

where the requisite information can be obtained, and that of a reliable character, a Herd Book is indispensable.

In pursuance of the unanimous request of the gentlemen engaged in breeding Short Horns, above alluded to, together with many individual solicitations, which I have received from other breeders during the past year, I have concluded to issue this, my prospectus for a second volume of "The American Herd Book," and to request you, if you feel an interest in the work, to inform me at your earliest convenience, whether you will aid in its publication by sending a record of your animals for registry, and to designate the number of volumes of the book you will take. The size of the work will, of course, depend upon the number of animals registered, which, if this opportunity is embraced by the breeders generally, will be several hundred pages octavo, and illustrated with portraits of such animals, properly engraved, as the owners may be desirous to have inserted, they furnishing the cuts for the purpose.

I shall also give an account of all the recent importations into the United States. A copy of the Catalogue of each separate herd will be given, whenever they can be obtained, together with the account of their sales, the prices at which they were sold, purchasers' names, &c. In short, every matter of interest in relation to them, so far as it can be obtained, will be given.

All papers relative to such information will be thankfully received, sent to my *Post Office* address at Black Rock, New York.

As it is necessary that I get to work by the first March next, you will oblige me by replying immediately, and informing me whether you will have your cattle recorded, and if so, what the probable number will be, and the number of volumes you will take. The recording fee for each animal will be fifty cents; the price of the book five dollars. The recording fees will be expected to be remitted in advance, when the pedigrees of the cattle are forwarded, and the book paid for on delivery.

If, by any casualty, the book should not be issued, the advance money will be promptly refunded.

That there may be as little uncertainty as possible, I wish that the reply to this may be as prompt as convenient, that I may know whether I shall be justified in undertaking the work; if so, I will give you notice of the fact as early as

the first of February, 1855, on receiving which, your pedigrees and insertion fees will be required to be sent immediately.

Very respectfully yours,

LEWIS F. ALLEN.

Buffalo, Black Rock Post Office,
N. Y., Dec. 1854.

P.S.—As I cannot be presumed to know the name and address of every Short Horn breeder in the country, you will oblige me by sending one of these circulars to every breeder with whom you are acquainted, or to whom you have sold "Herd Book" animals, and give me a list of others, that I may send them a circular, so as to give as extensive information as possible on the subject.

L. F. A.

MUCH HONEY FROM A LITTLE.

Those who wish to increase the quantity of their honey, and also improve its flavor, can do so by following LONGTRETHER's directions, as follows;

"Dissolve two pounds of the purest white sugar in as much hot water as will be just necessary to reduce it to a syrup; take one pound of the nicest white, clover honey, (any other light-colored honey of good flavor will answer,) and after warming it, add it to the sugar syrup, and stir the contents. When cool, this compound will be pronounced by the best judges of honey, to be one of the most luscious articles which they ever tasted, and will be, by almost every one, preferred to the unmixed honey. Refined loaf sugar is a perfectly pure and inodorous sweet, and one pound of honey will communicate the honey flavor to twice that quantity of sugar; while the new article will be destitute of that smarting taste which honey alone so often has, and will be found perfectly to agree with those who cannot eat the clear honey with impunity. If those engaged in the artificial manufacture of honey never brought anything worse than this to market the purchaser would have no reason to complain. As, however, the compound can be furnished much cheaper than the pure honey, many may prefer to purchase the material and to mix them themselves. If desired, any kind of flavor may be given to the manufactured article; thus it may be made to resemble in fragrance, the classic honey of Mount Hymettus, by adding to it the aroma of the lemon balm, or wild thyme; or it may have the flavor of the orange groves, or the delicate fragrance of beds of rose washed with dew."

HOW TO ASCERTAIN THE DISTANCE OF A THUNDERSTORM.—Place the finger on the pulse, and the moment the flash of lightning is seen, commence counting the beats. If you feel six pulsations before you hear the thunder, the storm is one mile away; if twelve pulsations, it is two miles, and so on.