

THE STORY OF A POUND OF BUTTER.

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Mrs. Boss and her neighbors agreed to hold meetings throughout the winter, when not busy. They also decided to discuss buttermaking at the first meeting, and this is what a man understands cow talk heard them saying :

MEETING NO. 1. The first to speak was Mrs. Brindle. She said that it was her candid opinion that all his talk about "pedigrees" and "butter-blood" did not amount to very much. She thought that if her



Fig. 34. Holstein.

owner would look around he could find, among her friends plenty of good cows for making butter, which had not any papers to show their breeding. For her part, she considered that blood was of no account. What she wanted was a cow that could *do* something.

Mrs. Black - and - White, known in higher cow circles by the name of Mrs. Holstein-Friesian, or Mrs. Holstein for short, said she considered that it was better to give a large flow of milk, so as to have plenty of skim-milk for the calves and pigs, as well as what is used for buttermaking.

Some of the other cows thought that there was too much to handle to get a pound of butter from such milk. Mrs. Canadian said that some poor farmers could not raise enough feed to satisfy the appetite of the previous speaker, and she believed that a small cow, which is a small eater, is best for a poor man.

Mrs. Shorthorn, who also belongs to the high class in cow society, argued in favor of the cow that gives milk to drink, and butter to eat ; and if not satisfied with that, her owner could turn her into beef. Some of the members remarked that combined machines never work so well as special ones.



Fig. 35. Shorthorn.

Mrs. Ayrshire said that, as the discussion was on butter-making, she had little to say, though some of her relations were just as good for butter as any cows.