

### The Importance of Saving Good Breeding Stock.

During the past four years millions of men who had previously been producers of the largest part of the foodstuffs required in Europe, have been engaged in fighting for their country, and, as a result, thousands of farms, flocks and herds have been depleted and the finest lands made unfit for cultivation. These European countries are looking to Canada for good breeding stock to restock their abandoned farms. The demand is unlimited and European markets will be able to receive double our present production, if we can produce stock of the quality required.

It is the sires of high quality which have made many a herd great and have done so much good to the live-stock industry of Canada. Often the highest-priced stock is the cheapest in the end.

A pure-bred sire of good type and individuality is the one that should be used by every live-stock breeder in the country. The sire whose ancestors have not made good, or that is a poor individual will likely turn out to be a liability rather than an asset. His use will never improve live stock even if one does get him cheaply. He is dear at any price. It is also very important that the females used as a foundation, are good, strong, healthy animals of robust constitution representing the best type of the breeds which you are working with, and that they are descendants from ancestors that have proved worthy of the breed they represent in regard to conformation, quality and production.

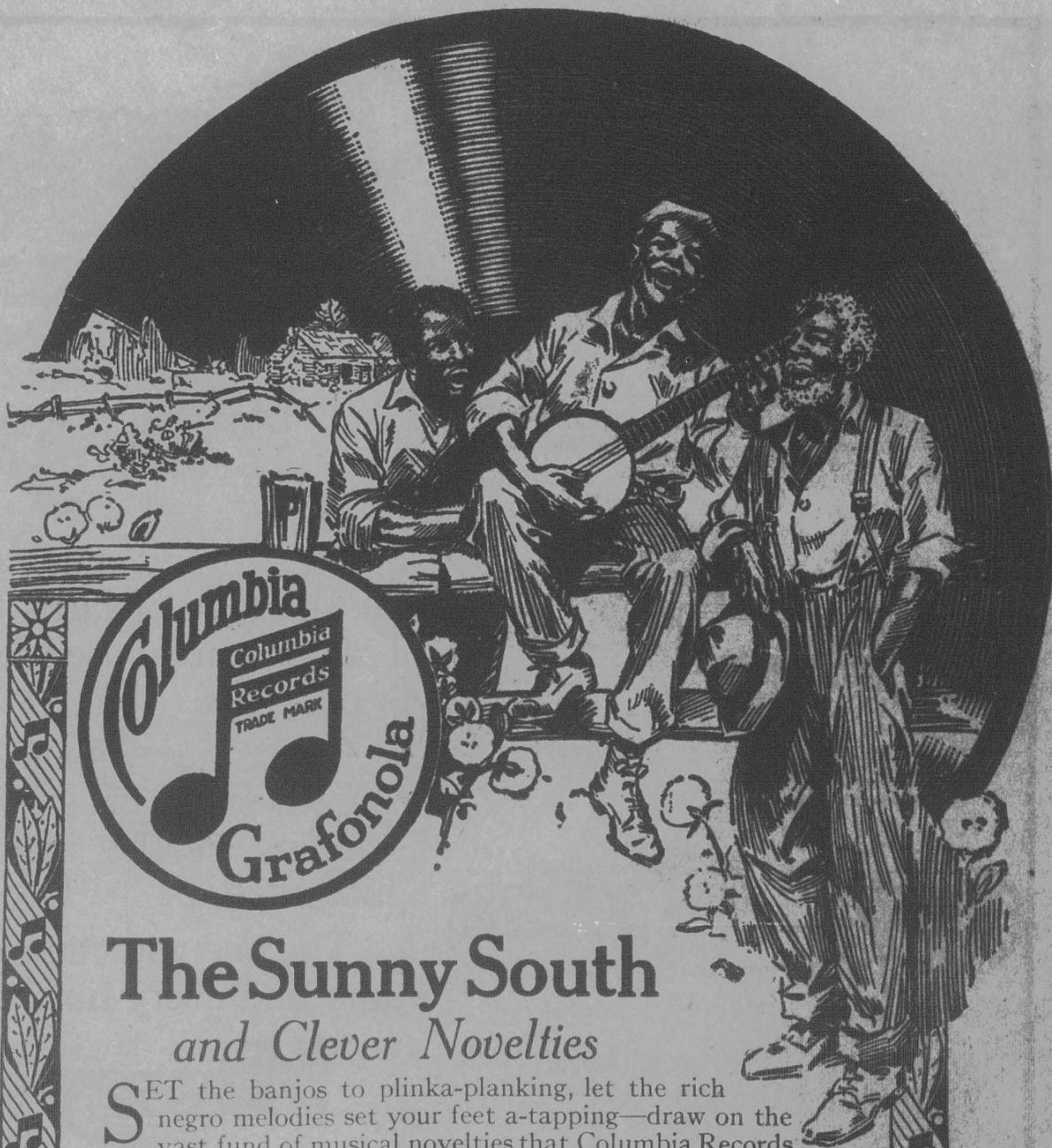
This year above all others, with the high price of hay and live stock, farmers should endeavor to utilize to the best advantage possible, all roughages such as straw, corn stalks, etc., by running these through a cutting box and mixing with a small amount of cut hay, with the addition of a few pulped roots and a small quantity of meal, you will have a food which breeding stock will thrive and winter very well on, and at the same time enabling the farmer to keep his usual quota of breeding animals.

A good many farmers are in the vicinity of lumber mills or finishing mills where they are able to procure sawdust or shavings for bedding in the place of straw or where they could use dry muck for an absorbent. By utilizing all the home-grown roughages and keeping more live stock, the farmer will be increasing the fertility of his farm by a method which has been proven most conclusively the best and most economical way of maintaining agricultural production, never more essential than at the present time.—Experimental Farms Note.

### Gossip.

#### The Mitchell Shorthorn Offering.

Attention is here directed to the Short-horn offering advertised by R. M. Mitchell elsewhere in this issue. As seen recently by a representative of this paper the offering throughout can be commended to all. Mr. Mitchell's herd numbering in the neighborhood of 40 head is already known to many Advocate readers as one of the noted small herds of the Dominion. At present the families represented are Jilts, Village Girls, Duchess of Gloster, Orange Blossoms, Floras, etc. Practically every breeding female is of straight Scotch breeding, and a wealth of size is noticeable throughout the entire lot. The present herd sire, the sire to which the majority of these cows are bred is the young imported bull Newton Cedric. This bull was bred by A. T. Gordon from a Lady Fragrant dam and sired by Count Cedric. Count Cedric is one of the best breeding sires in Scotland today. The former stock bull and the bull whose get figures largely in the present offering was Raphael (imp.). The several young bulls now in the stables by this sire are all pleasing prospects of a great sire and are exceptionally worthy of inquiry. Two other youngsters are got by a son of the great Right Sort and one other a 10-months calf is got by Right Sort himself. This is perhaps one of the best calves of the year, and in all probability will be retained in the herd. Still another good young bull and a coming herd sire of much promise is a 16-months bull from one of the best Orange Blossom cows in the herd and sired by that good breeding bull Sittyton Selection. These are a worthy lot of youngsters throughout and further information will be gladly furnished on request. Address R. M. Mitchell, Freeman, R. R. 1, Ont.



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