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Renick's , shown ed and on by a Charlie, a cross-bred Hereford and Shorthorn. was a remarkably good-fleshed, even steer, his handling denoting that there was plenty of flesh underneath his curly roan coat. The second went to a neat steer of similar breeding, the third place going to a Hereford grade of good size, but a bit plain from overfeeding. Eleven entries in

IN STEERS OVER TWO,

THE YEARLING CLASS comprised 6 Herefords, 2 Shorthorns, 2 Angus, and 1 Devon grade, in which Earl's steer was first, having a good-fleshed carcass of moderate finish, a rather heavy, rough steer of Culbertson's winning second, with a fair good steer of Walker's taking third. The above were all

Hereford grades. In the CALF SECTION

first place was taken by Moffat's Shorthorn grade. A. Renick's (2nd) was of similar breeding, and Earl's Hereford grade was third.

SHORTHORN SWEEPSTAKES.

In sweepstakes for breeds, with Mr. David McKay acting as expert, there was again very close competition between the three-year old steers belonging to Renick and Jones, and Jones' two-year-old Confidence, the former winning. HEREFORD SWEEPSTAKES.

The extraordinary calf belonging to Earl's entry won, closely followed by Culbertson's Bowdoin.

GRADE AND CROSS-BRED SWEEPSTAKES.

In this, the two year ring, Charlie, a cross-bred Hereford and Shorthorn, won over Renick's grade Shorthorn and the Galloway Hornless Sam, three-year-old.

SWEEPSTAKES BY AGES-THREE YEAR OLDS. The Shorthorn steer Nonsuch won over the Hereford Bowdoin, the grade Shorthorn, and Galloway grade.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

In this section victory again went to Charlie, cross-bred Hereford and Shorthorn, with Jones' beautiful Shorthorn steer Confidence, a better fleshed, better finished and far better topped steer in competition.

YEARLINGS.

Victory again went to the Hereford camp, Tom Clark's Abel being a very good first, closely followed by N. P. Clarke's Hillhurst, a Shorthorn, with the Holstein spayed heifer also making a close competitor.

IN CALVES

the Earl entry again came off victorious for the third time.

The Breeders' Gazette Challenge Shield, given by the proprietors of the above paper for a steer or heifer of the exhibitor's own breeding, and to be won two consecutive years, or any three years, was won by C. M. Culbertson with Bowdoin.

GRAND SWEEPSTAKES.

The real excitement began in right earnest, the Shorthorn steer Nonsuch winning the coveted honor.

Shorthorn Herds-M. E. Jones 1st. Herefords—Culbertson 1st. Holsteins-B. Waddel 1st. Grades-Earl's Hereford grades 1st.

The heaviest steer in the show was a monstrous Shorthorn, not too smooth, five-year-old, named Jumbo, which weighed 2,840 lbs.

Prizes were also awarded for the best breeding herds, the different breeds being represented as

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THE SHOW OF SHEEP

was prominent in the amount of real good specimens that were forward, especially was this the case in the Southdown, Shropshire and Oxford classes, the sections of which were most closely contested. In holding up the banner for Canadian sheep, Mr. John Rutherford, Roseville, Ont., had forward his usual highly fitted flock, representing all the mutton breeds, against which the following firms of showmen strongly contested for position :-

SOUTHDOWNS.

Wether, two years and over-J. H. Potts & Son, Jacksonville, Ill., 1st and 3rd; Rutherford, 2nd. One year-Stone & Harris, Stonington, Ill., 1st; J. H. Potts & Son, 2nd; John Rutherford, 3rd. Under one year-John Rutherford 1st; J. H. Potts & Son, 2nd and 3rd. SHROPSHIRES.

Geo. Allen & Son, Allerton, Ill., 1st; John Rutherford, 2nd and 3rd. Yearling-George Allen & Son, 1st and 3rd; John Rutherford, 2nd. Under one year-John Rutherford, 1st Geo. Allen & Son, 2nd and 3rd.

OXFORDS.

Wether, two years and over-Stone & Harris, 1st and 2nd; John Rutherford, 3rd. One year -Stone & Harris, 1st and 2nd; John Rutherford, 3rd. Under one year-Stone & Harris, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

COTSWOLDS.

Wether, two years and over-John Rutherford, 1st and 2nd. Yearling-John Rutherford, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

LEICESTERS AND LINCOLNS.

Wether, two years and over-John Ruther ford, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. One year-John Rutherford, 1st and 3rd; J. F. Rundell, 2nd. Under one year-John Rutherford, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

CROSSES (GRADES EXCLUDED).

Wether, two years and over-John Rutherford (Shropshire and Leicester), 1st; George Allen & Son (Shropshire & Cotswold), 2nd; John Rutherford (Southdown & Lincoln), 3rd. One year—Stone and Harris (Shropshire & Cotswold), 1st; Geo. Allen & Son (Shropshire and Leicester), 2nd; John Rutherford (Shropshire and Leicester), 3rd. Under one year—John Rutherford (Shropshire and Leicester), 1st.

In Merinos J. F. Rundell, Birmingham, Mich.,

won nearly all the prizes.

Pen of Southdowns—J. H. Potts & Son.

Pen of Shropshires—John Rutherford. Pen of Oxfords-Stone & Harris. Pen of Cotswolds-John Rutherford. Pen of Leicesters and Lincolns-John Rutherford.

Pen of cross-breds-John Rutherford. DRESSED CARCASSES.

Always an interesting feature of the Fat Stock Show is the killing, dressed carcasses, and block tests; and this year the Hereford men were much to be commended for the manner in which they

Shorthorns had but two representatives in GRAND SWEEPSTAKES HERD.

M. E. Jones' Shorthorn herd, with his steers
Col. Mills and Confidence, a yearling, and calf
was again victorious over the Culbertson Herefords, Earl's Herefords and Waddel's Holsteins.

this test, while the Galloway grade was slaughtered, also the Devon two-year-old, and no less
than twelve Herefords and Hereford grades, thus
showing that, although the Herefords had not
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that had done so much to hold up the Shorthorn reputation on foot, by the rules of this show had to be slaughtered, and won the pre-mium in furnishing the greatest amount of dead meat to gross live weight.

For the best three-year-old carcass, W. H. Van Natta, with the Hereford steer Bendigo. For best two-year-old carcass, C. H. Elmendorf, with his cross-bred Hereford and Shorthorn Charlie. For yearling carcass, Adams Earl, with his cross-bred Hereford and Shorthern Sultan. For the carcass furnishing the greatest amount of edible meat, was won by Thos. Ponting's grade Hereford George, which was slaughtered after eleven other Hereford carcasses were found to be dubious about winning this prize, and, as usual, by an animal that had not a shadow of a chance on foot, and had not been entered for the block until the last moment, proving that for this test more moderate feeding is what is

An Object Lesson.

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Attending the late Fat Stock Show at Chicago, as usual, I wandered to the stock yard, that mighty corporation within whose limits thousands of cattle change hands every daythe largest cattle market in existence. Day by day they arrive, day by day they leave; no Sunday, no market day. True, there is no selling on the Sabbath, but the influx and outgo continues, just as the veins and arteries keep up the circulation of the blood in the human body. One continual round, and to continue the simile further, where the rush of blood is greater than the arteries can take charge of, there becomes congestion. So with the cattle market at Chicago, there is a greater rush of common stock than can be taken care of, or rather bought; hence, the market is said to be congested. What a lesson was to be learned there! It has been taught for years, but with what result? Still the same old song, but possibly set to a different tune. The song that has been sung for years. The text that has been preached from. The subject of so many articles in our agricultural papers. It can't be too often repeated. You, sir, cannot too often set your pen to paper and inculcate the fact, and write in large capitals, so that he who reads may have it served to him so often and so large that even if he be a "doubting Thomas," he may be "almost persuaded." The text is this: It only pays to breed the best.

The object lesson so convincingly brought before the mind is this: Car loads of cattle were sold in Chicago last week for less than ever before recorded in the history of the stock yardsseventy-five cents per hundred pounds [I've written this so no mistake can be made], many car loads at \$1, and butchers' mixed loads at \$1 50. Yet the tops made \$5.15 per one hundred, and were enquired for and readily sold, while low grades were begging for buyers at prices quoted. I don't intend to argue or give any opinion or reason why this is thus; the fact remains that five cents can readily be had if the offspring is good enough. Whilst talking this matter over with one of the principal officials of the Illinois state Board of Agriculture, he stated he had lots of feed. I said, "at prices quoted to day this must be a good time to buy?"
"No," he replied, "I would rather pay three cents if I could find what I want. If I were to feed that cheap stuff it would be of the same quality when fattened, and I should have to compete with thousands of the same sort, and but few buyers. I can always sell the best, even in de-pressed times, at paying prices." I want to repeat that again: "Can always sell the best at

I've said enough; it is not necessary to harp upon the old, old story, any more just now. As an axiom, I would say: You can't have the best unless you have good cows, use good bulls, and