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GOSSIP.

A dispersion sale of the herd of Shorthorn cattle belonging to the estate of the late Robt. Garne, of Gloucestershire, England, is announced to be held on May 2nd and 3rd. The fine old flock of Cotswold sheep will be sold privately.

B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Ont., make a change in their advertisement of Jerseys, in which they offer a number of yearling bulls and bull calves, besides some cows and heifers.

A bulletin just issued by the Buenos Ayres (Argentina) Chamber of Commerce says that the foot-and-mouth disease and the inundations have caused more losses to Argentine farmers than has been the general belief. It is estimated that in the last year about 14,000,000 sheep perished, including almost the whole product of 1900. The loss in wool is estimated at 35,000,000 kilos. Cattle also suffered, but less than sheep.

At a combination auction sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle, at Kansas City, March 20th and 21st, 105 animals, drafts from four herds, made an average of \$235.15, sixty females averaging \$270. The highest price for a bull was \$505, and for a female \$650, the latter price being paid by C. H. Gardiner, Blandinsville, Ill., for the yearling heifer, Black Cap 15th; \$605 was paid for the 5-year-old cow, Dorcas, by E. H. Eymann, Harrison, Ill.

F. Bonnycastle & Sons, breeders of Shorthorn cattle, Cotswold sheep, Berkshire pigs, and Barred Rock fowls, Campbellford, Ont., write:—"We are having very good success in making sales, thanks to your valuable paper. We have taken many of the agricultural papers from the States and Canada, but do not think any of them can compare with the Advocate. We are having first-rate luck with our lambs. They are coming very large and strong. We have only lost one so far. We sold five ewes and ten ewe lambs lately to Geo. Harding & Son, secretaries of the American Cotswold Association."

Robert Miller, Stouffville, Ont., writes:—"I have recently sold an imported Mysie bull, rising two years old, to R. W. Forrest, M. D., Mt. Albert, Ont.; a milking Shorthorn cow, Emma G., to E. L. Warner, Hamlet, N. Y.; a splendid bull about twelve months old, of the Cruickshank Village tribe, to J. & E. Chinnick, Chatham, Ont.; a good two-year-old heifer to Louis A. Armstrong, Falmouth, N. S.; a bull calf, of a good milking strain, to D. S. Noble, Cape Breton, N. S.; and ten grand Shropshire ewes, two years old this spring and in lamb to a Mansell ram, to James S. Ray, Louisville, Ky."

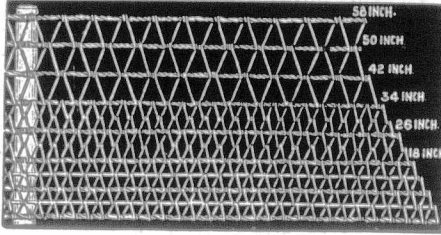
F. L. Green, Greenwood, Ont., reports the butter record of his Jersey cow, Queen May of Greenwood, for the week ending March 20, in which she made 17 lbs. 14 ozs., salted, well worked and printed, ready for the market. She is a broken-colored cow, sired by Hugo's Bonanza, and out of Coquette's Nora. Her daily feed during the test was 25 lbs. of a mixture of ensilage and cut straw, in the proportion of 2 of ensilage to 1 of straw, by measure; 14 lbs. of a mixture of 6 parts bran to 4 parts middlings, about 10 lbs. mixed hay, and 8 to 10 lbs. mangolds.

Chas. Rankin, breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Oxford Down sheep, Wyndridge, Ont., writes:—"I have sold an imp. cow and calf (Morning Baroness and Morning Star) to Mr. S. Dymont, of Barrie, Ont. Morning Baroness is a very handsome young cow, of fine form and full of quality, also a capital breeder. She was sired by Dawn of Morning (66304), sired by the same bull as Mr. Cochrane's \$1,500 bull, Joy of Morning. Morning Star was sired by Belisarius (74031), who was got by the Uppermill Princess Royal sire, Prince Horace (66058), a son of the great old Cruickshank Orange Blossom sire, William of Orange (50691), dam Annie Bullen, by the richly-bred Missie bull, Mount Royal (63031), a Marr Missie by the Cruickshank Clipper bull, Criterion (5123). I have also six fine imported calves, and eleven others sired by Gladiator (imp.); one of those is from the same dam as Dorothea, which took first place in September, second in December and first in the herd at the Chicago International fair."

Messrs. H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont., write:—"We sold recently to W. J. Shean, of Owen Sound, the red yearling imported Shorthorn bull, Marengo's Heydon Duke (77200). As his name signifies, he has for sire the great bull, Marengo (69068), probably the greatest prizewinning bull of modern times, he having won the championship at four different shows in 1898, including the Royal at Birmingham. He also won six firsts and one third prize in 1896; four firsts and three seconds in 1897. He is the principle herd bull in the large herd of Mr. Philo L. Mills, of Rudington Hall, Nottingham, England, probably the largest herd of Shorthorns in England. On the dam's side, he is of Bates extraction, belonging to the Heydon Rose family. Mr. Mills claims he is meeting with great success crossing Scotch bulls on females of Bates breeding. Marengo's Heydon Duke is lengthy, on short legs, with good level lines above and below, plenty of substance, a good bull's head. Taken all together, he should prove a good sire, and we think the breeders in Mr. Shean's neighborhood should feel it their duty to patronize him and thus encourage Mr. Shean in his laudable enterprise of establishing a first-class herd of Shorthorns in their vicinity."

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GOSSIP.

A "BIG FOUR" COMBINATION SALE.
June 5th is claimed as the date for a combination sale at Chicago of Shorthorns from the noted Canadian herds of W. D. Platt, Hamilton; H. Cargill & Son, Cargill; Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, and W. C. Edwards & Co., Rockland.

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The sale of the famous four-year-old prize-winning Hereford bull, Protector (9660), for shipment to America, is reported; Mr. F. A. Nave, Attica, Ind., the breeder of the champion bull, Dale, being the purchaser, and the price £1,200, or \$6,000. Protector was bred by Mr. Allan Hughes, of Wintecott. In 1898 he won first prize at the Royal Show, when he was sold to Sir Joseph Pulley, his late owner, and in 1900, as a three-year-old, he was again first at the Royal at York. He is a son of the famous Albion (15027), out of Newton Plum, by the illustrious Rudolph (6670).

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