difference between a whole loaf and no bread. Then there are farmers who have cattle which they know are not capable of giving as satisfactory returns for the food they consume as could be secured by cattle of a more improved character, but never stop to think what this difference in feeding quality amounts to, or what it costs them during the life of a steer. There are mouthfuls of grass gathered in the pasture as the hours lengthen into days, and these into months; there are forkfuls of hay night and morning, and measures of hay as the sun goes down and as it rises, and no adequate comprehension of the fact that a little of each is lost by not being turned to the best account, and what all these littles amount to in the end, or the frightful aggregate of these little wastes, which go on hour by hour and day by day, extend through years and years. There may be small occasion for educating most people to a real appreciation of what the millions mean, but there is certainly a crying necessity on all sides for a better conception of the true meaning and importance of the small things which are continually occurring in the every-day life of almost everybody, and especially those who have to do with live stock management.

RAISE GOOD COLTS.

South and West.

How many farmers there are still to be found in different parts of the country, who imagine it a clever thing to breed from aged and exhausted dams! Intent upon the aged beasts paying their way, and knowing that their work is far less profitable than that of the younger mares, these farmers give little heed to the fact that poor, unsound colts are produced by this manner of breeding. Everything does not depend upon the stallion. He should, to be sure, possess qualifications of a high order, to be of a rugged constitution and have a good degree of vital energy; but even such a sire cannot impart all the desirable qualities. The dam should be, to say the least, a sound, vigorous animal, and not just ready to drop in her tracks.

Then, again, if good colts are wanted, do not depend alone upon the general appearance of the stallion or mare. Insist upon good pedigree; the further back this can be traced, the greater assurance of obtaining the desired results the breeder will have, based upon the principle that "like produces like."

Above all things take no stock in the saying, however old it may be, "so the father, so the son." If the father is a perfect type of health and beauty, and you want similar progeny, see that the mother is the same.

But much depends upon the treatment the colt receives, even though you have a thoroughbred or unquestioned antecedents. Blood will not ensure a good horse if the youngster is allowed to shift for himself. Good food and shelter are indispensable.

Buy the Boss Zinc and Leather Ankle Boots. (Others become worthless soon as wet.) The zinc lined bowl keeps the boot in shape and place in wet weather, and lasts a lifetime. Sold by Harness Makers on 60 days' trial. Manufactured by Dexter Curtis, Madison, Wis. 50-13t

PHRENOLOGY AND FARMING.

Bill Nye.

Much harm has been done by a long haired phrenologist in the West, who has, during his life, felt over a hundred thousand heads. A comparison of a large number of charts given in these cases shows that, so far, no head examined would indicate anything less than a member of the lower House of Congress. Artists, orators, prima donnas and statesmen are plenty, but there are no charts showing the natural born farmer, carpenter, shoemaker or chambermaid. That is the reason butter is so high west of the Missouri river to day, while genius actually runs riot.

What this day and age of the world needs is a phrenologist who will paw around among the intellectual domes of free-born American citizens, and search out a few men who can milk a cow in a cool and unimpassioned tone of voice. When a long-haired crank asks you a dollar to tell you that you are a young Demosthenes, stand up and look yourself over at a distance before you swallow it all.

There is no use talking, we have got to procure provisions in some manner, and in order to do so the natural-born bone and sinew of the country must go at it and promote the growth of such things, or else we artists, poets and statesmen will have to take off our standing collars and do it ourselves. The time will surely come when America will demand less statesmanship and more flour; when less statistics and a purer, nobler and more progressive style of beefsteak will demand our attention.

PERHAPS HE WAS!

I heard a good story on a West End minister one day last week. He is a vegetarian of the strictest order, and in course of his pastoral career he was invited out to a Sunday dinner by one of the sisters of his flock, whose name for the nonce shall be Smith. Old man Smith didn't go to church that morning. His wife told him to expect her to bring home company to dine, and he, with the aid of the cook, laid the foundation for a superb repast. Mrs. Smith came home but all the company she brought was the minister. They were seated at the table when this sort of a conversation ensued:

"Mr. Jones,"—meaning the minister—"what part of the chicken do you like best?"

"Really, Mr. Smith, I don't care about any chicken."

"Well, here is some extra fine roast beef; try some of this."

"Excuse me, Mr. Smith. I will forego the beef."

"I have some tender lamb here, how will that suit?"

"I never eat lamb."

"Well, now, I know you can't refuse this boiled ham."

"Pardon me, but ham I never touch."

During all this time, Smith's father, an old gray-haired sinner, had been seated near him watching operations, and standing it as long as he could, squeaked out in a piping voice:

"John, maybe the fool will suck an egg."

The enjoyment of that dinner was spoiled.

The *Drovers' Journal* reports some late sales of horses in Chicago as follows:—

"Carriage team, \$950; carriage team, \$600; carriage team, \$375; coupé horse, \$250; coupé horse, \$250; road horse, \$500; road horse, \$250; bay driver, \$100; bay driver, \$120; bay driver, \$175; chestnut driver, \$175; chestnut driver, \$150; chestnut driver, \$300; black driver, \$125; black driver, \$175; draught team, \$400; draught team, \$425; draught team, \$430; draught team, \$425. This is the golden harvest that is in store for breeders who raise and handle the best stock."