Stock Bepartment.

Early Fatted Hogs.

To the Editor.

Sir. - As the time is about at hand for making arrangements for the coming genertention of our farmers to some points : -

1st. We require a larger number,

2nd. We shall require them very early the coming season.

3rd. I would very strongly arge on farmers to have a good breed, and this I should think a matter of easy attainment, as

only weigh 200 when killed, but it does pay to keep good pigs and have them weigh 200 lbs at six months old. The Berkshire are a capital breed; they are healthy and hardy. and are fit for killing at six months old; and if a great weight is desired they will carry it.

Most of the heavy hogs are not only heavy ation of swine. I should like to call the at- but coarse, the shoulders and hams of which; are so heavy as to be almost unsaleable. If there never was a hog over 300 Hes, it would be a good thing. A Berkshire pig of that weight, thoroughly fat, makes as good mespork as can be desired.

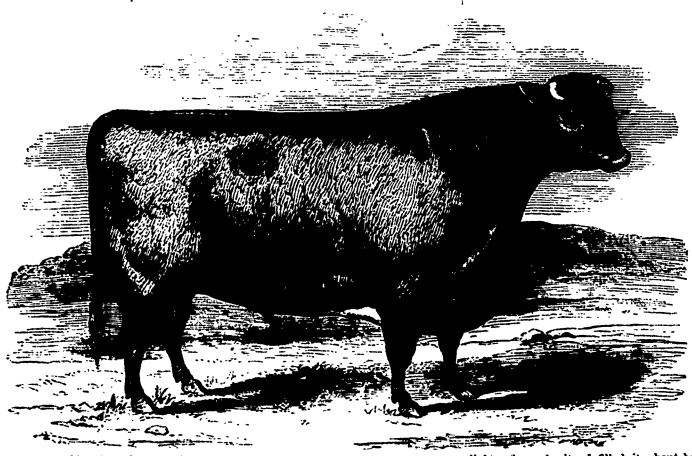
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Toronto Packing House, a Jan. 11, 1853.

have a hog running round for two years and and State fairs of prizes a nounting, in the aggregate, to upwards of\$1,500. His calves have also repeatedly gained distinction in the show-ring.

My Experience in Fatting Berkshires on Pea Soup.

Last year I put up live small-breed Berkshires to fat. They were about a year old. and had not been kept well, as we had but little food. After the stubbles were picked clean. I determined to try pea-soup to fatten them. At that time they were in fair order, though rather small for their age. I dug a hole in a gradle knoll, and placed a potash kettle over it, with just sufficient room to



in every township there is a good boar. Berkshire, Essex, or some, improved breed. and it would pay a farmer ten times over to drive twenty miles and pay \$2 for service.

4th. Castrate very early. It is vainous to the quality when they are allowed to run till they are 5, 6 or 7 months old.

5th. Spay the sows not intended for breeding, for they will fatten twice as quickly.

6th. Be sure not to let them run in the woods; it is rainous to the meat, and it cannot be profitable to the farmer. I would particularly recommend farmers to goind the than on whole peas.

Short-horn Bull "Minister.

In the January number of the Canana Figure we gave a portrait of "Sweepstakes," a very successful prize ball belonging to Mr. J. H. Pickerell, of Harristown. Illinois, who lately visited this Passince, and made extensive perchases from the best herds in the country. Mr. Pickerell was accompanied in his tour by another enterprising American brueder, Mr. W. R. Duncan, of Towanda Meadows, Illinois, who has now, partly by judicious purchases, and partly by food for hogs; they do so much better on it caneful breeding, collected an excellent herd of short-horn cattle. The annexed illustra-Attention to the above will be the means tion is a portrait of the fine bull "Minister." of raising the standard of Canadian pork in at the head of this herd. His colour is red. strong gover to the kettle, as I did not think the English market. We often hear the reside was bred by R. A. Alexander, of Kens it advisable to scald pigs before killing them. mark that it does not pay to fat hogs, and in tacky. Since he came into Mr. Dancan's From this time forward I boiled the peas

light a fire under it. I filled it about half full of water, and fired up. The water was soon warm, and I went to the barn for some peas, after parting in what for I had in the bag, and on my return was rather alarmed at theory reor linery de noustralles I witnessed. There were no less than five pigs in the kettle, a motel by the pers in the bottom, and as the water was rapidly getting warmer each moment, the place was evidently literally getting to a hot to hold them. The sloping bottom prevented their jumping out. and had the water been hot, all would have been scalded. With some difficulty I pulled them out one after another, and great wiggling of talk was the result. They were not much hart, but I lost no time in fixing a many cases this is frug. It does not pay to possession, he has been the winner of County every day and my Berkshires throwe amer-