

**GOSSIP.**

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Short supplies of feeding cattle and abundance of fodder have induced the U. S. authorities to raise the Mexican boundary cattle quarantine, dating from November 15th.

Recent auction sales of Merino sheep at Melbourne, Australia, have resulted in what are called "the best prices that have been ruling for years." Quotations are noted for single animals of 150 guineas, 170, 190, 220, 320, 340, 360, and one as high as 550—\$2,800.

Mr. Clement Stephenson's famous Scottish herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle received a visit from a South American cattle breeder, who purchased twenty-four animals for shipment to Buenos Ayres. The consignment consisted of five in-calf heifers, five yearling heifers, eight heifer calves, and six bull calves—a fine nucleus for a herd and a few to spare.

In our description of Capt. D. Milloy's new stock barn, in Nov. 16th issue, allusion to the roofing, which is quite in keeping with all the rest of the structure, was inadvertently overlooked. We therefore now hasten to tell our readers that the roofing used was the best Captain Milloy could, to his own satisfaction, procure, viz., the "Eastlake" patent rust-proof steel roofing, manufactured by The Metallic Roofing Co. of Canada, Toronto. It is claimed to be fire, lightning and rust proof, and being galvanized, never needs painting.

Rinderpest is worse than ever in South Africa, having a firm hold in most of the Delagoa Bay, the Orange Free State, and in Cape Colony north of the Orange River. The Cape Times estimates that of the two million cattle in Cape Colony not many will be alive a year from now. It seems almost certain that the disease attacks sheep and goats. It is therefore a bad outlook for the mohair industry at the Cape. The malady is greatly spread by dogs, vultures and flies; also by natives who have been in contact with sick cattle.

A cash sale of fifty pure-bred Shorthorns, owned by H. C. Duncan, Osborn, Mo., and W. T. Clay, Plattsburg, Mo., was effected on Nov. 12th, at the Kansas City Stock Yards. The offerings comprised 36 cows and heifers and 14 bulls of the following families: Rose of Sharon, Young Mary, Josephines, Rubys, Lady Elizabeth, etc. Five females sold for three figures each—one, Scotch Butterfly, bringing \$200; the female average being about \$75. Two hundred and fifty dollars was paid for the bull Champion of Maple Hill 118353, and Chief Violet of Maple Hill 118391 sold for \$220, while Mr. Duncan's nine bulls brought \$120 each.

In the October 1st issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE we gave an account of the work of Mr. J. B. McEwan as chief dairy instructor in New Zealand and his new mission as a commissioner to look after the sale and distribution of the dairy products of that Colony in Britain. He recently visited his old friends in Canada, en route for England. Last year New Zealand exported 3,500 tons of cheese and 3,000 tons of butter, and the Government spent \$25,000 in grading and refrigerating before the butter was put aboard the steamships. As far as reaching the British market is concerned, New Zealand labors under serious disabilities compared with Canada.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, Ont., reports the Greenwood herd of Shorthorn cattle once again in winter quarters, and in most excellent form. The young things of both sex are an uncommonly good lot, probably one of the very best lots we have ever bred. They were mostly sired by Indian Chief, though a few of them were sired by an excellent young bull of our breeding, from a capital old milking strain, a family that has produced some of the very best milkers, either in this country or Scotland. Our young bulls, of which we have at this date (November 20th) seventeen fit for service the coming season, are a well-fleshed, sappy, thriving lot of big fellows. They are not by any means fat, but just in the very nicest form to do purchasers good, either in the breeding line or in the show-ring next fall. The heifers are an equally good lot, and in equally attractive form. There are three of them that we count on to make the three best show yearling heifers we have ever owned—big, fat, and beautiful. They are fatter than the bulls. We have very greatly reduced our prices for both bulls and heifers to correspond with the reduction in value of other farm produce. We are short of room, short of feed, and determined to sell. We have now the very best white bull we have ever owned—a son of Indian Chief, and out of 35th Duchess of Gloster; she out of Imp. Duchess of Gloster 34th, one of the best members of one of the very best families ever bred by the late Mr. Amos Cruickshank. He is now about eighteen months old, and like the two-year-old Cruickshank roan bull, Indian Monarch, has developed into a show bull of the first quality. Send for one of our catalogues, and come and see them. Write or wire us when, and at which station to meet you. "No business no harm" is our motto.

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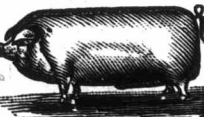
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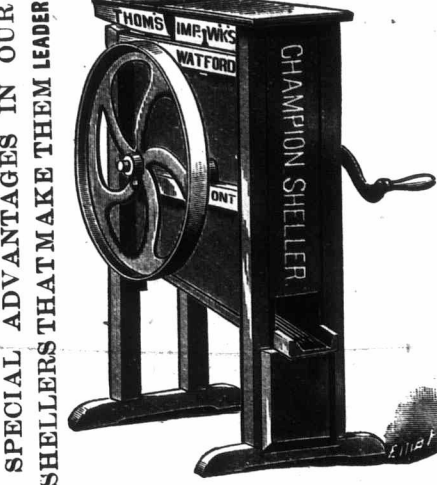
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