

## 363.1 Bushels Potatoes

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A. Webster Butler of Brockton, Mass., won the first southern zone prize offered by the Bowker Fertilizer Company for the largest yield of best quality potatoes grown exclusively on Stockbridge Potato Manure. His acre was a "rocky loam" producing about 2 1-2 tons of hay per acre in 1912 on manure. Rows were 36 in. apart and Green Mountains cut to two eyes were planted 14 inches apart. The piece was cultivated five times. The acre was sprayed with Pyrox.

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was applied 2100 lbs. broadcast and 700 lbs. in the drill. No other fertilizer or dressing of any kind was used. The entire crop weighed 21,783 lbs. or 363.1 bushels. His total score including quality points was 589 points, the highest in the southern zone.

Other Winners secured yields ranging from 311.1 bushels to 502.6 bushels in the northern zone, (Me., N. H., Vt.,) and from 183.8 bushels to 363.1 bushels in the southern zone, (Mass., R. I., Conn.)

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## Dehorn Your Cattle.

We are in receipt of the following from the Union Stock-yards of Toronto: "By a resolution of the Toronto Live-stock Exchange, passed over a year ago, a regulation will come into effect on the first of April next, docking all cattle wearing horns \$2 per head. This, in a way, sounds unreasonable, but when it is considered that the slaughterers of cattle have to stand annually, losses from a quarter to half a million dollars on account of concealed bruises, the regulation does not seem to be such a hardship. However, a movement has been on foot to possibly postpone the date this regulation is to come into effect, and several prominent buyers interviewed on this subject, express themselves as not being desirous of working what might be considered a hardship on farmers and drovers by this regulation. At the same time they point out the enormous losses which their houses have to stand, which is traceable directly to horned cattle. However, there seems to be a fair opinion that if some other method can be employed to prevent these bruises, that they would be agreeable to postpone this regulation. One idea suggested, and it seems good to us, is that the farmer or drover procure a fine-tooth saw—a small meat or mitre saw is good, and costs very little—and cut off the sharp tips on the horns before they leave the farm, and at least before they are mixed with strange cattle.

"This tipping is absolutely painless, easily done, and prevents the beast from inflicting pain upon his fellows. Only about one inch or an inch and a half of the hard tip of the horn is sawed off, care being taken not to cut into the quick, does not set the cattle back. It is clearly evident that if the Humane Society would see some of the bruised carcasses and torn hides on the cattle, they would in themselves enforce the regulation throughout our fair Province to require handlers of live stock to at least fix the animals in such a way that they could not damage each other."

## Gossip.

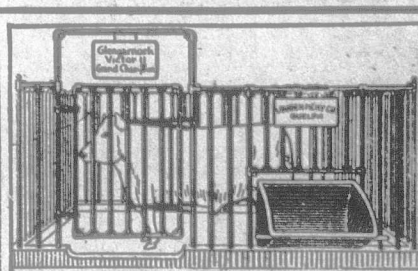
At the end of the fourth month in the third International Egg-laying Contest, conducted by the Department of Agriculture of the Province of British Columbia, a New Zealand pen of White Leghorns was leading with 419 eggs. Of the heavy breeds, a pen of White Wyandottes from England, led with 379 eggs.

At an auction sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle at Newton, Iowa, February 11th, from the herds of W. J. Miller, Newton, and J. H. Hildreth, Saskatchewan, Canada, the Canadian offering of 27 head, made an average of \$130.37, the bulls and females averaging about the same. The Miller consignment averaged \$182, the seven bulls averaging \$258.57, owing to Mr. Miller including his show bull, Rose Gay 6th, which went to J. W. McClung, of Nebraska, for \$1,000. The highest price realized for a female was \$300, for the six-year-old cow, Erica 4th.

## ENGLISH SHIRE HORSE SHOW.

The thirty-fifth London Show of the Shire Horse Society, was held the last week in February of this year, the catalogue numbering 719 entries, being made up of 369 stallions, 312 mares, and 88 geldings. The Society's gold challenge cup for the best stallion in the show went to Sir Walpole Greenwell's three-year-old, Champion's Goalkeeper, which was the sensation of last year through making the record price of 4,100 guineas (approximately \$20,950). Reserve was F. E. Muntz's ten-year-old, Danesfield Stonewall. The champion mare was W. & H. Whitley's Lorna Doone, and the reserve, J. G. Williams' three-year-old, Snelston Lady.

At the auction sale of Shires, the same week and place, there was a capital demand for the three-year-old stallions, and for all the best of the older horses, the former with a range of price from 850 guineas down to 50 guineas, and an average for 34 of £218 16s. The highest price for a three-year-old stallion was 850 guineas (about \$4,343), for L. Solomons' Norbury Coronation, by Norbury Minstrel.



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