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Fitting Stock for Exhibitions

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FARMER'S ADVOCATE ability to exercise this right or rather the foresight to exercise it that wins victories in the show ring. Most of us can recall instances where in close competition it was the exhibitor who won the prize by the superior manner in which he displayed his entry rather than the animal winning because of any superiority over its nearest competitor.

A breeder has two purposes in exhibiting his stock: to win prize money and to gain publicity. The first of these purposes can be served sometimes without going to any pains preparing the animals for exhibition or any trouble showing them in the ring. If he is the only breeder of a certain class of stock with an exhibit all the prize money possible to win may come his way whether his stock is in s ow fit or not. But winning prizes is the least important of these two purposes of stock exhibitions. It is rarely that the prize money won more than covers the expense of making the exhibit. It is the publicity gained by the prize winning and more particularly the publicity gained by the public inspection of the animals that offers money-making possibilities are held, exhibitors will be found at them with for their owner. Neglect to have his stock in poorly fitted entries, grumbling every time a such form that the public, prospective buyers judge turns their animals down and picks the and others may be sufficiently interested in the well fitted, well trained ones for the prizes. display to keep that stock and that breeder in There will likely always be some one in the ex- mind for the occasion when a purchase is to be hibition business who could have won as easily made, has been the cause of more than one man's failure to win laurels in the show ring your stock should possess and if individuals are adopt the means of procuring his stock that or make a success of the pure-bred stock seriously lacking take the advice given by this the other did, if he had had a sufficiency of the business.

In that business as well as in any other where least do not keep them for breeding purposes. "long green" to have gone out and bought the stock. And then at nearly every ringside one profits depend upon the demand that can be finds somebody who has better stuff at home created for the commodity to be sold, the man than anything at the exhibition. Of this latter who is most likely to succeed is the one who class the numbers are legion, but unfortunately, aims to supply the public with what it is most definitely what we mean by saying that the willing to buy and it has yet to be shown that farmers and packers should reach a better the individuals comprising it seem quite incapable of profiting by experience and next fair buyers of pure-bred live stock are unwilling to understanding of each other's situation, a day is as likely as not to find them again decor- pay a premium for condition and excellence of statement made in this column recently in the ating the ringside and indulging in the same appearance in the animals they purchase, editorial "The Hog Question." Our underkind of criticism of the animals lined up for in- When it can be demonstrated that they are, standing of the two businesses of raising swine then it will be time to cease fitting live stock and transforming them into pork products, is exhibits properly for the show-ring and the that the set of individuals who control the have a wholesome disregard for criticism of man who believes in exhibiting his stock in know a good deal more about the farmer's this kind and a feeling generally that the judge barn-yard fit as well as the man who has better end of the business than the farmer knows of does very nearly the right thing in putting the stuff at home than ever was on exhibition will theirs. To illustrate, it is not infrequently well-fitted animals up and lining in the others have as good chance of succeeding in the that we find representatives of the packing about in the order of their fitness and conduct business as the careful fitter and painstaking industry lecturing from the platform or advising exhibitor has. But there is nothing to indicate. hibitor goes to the trouble and expense of that the opportunity for either doing so is at and means of transforming profitably highbringing his stock to the exhibition he is en- hand. The record of the show-ring ever since priced cereals into low priced pork. These titled to employ every fair and legitimate live stock exhibitions developed from the older representatives speak usually from the depths means in preparing and showing his stock to form of fairs for barter and exchange, as well as of a vast practical ignorance, but they speak, win the money in the ring. It is his right to the record of successful breeders ever since and say things sometimes that shows an underevery merit they may possess and to handle pure breeds came into existence substantiates them in such a manner that every advantage the wisdom of showing well and the pecuniary farmer may know of theirs. possible may be gained when the judge com- advantage of offering for sale stock only that We know pretty well that in the hog raising

Cut of the Animal's Head

At the Winnipeg Industrial last week an exhibitor who was not altogether enamored with the feet and legs that Nature had provided for his beast anxiously enquired of the expert judge who made the awards in several classes, "What would you advise me to do for that fellow's feet and legs?" Evidently the trained judge saw deficiency in more than the pedal extremities for his candid reply was: "Cut his head off."

This is advice that should be taken seriously by almost every breeder of pure-bred stock Nothing hurts the breed or the individual more than the persistent harboring of inferior stock. It would seem that the average breeder considers that if his pure-bred female has young from a pure-bred male of the same breed he must rear that animal for home use or for sale. In either case it is a disastrous mistake. Particularly with males the successful breeder exercises the strictest care in rearing the young either for use in his own herd or for sale. If he keeps him for home use the natural result is deterioration in the stock; if he sells him the result, especially if repeated very often, is a ruined reputation. Besides the use of inferior specimens has a tendency to give a "black eve" to that particular breed.

Study carefully the points of excellence that competent judge - Cut their heads off. At.

Hog Question Again

A reader has asked us to explain more

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After one has followed the judging at exhibitions for a number of years he comes to in the ring. If an animal is worth showing at all it is worth being shown well, and if an exhave his animals in such shape as to set off pares them with their competitors. It is the is in proper selling shape.

manufacturing or packing end of the industry, farmers through the agricultural press, on advanced methods of swine raising and ways