

GOSSIP.

Mr. D. H. Garbut, of Brampton, Peel Co., Ont., has in his stables 70 head of export beef cattle, said to be the best lot seen in that district for some time. If prices continue on the up-grade, these will bring a handsome sum of money.

At an auction sale, on May 14th, of Hereford cattle from the herd of G. H. Hoxie, Thornton, Ill., 32 head sold for an average of \$133.30. The highest price, \$625, was paid by Prof. Curtis, of the Iowa Agricultural College, for the ten-months-old bull calf, Thorn Creek's Perfection, sired by Perfection. Four sons of this sire brought an average of \$325. One of these was purchased by Mr. A. G. Leonard, General Manager of the Union Stock-yards, Chicago, and tendered to Prof. Curtis with the request that he be castrated and exhibited as a steer.

A published report, dated May 3rd, from the superintendent of the Jersey contingent in the dairy test at the St. Louis World's Fair, gives the yields of milk of some of the cows in the contest as follows: Eight of them, from 50 lbs. 10 ozs. to 60 lbs. 6 ozs.; six of them, from 46 lbs. 4 ozs. to 49 lbs. 14 ozs.; nine of them, from 40 lbs. 4 ozs. to 44 lbs. 3 ozs. None of them under pressure.

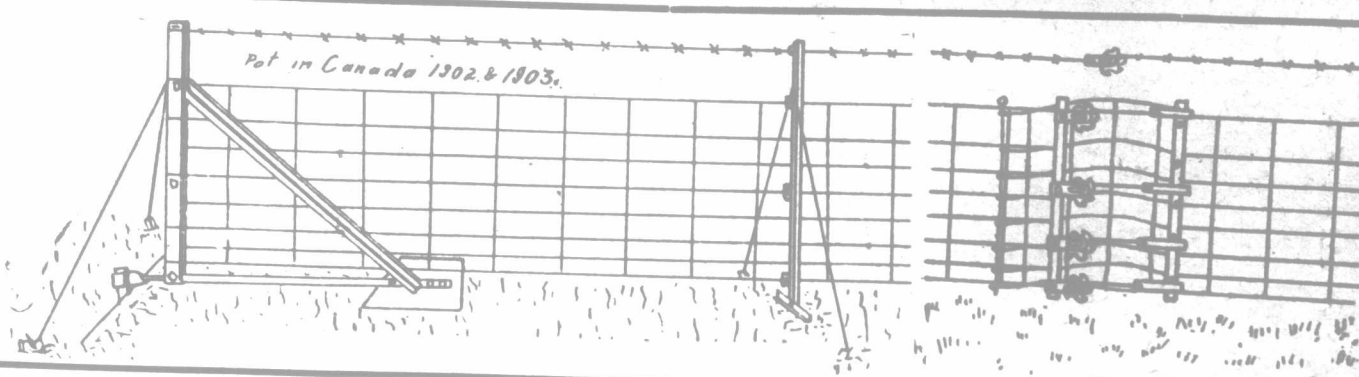
The public sale of 80 imported Large English Yorkshire sows and boars advertised by D. C. Flatt & Son, to take place at Hamilton, Ontario, on June 15th, promises to be one of the most interesting live-stock events of the kind this year in Canada. The hogs have been carefully selected from the best herds in Britain for their conformity to the ideal bacon type and their capability to produce the kind and quality of bacon the British market calls for. No expense has been spared in securing a uniformly good selection of the right sort. The grand lot brought out last year and disposed of at Hamilton were acknowledged by common consent to have been the best consignment of hogs of any breed ever offered at auction in this country. The present importation, we are assured, is even better, and those who attend this sale will have a rare opportunity of securing the best that could be found in the Old Country—the home of the breed. Considering the importance of the bacon-producing industry to the farmers of Canada, this importation ought to be eagerly sought after by breeders and farmers generally. The enterprising spirit that actuates these breeders to assume the expense and risk of bringing out such typical stock should receive commendation and practical encouragement by a large attendance and a liberal interest on the part of breeders throughout the Dominion. There is yet abundant room for improvement of the swine stock of this country, and the number of animals in this sale should be readily placed in the various provinces, where they may be of untold value in the founding and upbuilding of pure-bred herds, and the improvement of the general stock in the hands of farmers.

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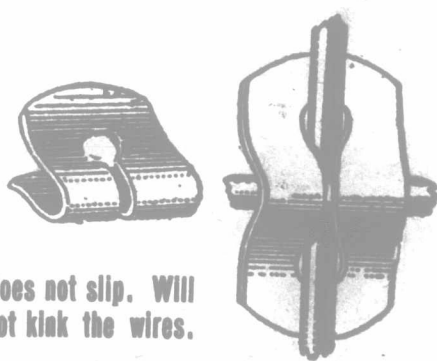
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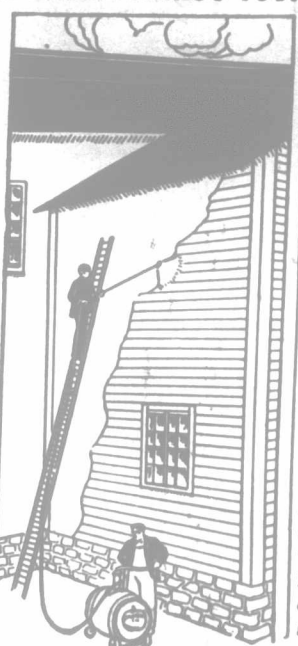
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The famous Shorthorn bull, Marengo (69068), property of Mr. Philo L. Mills, Ruddington Hall, Nottingham, England, has had to be slaughtered, owing to a diseased knee. Marengo was born Feb. 6th, 1895, bred by Mr. Wm. Duthie, Collynie, Aberdeenshire. His sire was Scottish Archer, and his dam, Missie 118th, was a daughter of William of Orange. Marengo was a grand specimen of a Shorthorn bull, and proved a prolific and prepotent sire. He was a very successful prizewinner. As a yearling, a two-year-old and a three-year-old, he won 24 prizes at leading English shows, including the championship at the Royal, at Birmingham, in 1898.

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"How much better off a man would be if he would take his wife's advice!" "Yes," answered Mrs. Torkins, "I have told Charley time and again not to bet on horses that don't win. But he will do it."

That the fall wheat crop is not a failure everywhere in Ontario may be learned from the statement of the Brampton Banner and Times, that in the northern parts of Peel County, the prospects are for the best crop in years, the wheat having wintered safely, and the growth being remarkable.

At a dispersal sale, on May 11th, of the herd of Jersey cattle belonging to Mr. H. H. Howard-Vyse, of Stoke Place, Buck, England, the 32 head sold made an average price of \$110 each. The best price, \$220, was paid for the cow, Majorica, by Mrs. Watson Kennedy. His Majesty the King became the possessor of Madeira 6th and Lady Pogie, at 80 guineas and 33 guineas, respectively. Thirty-one guineas was the highest price paid for a bull.

At the annual sale under the auspices of the Territorial Pure-bred Cattle Breeders' Association, held in Calgary on May 11th and 12th, 125 Shorthorn bulls were sold at an average of \$105, and 54 females at an average of \$65.50; 76 Hereford bulls averaged \$127.50, and the Hereford females realized an average of \$91. The ranchers do not want a bull less than eighteen months old, and he should be well grown, and must be strong enough to rustle with the herd and hold his own with other bulls on the range. The large number of yearlings offered by Shorthorn breeders accounts, in part, for the lower average as compared with Herefords. As an instance of this, one breeder offered four sons of Trout Creek Hero, calves of excellent quality, from twelve to fourteen months old. They were sold at prices ranging from \$55 to \$70. Immediately afterwards, the same breeder offered a number of two-year-olds, not of as good quality or breeding, but big-framed, strong-boned cattle; these sold readily at prices ranging from \$125 to \$135.

Bishop Potter was preaching one Sunday evening in a small town in the Adirondacks, where he had a summer camp. When the services were over, a tall, gaunt man, with the air of a backwoodsman, came up to the Bishop with outstretched hand.

"I've heerd ye preach twice afore this," he said, and I like yer preachin'. I alluz learn somethin' new from ye. I rid ten mile to-night to hear ya, an' I'd rid ten mere, fer as usual, I heerd somethin' new to-night that I never knowed afore."

"Well, I am glad of that," said the Bishop, shaking the outstretched hand; "and what was it you learned to-night?" "Why, Bishop, I found out fer the first time in my life that Sodom and Gomoorah wuzn't twins."

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