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### GOSSIP.

The death is announced of Mr. Bronson C. Rumsey, Buffalo, N. Y., who for many years maintained a high-class herd of Bates-bred Shorthorn cattle at his Niagara stock farm at Buffalo, part of which is the ground on which the Pan-American Exhibition was held. Mr. Rumsey was wealthy, and continued to graze his Shorthorns for years on land worth \$2,000 an acre. The herd, in its palmy days, was for several years under the management of Mr. Wm. H. Gibson, now superintendent of Senator Drummond's Huntleywood Stock Farm, at Beaconsfield, Que. Mr. Rumsey continued breeding Shorthorns and Shropshires up to the time of his death at his farm of the old name at Lewiston, N. Y., and exhibited some of his cattle at the Pan-American.

At a sale of select Shorthorns, at Chicago, March 6th and 7th, contributed by ten prominent breeders, 90 head sold for an average of \$500. The highest price was \$1,500, for Imp. Spicy Clara, a roan yearling heifer, first-prize winner at the Chicago International, bought by Geo. Harding & Son, Keshua, Wis. Imp. Minorca Maid, and bull calf, sold for \$1,100. The top price for a bull was \$1,000, for the red two-year-old, Robin Adair 151303, bred by C. C. Norton, Corning, Iowa, sired by Imp. Banker, sold by C. B. Dustin & Son, and bought by E. C. Sage, Denison, Iowa. British Glory (imp.), a roan yearling, by Pride of the Realm, sold for \$860, the highest for an imported bull, to S. E. Prather & Son, Springfield, Ill.

Spring Brook Stock Farm is situated in the County of Waterloo, one mile from Breslau station, on the main line of the G. T. R., and ten miles west of Guelph, and is owned by Mr. A. C. Hallman, who is somewhat extensively engaged in the breeding of Holstein cattle, Tamworth hogs, and B. P. Rock poultry. The Holsteins, which now number 30 head, belong to the well and favorably known Aggie, Netherland, Acma and Artis families, on which have been used such noted prizewinning bulls as Netherland Statesman's Cornelius 46, winner of medal and sweepstakes at Toronto; Royal Canadian Netherland 45, a son of the world-renowned Netherland Prince 716; Prairie Aaggie Prince 2, a bull that won first at Toronto and headed the bronze-medal herd in 1886; first and diploma at head of herd at Provincial at Guelph in 1887; and others equally good. The present stock bull is Judge Akkrum De Kol 3rd, Can. No. 25266, bred by Henry Stevens & Sons, Lacona, N. Y., sired by Judge Akkrum De Kol 20676, he by that great sire of producers, De Kol 2nd's Netherland, who sired such noted animals as Inka De Kol, whose record at two years old was 14 lbs. 11 ozs. butter in 7 days; Inka 8th record at four years 16 lbs. 5 ozs. in 7 days; Susie De Kol, record at five years 19 lbs. 13 ozs. in 7 days; May De Kol, record two years 10 lbs. 5 ozs. in 7 days; Pietertje Hengerveld's Lady De Kol, record two years 15 lbs. 13 ozs.; and many other good ones. The dam of Judge Akkrum De Kol was Moseita 22083, whose milk record as a two-year-old was 58 lbs. a day, which tested 3.5 of butter-fat. She is a half-sister to Netherland Hengerveld, whose butter record was 26 lbs. in 7 days. Her dam was Kekke 2nd's Pietertje 24064, whose milk record as a two-year-old was 50 lbs. a day on winter feed. This bull is a massive, well-developed animal, weighing over a ton, and is exceptionally evenly built, being low down and smooth to a turn. As a sire, the young stuff in the stables prove his worth, being, without an exception, built on the true dairy lines, showing a splendid width and depth of hind quarter, with a beautiful fawn-like head and neck, and if there is anything in breeding to produce producers, the bull should certainly be the sire of some good ones. His lieutenant in service is Sir Paul Albino De Kol 2154, sired by Homestead Albino De Kol, and out of Pietertje Queen, by Dora Betts 3rd's Pietertje Netherland, a straight De Kol-bred bull. This is one of the coming show bulls, it being impossible to fault him. Among the many dams in the herd is the cow, Queen Hengerveld De Kol 40835, bred by H. Stevens & Son, a granddaughter of De Kol 2nd, who was without doubt the greatest butter-producer of the breed that ever lived, having a record of 33 lbs. in 7 days; at 11 years of age she made 26 lbs. in 7 days. There is a bull calf and a year-old heifer out of this cow in the herd at present. Space forbids us mentioning the many other good ones in the herd, suffice it to say this herd, individually and collectively, will stand comparison with any herd in the country. There are animals of both sexes and all ages for sale. The Tamworths number about 60 head, imported and home-bred, of both sexes and all ages. The breeding sows were selected for their perfect bacon conformation, and are certainly a choice lot. There are ten brood sows, some of them imported, the balance home-bred, and among them are several prize animals at the leading shows. The imported boar, British King, is a first-prize winner at Toronto, and is leaving his progeny living images of his own perfect build. Mr. Hallman reports sales in both Holsteins and Tamworths unprecedented; in fact, he cannot supply the demand for cattle. In poultry, nothing but B. P. Rocks are kept, and new blood is infused every year, purchased from the best possible pens on the continent.

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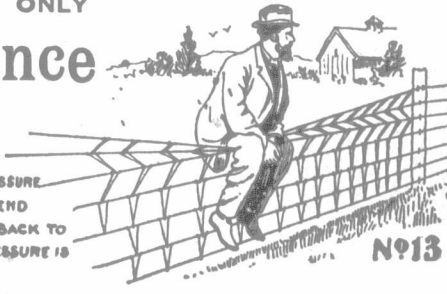
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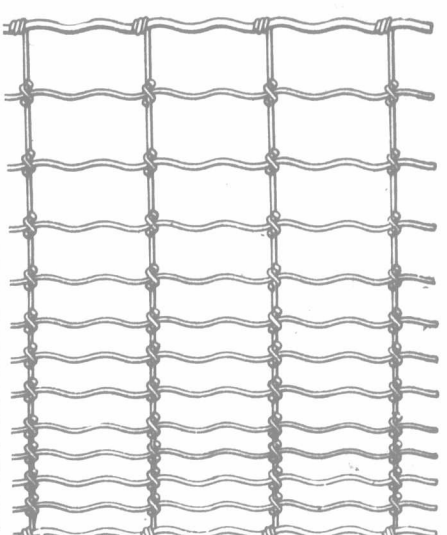
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