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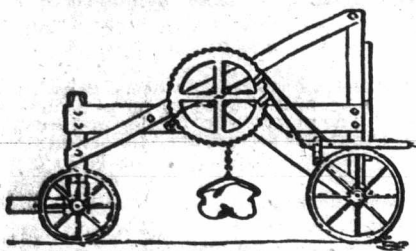
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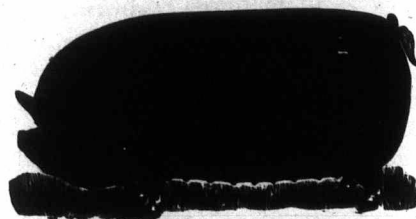
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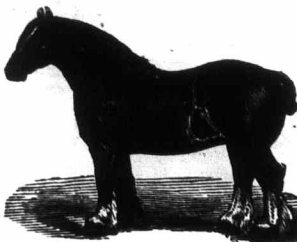
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THE MAPLE HILL HOLSTEINS.

A recent inspection of the Maple Hill herd of Mr. G. W. Clemens, at St. George, Ontario, revealed the Holsteins there in excellent condition, a fine selection being fitted for the fair. At the head of the show herd will be the splendid six-year-old bull, Count Mink's Mercedes, with his strong constitution, ideal conformation, and fine quality of skin and hair. The two young imported bulls which are to be used in the herd, DeKol 2nd's Paul DeKol Duke, a bull of fine quality and dairy form, deeply bred in the blood of the record-breaking Pauline Paul, and Sir Pledge DeKol, son of King Pietertje DeKol, and Kalsora Pledge, with her four-year-old record of 65 lbs. of four per cent. milk, a lengthy, level youngster, with model head and neck, and fine dairy indications, should keep up the character of the herd for high-class milk and butter production, and we predict will stand well in the competition of the showing. Among the females in preparation is the five-year-old Cornelia Artis, a granddaughter of Cornelia Tenson, with a four-year-old record of 64 lbs. daily after an attack of milk fever, and listed first of all the Canadian cows in the great show at Toronto last year. Madge Merton at six years old, with her great record as a prizewinner since she stood third at the World's Fair, and first prize as a three-year-old, and sweepstakes and silver medal at Toronto in 1895, will make a fine appearance again this year. Mondamin's Daisy Barrington, with her mark of 62 lbs. at two years old, and an average of over 50 lbs. for six months as a two-year-old, and her show record of eleven first prizes and three sweepstakes at thirteen shows, is holding herself in good shape, and looks like living to repeat the latter and double discount the former. Inka Rose Pietertje DeKol is a strong representative of the breed, winner of first at Toronto as a two-year-old, and first at Ottawa in 1897; has a record of 64 lbs. daily at four years old, while her dam, also in the herd, has tested 75 lbs. in a day. Lady Akrum is a cow of model dairy conformation, which is backed by a record of 67 lbs. milk per day and 24 lbs. butter in seven days. Kaetje DeBoer has given 63 lbs. daily, forty-two weeks after her fourteenth birthday, of milk testing 3.5 to 4 per cent., and has tested as high as 5 per cent. in a long term of lactation. Queen DeKol 2nd, in her three-year-old form, is a model dairy cow in conformation and quality, and has a record of 53 lbs. in a day on the fair grounds as a two-year-old, and won the Prince of Wales prize at the Provincial Dairy Show at Brantford in 1897 as best cow under thirty-six months in the milking test. Lady Netherland DeKol is a cow of five years, showing great capacity, as one would expect from the fact of her dam being a full sister to Netherland Hengerveld, who had an official record of 224 lbs. butter in seven days. A fine list of two-year-old and yearling heifers, and a bevy of beautiful heifer calves, principally the get of Colanthis Abbekirk 2nd, the young bull now at the head of Mr. E. D. Tilson's herd (Mr. Clemens retaining an interest in him), and out of such cows as those above named, make up a herd of unusual excellence, and which has been and is being bred on strong dairy lines, which cannot fail to keep up the standard.

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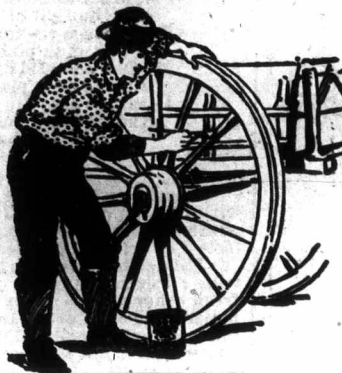
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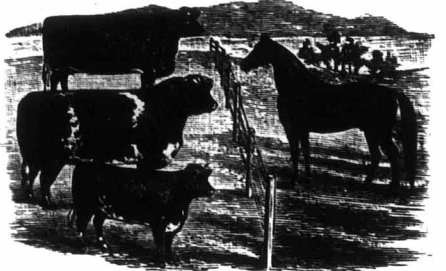
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