

GOSSIP.

The mother who has acquired the habit of scolding her children, thereby shows that she is not competent to train them to obedience. For scolding is a sign of weakness. It indicates that the person who has it has not mastered herself, and that she knows not how to rule others.

Many of our readers will learn with much regret that the Shire horse world has sustained a very heavy loss by the recent death, from enteritis, of Blaisdon Conqueror 15989. This celebrated stallion, the property of Mr. Peter Stubs, was by Hitchin Conqueror, out of Welcome, one of the best bred animals living. Fortunately this horse was insured at Lloyd's through Messrs. Castle. Blaisdon Conqueror was a noted winner at the London Shire Horse Shows, having been first this year, and reserve for the cup for best stallion over three years old.

An up-to-date herd of Hereford cattle are to be seen at Springdale Farm, Oakawa, Ont., the home of Mr. R. J. Mackie, bred from imported foundation stock. The herd bull, Harry Maples, from imported sire and dam, has proved himself a splendid getter, and Mr. Mackie regrets having to let him go, which he is compelled to do on account of the bull being very badly used up with rheumatism. He has several young bulls for sale by him, that only require a little extra feeding and care for a short time to make them rank among the best. These can be bought cheap enough too, as Mr. Mackie is crowded for room.

SHEEP VS. CATTLE.

During the past week quite a number of Eastern farmers, who came to Chicago to buy feeding sheep and were disappointed, have gone into the cattle alleys and picked up some steers. They have plenty of feed, which they want to put into stock, and while sheep have the preference, many would rather feed cattle than nothing. The majority of these feeders are of the opinion that there is more money in feeding sheep than cattle in proportion to investment, and there is less trouble to handle them. There is little else to do on the farm in winter, and the sheep are out of the way before spring work begins, and this to some farmers is an advantage.—[Live-stock World.]

OUR CANADIAN NEIGHBORS.

The question of reciprocity with Canada is one which cannot be much longer shelved by the politicians. She is growing too fast, and her manufacturing interests are becoming too extensive to be much longer ignored. There are some difficulties presented by a solution which shall be perfectly satisfactory to all the interests concerned, and the agricultural features are those which will be the most prominent, but even those interests are not irreconcilable with the settlement of a question which involves such vast matters as those of international trade with a powerful and growing neighbor. Writing upon this subject a contemporary says:

"Canada has thrown her glove into the arena of political economy and will endeavor to show the United States that two can play at the game of prohibitive tariffs. Last year the Dominion Parliament passed a law in which it was provided that a duty of \$7 a ton might be imposed on Yankee steel rails shipped into that country whenever it could be shown that Canadian manufacturers could supply the normal demand for rails for the Dominion. Such a report now has been made and the tariff has been put in force. That the effect will be a serious one upon American manufacturers is not to be doubted. Another result of our refusal to adopt fair-trade relations with Canada has been the investment in Canada of \$40,000,000 by American manufacturers within the past few years. For a long time the manufacturers begged of Congress to pass reciprocity laws enabling them to do business over there. At last they decided to act for themselves, with the result that thousands of Canadians are being employed in American-owned factories in Canada, and the output in 'the States' is reduced by just so much. Some time we shall discover how serious to our own industrial interests is the neverchange policy of the American Congress on this important question."—[Journal of Agri.]



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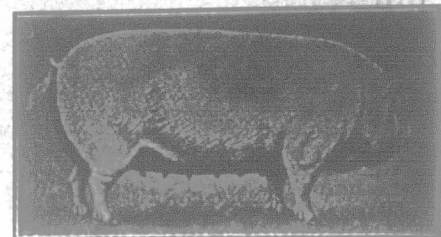
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