

recorded animals, have been made, they may be noticed; as we claim that the Short Horns are the greatest milkers, and the heaviest beef, of any neat cattle whatever, and such instances carry proof of these facts to the public.

8th. If there have been any errors or omissions in the pedigrees of your animals already recorded, by my fault, please correct them and send them to me, and I will rectify them in proper order in the fourth volume, by name and reference, without charge.

9th. I will print any number of well-drawn, accurate portraits of animals, for the fourth volume, at five dollars each for the whole edition of the book; the portraits and cuts to be furnished by the owners. This will be done on the best of fine *tinted* paper. I cannot print portraits without charge, as the expense is too heavy an outlay for me, and the main benefit accrues to the proprietors of such animals. In this relation, I am authorized by Mr. John R. Page, a good artist, whose address is Sennett, Cayuga Co., N. Y., to state that he will proceed to take such portraits, whenever a sufficient number can be furnished to justify it, and that he will superintend the engraving of them by competent workmen. Many portraits in the second and third volumes are samples of his execution. All persons who contemplate giving portraits of their cattle, should lose no time in obtaining them at once, that there may be ample time to have them properly engraved.

10th. The price of the book to contributors and subscribers, will be the same as the last—five dollars a copy—payable on ordering it for delivery. The work to be the same in style and material as the third volume.

11th. If you have sold unrecorded animals to any breeders whose names are not in the third volume, I will thank you to send me their names, that I may send them a copy of this circular, as it is of advantage to you to let animals of your breeding, now in other hands, be recorded and known to the public.

12th. I suggest that even in cases where you record by name the *produce* of your cows, it is still better to give all such produce a distinct record of their own. They become thus more conspicuous, as such produce merely recorded with the cow is not much looked after by inquirers,—the chief advantage in the produce tables being to show that the *cow*, whose progeny is so recorded, is a successful breeder. This separate record will add an item to the expense, but it is a trifle compared with the value of an animal worth from one hundred to five hundred or a thousand dollars. Address me at Black Rock, N. Y.

Respectfully yours,

LEWIS F. ALLEN,
Editor American Herd Book.

FAMILIAR ROBIN.—In the garden of the Laurels, at Clewry, near Windsor, a robin comes every day, when called, to be fed. He will perch himself on the hand of the lady of the house, and take his meal without displaying the slightest symptom of fear. Frequently he has flown across the garden, and has taken bread out of her mouth. When satisfied, he perches himself either upon the bench near his mistress, or upon the nearest bough, and sings his song. In no instance has he refused to be fed, or neglected the usual call for him. The little fellow has never been caught or confined, but is in his natural state.—*Cottage Gardener.*