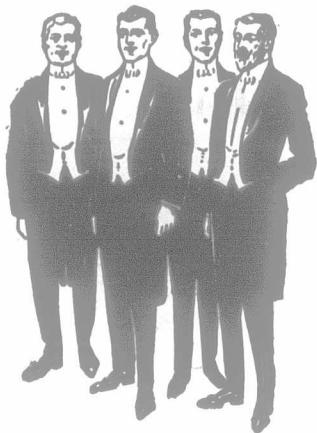




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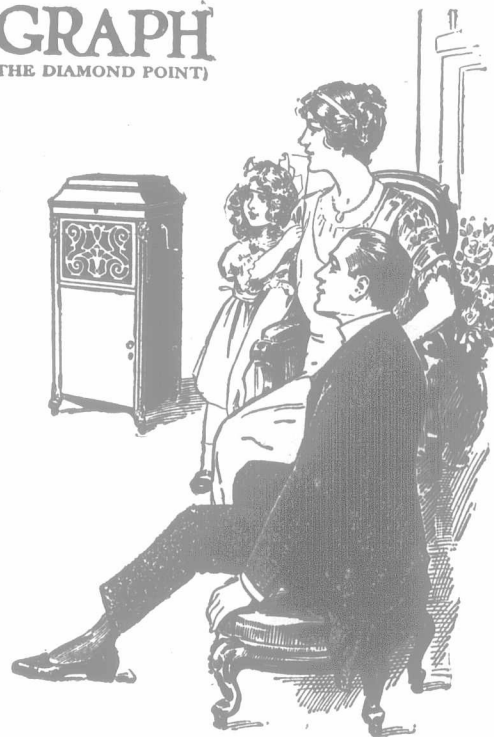
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A. GROFF'S SHORTHORNS AND YORKSHIRES.

Thickness of flesh and choice quality has always been the prominent feature of the old-established and popular Groff herd of Scotch Shorthorns at Alma, Ont. Many high-class show things have gone from this herd, and many high-class herd-headers have been used there. A large portion of the herd belong to that exceptionally good old tribe, the Cruickshank Lady Fannys, and many choice representatives of that tribe are in the herd at the present time, notably among the younger females carrying on their sire's side the popular blood of the Matchless and Lustre tribes. For sale are a number of nice heifers from ten months to three years of age, and in young bulls are Lady Fannys from three months to fifteen months of age. In

Yorkshires there are a number of both sexes about two months of age, and a few choice young sows of breeding age, some of them already bred. Write Mr. Groff at Elora, R. M. D., and to visit the farm take the G. T. R. from Guelph to Alma Station.

There is a story told of a field hand going to a circus and saying to a very big, black ape: "Good maw'nin', sah." The ape remained silent. "Why don't you talk to me, mistah?" the darkey said; "you looks jes' like my poor brer John, who is gone dead." The ape blinked sympathetically, but made no reply. Then the darkey's face broke into a smile, and he said: "You sho'ly is wise, sah; 'cause of you sed anything, de white folks would cut off yo' tail, put a hoe in yo' hand, and set you to work plantin' cotton."

English Stock Notes.

During the current year Canada has bought no pedigree cattle from the Old Country. She has, however, taken 362 head of sheep at the low price of £4 each.

In the week of Scottish Shorthorn sales, just over, 425 head were sold for £22.357 2s 6d, or an average of £52 9s 8d.

There is a lament running through Scotland because Canada has taken fewer Clydesdales this season than ever. The tightness of money in your country is assigned as the reason; also the fact that your own Clydesdales are now becoming nearer the true ideal of the native standard. That is praise indeed—from Scotland.

Olympia, the home of the International Horse Show, is a prison for interned Germans. There is a doubt about it being available for next year's great exhibition. The English Hackney Society was going to hold its 1915 spring show there, but that has fallen through, and the event will very likely be decided in the Islington Agricultural Hall on March 5th and 6th. There will have to be a modified prize list. The main features of former exhibitions will be retained.

In a public sale under the hammer at Lanark, Montrave Vanda, a Clydesdale mare, realized 625 guineas, paid by Mr. McLean, South Medlocks, Glenboig. Vanda is a mare of quality, foaled seven seasons ago, and sired by Hiawatha, being out of Lady Victoria, by Baron's Pride. She was bred by Sir James Gilmour Bart.

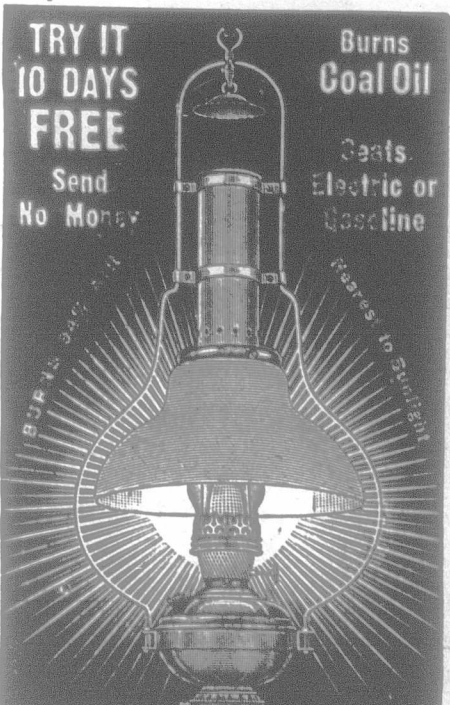
Shire breeding mares are selling like hot cakes, for everyone feels convinced there will be a world-wide boom in heavy haulage horses when the war is over—when! At Peterboro Repository recently, four fillies realized 200 guineas apiece, and seven others "went into three figures," as we say, meaning passed the century of sovereigns. H. M. the King bought two fillies at 200 guineas each, i. e., Moor's Dagstar, a Welshpool-bred daughter of Childwick Champion and Chirkehill Redlynch Queen, a daughter of Redlynch Forest King. Forty-four lots sold at just over £82 each.

G. T. BURROWS.
London, Eng.

Gossip.

RICHARDSON BROS.' SHORTHORNS.

For many years the County of Ontario has been noted as one of the great centers of Shorthorn breeding, and the home of many of the choicest herds in Canada. Second to none in that noted county for individual merit and particularly choice breeding, is the herd of Richardson Bros., of Columbus, Ont., the growth of many years careful selection, the herd of today show an extra liberal amount of deep fleshing particularly well distributed. Victorias, Rosemarys, Missies, Duchess of Glosters, and Wedding Gifts, are the principal blood lines represented, the get of such famous sires as Imp. Royal Archer, Imp. Spicy Count, Imp. Ben Lomond, Imp. Proud Gift, Imp. Brilliant Star, the noted Prince Gloster, and the Clara-bred Royal Clare; besides, several are out of imported dams, and the dams of the others are by imported sires. Nothing is lacking in the high-class breeding of the herd, and the quality is just as high. Among the other present offerings are several young bulls. One is a red eight-months-old Wedding Gift, by the richly-bred Broadhocks Prince, a Broadhocks-bred son of the Cruickshank Butterfly-bred, Imp. Bullrush. The dam of this bull is by Imp. Ben Lomond. Another is a red Duchess of Gloster, ten months old, by Broadhocks Prince, dam by Imp. Spicy Count, grandam by Imp. Blue Ribbon. Another Duchess of Gloster, ten months old, is by Sittytton Yet, a son of Imp. Cherry and Rosebud Champion. Among others, one is a Myrtle, another a Henrietta, etc. When in want of a nice, thick, well-bred young bull, write Richardson Bros., to Columbus P. O., Ont.



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