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The illustration on the opposite page represents a pair of German Coach stallions in harness, exhibited by Mr. A. B. Holbert, of Greeley, Ill., at the World's Columbian Exhibition, where they carried off high honors...

High Priced Horses.

The following table will interest our readers at this time as showing the highest prices ever paid for horses, though, in a few instances, the long figure was about the only claim to reputation possessed by the horse:—

Table with columns: Horse, Price, Horse, Price. Includes entries like Ormonde \$150,000, King Lud \$30,000, etc.

Table with columns: Horse, Price, Horse, Price. Includes entries like Arion \$150,000, Patron \$27,500, etc.

Public Butter Tests of 1894.

[Paper prepared by Mr. Geo. Rice for the Canadian Holstein Friesian Association.]

The World's Fair tests have come and gone, but the battle of the dairy breeds goes merrily on. Most of the great shows of the States and Canada in 1894 had a keenly contested dairy test.

Two modes of testing were practiced the past year: The ordinary show ground test, and what we call "public home test." In the latter tests, the cows have been tested at home at any time the owners may elect previous to the fairs...

Thoughtful and intelligent dairymen know that anything occurring to disturb the cow "in the even tenor of her way" results in a loss in percentage of butter-fat. In a show-ground test there is every cause of disturbance. Hence, we find low reading of butter-fat in such tests.

milk the first day of four per cent., and the second day one cow showed a loss of eight per cent., and the two others a loss of one per cent. in percentage of butter-fat, being that much less than the cows tested at other times at home...

The most that can be said for a show-ground test is that all contestants are at the same disadvantage, and if the public will add one-half per cent., or perhaps one per cent., to the butter-fat reading, they will have a better idea as to the normal richness of the cow's milk when at home.

Probably one of the greatest show-ground tests of the year was that held at Syracuse, N. Y., there being Holsteins, Guernseys, and Jerseys contesting. Six Holsteins in this test were highest, the cow coming seventh being no less a cow than the Guernsey "Purity" that stood highest of that breed at the World's Fair...

In addition, there are several tests won by Holsteins where the records have not been published. The test at Anamosa, Iowa, Shorthorns, Jerseys, Ayrshires, and Holsteins competing, was won by the Holstein cow, Ida Denver, owned by E. T. Bedwell...

HIGHEST SHOW GROUND RECORD OF 1894.

Table with columns: Breed, Name of Cow, Name of Owner, Where Test Held, Amt. 80% butter 2 days. Includes entries like Intje Von Holigen, D. F. Wilbur & Co., etc.

HIGHEST PUBLIC HOME RECORDS.

Table with columns: Breed, Name of Cow, Name of Owner, Where Test Held, Amt. 80% butter 2 days. Includes entries like Johanna 5th, Gillett & Son, etc.

Only two States did the testing at home, but what they lack for number they make up in quality. To the Holstein cow Johanna 5th belongs the honor of "breaking the record" at that sort of race.

To sum up, then, we find the Holsteins have made the highest records in either "show-ground" or "public home test;" they have won all tests for most milk, "solids other than fat," most "total solids," and nearly all the prizes for "butter-fat," which entitled the Holsteins to be considered the champion all-round cow—the cow for milk, the cow for cheese, the cow for butter.

I feel this paper incomplete as showing the grand work done by Holsteins the past year if I neglect to mention the large records made by the Holstein cows at the Michigan Agricultural College, as follows:—

Table with columns: Name of Cow, Milk, Butter. Includes entries like Rosa Bonheur 5th, H. F. H. B., etc.

The Horse Show. Advices from Toronto are to the effect that the entries for the Canadian Horse Show, in the New Drill Shed, on April 18, 19 and 20, number some 500, the harness and saddle classes naturally being predominant.