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**GOSSIP.**

Mr. A. Yaeger, of Simcoe, Ontario, has purchased the Hackney stallion, Hillhurst Sensation, and Mr. J. Lawson, of Almonte, Ont., the Hackney stallion, Danish Duke, from Hon. M. H. Cochrane, of Hillhurst, P. Q.

During one week in May there were 72 outbreaks of swine fever in England, involving the slaughter of 1,524 animals, as against 63 outbreaks and 1,295 animals slaughtered in the corresponding week of 1897. During the first twenty weeks of 1898 over 30,000 pigs have been slaughtered. The disease shows no signs of abatement.

The fourteenth annual report of the Missouri State Horticultural Society has been issued. It is a neat, liberally illustrated and well-bound volume of over 400 pages, containing many good papers on horticulture, as well as full reports of summer and winter meetings, and of a number of county societies. The secretary of the Association is L. A. Goodman, Westport, Mo.

The American dairymen are beginning to devote more attention to Ayrshire cattle. Mr. K. B. Armour, of Kansas City, has in quarantine at Garfield six head, besides 56 head of Herefords. George H. McFadden, of Philadelphia, had ten head of Ayrshires landed there on April 28th. On same date F. S. Peer, of New York, placed in quarantine twenty head of Jerseys and one Shropshire ram. Wm. Rockefeller, of New York, also has one Jersey at same station.

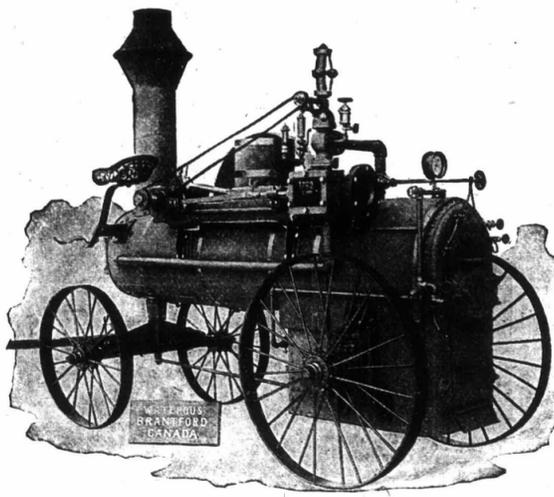
An important and interesting sheep-feeding experiment is to be carried out at the South-eastern Agricultural College, Wye, England, during the winter of 1898-9, with twenty wether lambs of the following breeds: South-down, Kent, Shropshire, Hampshire, Oxford and Sussex. The breeds chiefly found in the area covered by the operations of the college. They will be fattened in hurdles side by side, fed in the usual manner on roots, hay, cake, etc., and slaughtered in March, 1899.

Hampshire rams to the number of 365 have their pedigrees recorded in Vol. IX, of the English Hampshire Down Flock Book, of which society J. E. Rawlence, The Canal, Salisbury, Eng., is secretary. This brings the number of Hampshire Down rams up to 2,777. There is also registered in this volume 72 flocks since the issue of Vol. VIII. Also record of flocks registered in Vol. I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 dispersed prior to the issue of Vol. IX., and a record of flocks registered in Vols. 1-8, inclusive. The book is cleverly compiled and shows taste and good judgment in its entire make-up.

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