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strom and others give it their endorsement, we are inclined to believe that there may be much in it.

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In conclusion, if this paper and a subsequent study of the matter touched upon convince you that the power problem of the agriculturist has been neglected, but warrants study and mastery by the agriculturist himself, then the writer's whole aim has been achieved.

**To Ascertain the Weight of Cattle.**

Measure the girth close behind the shoulder, and the length from the forepart of the shoulder blade along the back to the bone at the tail, which is in a vertical line with the buttock, both in feet. Multiply the square of the girth, expressed in feet by five times the length, and divide the product by 21; the quotient is the weight, nearly, of the four quarters, in imperial stones of 14 pounds avoirdupoise. For example, if the girth be 7 feet, and the length, 5 1/4 feet, we shall have 6 x 6 = 36 and 5 1/4 x 5 = 26 1/4; then 36 x 26 1/4 = 945, and this divided by 21 gives 45 stones exactly. It is to be observed, however, that in very fat cattle the four quarters will be about one-twentieth more, while in those in a very lean state they will be one-twentieth less than the weight obtained by the rule.

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