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UNIVERSAL AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION AT PARIS.

To Napoleon III. must be ascribed the honor of having opened up to agriculture the same advantages of competition as to the other industrial arts in the international exhibitions. It is true that in the Great Exhibition of London in 1851, there was a splendid display of British agricultural implements and machines, which enraptured the most sober-minded observers. But that most important branch of agriculture, the breeding and rearing of cattle, was entirely wanting. The success which attended the International Show held last year, in conjunction with the Great Exhibition of all nations, in Paris, induced the Emperor to offer premiums for similar shows for this year and next. This is, no doubt, a clear-sighted policy, which cannot fail materially to infuse a new life into the comparatively feeble agriculture of France. To watch the influence of these great gatherings in the French metropolis on the husbandry of that people must present many points, both curious and useful. These friendly gatherings from the most advanced nations of Europe, must have a powerful tendency to strengthen the bonds of peace, by promoting the advancement of its principal art.

The principal building erected for the World's Exhibition last year, was used for the Agricultural Show this. The building is intended to be permanent, and besides answering the purpose of annual agricultural and horticultural shows and other objects, the grand Exposition of French art and manufactures, which for a long time has been held in Paris every five years, will find in this ornamental erection every convenience. To the Agricultural Exhibition of this year the French Government offered premiums to the amount of £7000 sterling, besides innumerable medals of gold, silver, and bronze. The following is a tabular statement of the entries:—

Cattle.....	1302	Poultry	375
Sheep.....	729	Pigeons, &c	99
Swine.....	171	Total Live Stock.....	2757.
Goats, Rabbits, &c.....	81	Implements.....	2108
Total.....	2283	Produce.....	4635
		Pisci-Culture (Fish)....	51