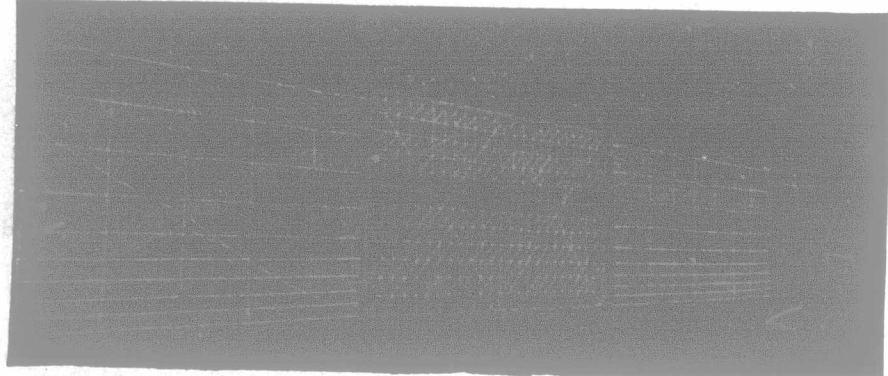




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GOSSIP.

Harry Smith, whose advertisement of Shorthorns runs in these columns, writes: In order to take advantage of rural-mail delivery, I have changed my post-office address from Exeter to Hay (R. R. 3), but am still located at the old spot, within ten minutes' walk of Exeter Station, G. T. R. Among the young bulls I am offering in this issue of "The Farmer's Advocate," is Gold Cup, by old Gold Drop, a 15-months-old red, of choice quality, deep-ribbed and low-set, the feeder's kind.

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March 25th.—J. A. Caskey, Madoc, Ont.; Holsteins.
April 20th.—James Benning, Williams-town, Ont.; Ayrshires.

SYMPTOMS OF RABIES.

The Toronto Humane Society has published for distribution, as information respecting the symptoms of rabies in dogs, a circular adapted from a report of the Royal Society of England for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which should be of general interest to the public at present. A note states that, while rabies is the disease in dogs, hydrophobia is the disease in the human being. A dog will lap water when rabid. The first signs are seen in the habits of the dog—the dog's behavior is entirely changed, and its countenance is altered. An affected animal becomes dull, gloomy, and tries to hide itself in out-of-the-way places; or, when spoken to by its master, it looks up apparently with an effort to be cheerful, its countenance dropping the moment afterwards into an expression of wretchedness, and its eyes staring with a sad void in them; sometimes it collects dirty pieces of rope, which it hides; or it is restless the moment it lies down, finding no place comfortable, "seeking rest but finding none"; or, it seems to be under fitful delusions, and fancies it sees things, or hears sounds, and starts at them, and subsides the moment afterwards into supineness. Its temper generally changes from natural sociability to disagreeableness. In many instances it vomits, the ejected matter being streaked with blood. Though surly, it is not vicious at this stage of the malady, but, on the contrary, it is unusually affectionate; and yet its expressions of love seem tinged with a melancholy which impresses a careful observer with the unhappy thought that the poor creature is conscious of its serious condition, and of a danger to its friends that it may be the agent of. Sometimes it shows distrust, preferring solitude to the company of those it has loved; at others, an imploring, despairing appeal is made to its master to save it from impending disaster. Its master's voice always has a semi-magical influence on it. In more decided cases, it snaps at the air, apparently seeking for something it cannot find, and scrapes incessantly. These are bad signs, especially if at the same time the poor creature becomes fastidious in feeding, or refuses food which it formerly was partial to, and, instead, shows a morbid disposition to eat carpet, wool, wood, earth, stones, excrement, etc. When the above signs are present, or any of them are sufficiently present to alarm its owner, the animal should be isolated, and a veterinary surgeon should be called in, and no child should be permitted to go near it. When the peculiar noise is heard, which is neither a snarl, nor a growl, nor a bark, nor a howl, but all of these, in which the howl predominates, then no doubt can be felt. Generally a rabid dog tries to escape from its master, probably fearing to injure him and others whom it loves; and then it wanders—moving along with no visible object or aim, but still going on and on, frequently at a quick pace, until its strength fails. Foaming at the mouth, facing madness, and fits, are the last forms of rabies.

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