

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

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Agricultural Shows in Great Britain.

A private letter from Mr. W. A. Mackintosh, Chief of the Fruit Division, Dominion Dept. of Agriculture, contains some interesting notes on the development of Agricultural Shows in that country.

One striking feature of the recent Royal Show at Carlisle, Eng., was that all but two or three of the showmen were simply frames covered with canvas, in other words the Show took place under a series of long narrow tents.

There are four classes of Agricultural Shows in Great Britain: (1) Local shows for the benefit of tenant farmers and breeders in the neighborhood; (2) Local shows for the benefit of the general public; (3) Shows for the benefit of the general public and the addition of sections for horticulture, agriculture, sports, etc.; (4) Shows for the benefit of the general public and the addition of sections for horticulture, agriculture, sports, etc.

Another notable show is that called the Cart Horse Parade held in London where prizes are given for the best single pair, best harness, best team; these must be working horses attached to vehicle without load.

There are many local poultry shows and village shows of varying importance; as some of these prizes are given to the school children for the best collection of named grasses, weeds, etc. this is also a very satisfactory aid to education.

The Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society states that the year 1902 saw the beginning of Agricultural Shows in Great Britain.

Particular care should be given to the maintenance of the standards of the show, and it is not to be expected that the quality of the exhibits will be improved by the awarding of prizes to the exhibitors.

With respect to the Smithfield Show they have begun to make improvements in the direction of market demands; that is to be expected as the object of the show is to encourage the production of butcher's meat.

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