

therto it has been deficient. Mr. Heath's Hereford ox and Mr. Gooch's short-horned heifer, each the winner of a gold medal, deserve the particular notice of all who visit the exhibition, and will, no doubt, become great favourites and be well "handled" during the next few days. The pen of Southdown sheep belonging to Mr. Williams, and of Leicesters belonging to Mr. Foljambe, will also attract notice; but, besides these, visitors will not fail to notice the splendid crosses for which a prize has been awarded to Mr. J. R. Overman, and the fine Cotswold sheep of Mr. R. Beman. The exhibition of pigs, seldom the least attractive part of the annual display at the Baker-street Bazaar, is not likely this year to lose any of its usual interest. Here Mr. Fisher Hobbs still maintains his ascendancy; and, whatever question may be raised as to the value of his stock for breeding purposes, it is impossible to look at them without being satisfied that they must make most delicate food. Of late there appears to be a strong disposition in the pig breeders of the country to claim each for himself a special variety of that animal. The consequence is a degree of confusion and mystification as to what really is the pure porcine blood of England that would puzzle even the ingenuity of the College of Heralds. Every exhibitor recognises in the pen of his neighbour his own favourite form of grunter; and while nearly all are striving to secure the largest amount of meat on the smallest amount of bone, it is to be feared that the original vigour and healthiness of the species are greatly impaired. Apart from the list of prizes there are some few animals in the show which deserve a passing notice. At the head of these must be placed "a four years and six months old cross-bred heifer, between the Scotch highland cow and the Brahmin bull, bred by his grace the Duke of Wellington, and fed on grass, chaff, barleymeal, oilcake and roots." This peculiar beast differs no less in shape than in from its companions, having a buffalo hump, formed behind like a mule, and launching out its heel with dexterity at almost everybody who came within reach of it. Another point which struck us in the cattle-department of the exhibition was, that there was but one specimen of the polled Galloway breed exhibited—that breed, such large numbers of which are brought annually to the eastern counties to fatten, and thence sent into the London market. There is hardly any more favourite or more profitable description of cattle than this; but the Norfolk graziers complain that there is now great difficulty in getting them at a reasonable price and of good quality. The animal referred to is exhibited by Mr. Heath, and is a remarkably fine ox. Another and quite a novel feature of the present show is the introduction of a specimen of Dutch stock, which, however, without any

prejudice towards foreigners, it must be admitted cuts but a sorry figure. It may convey some consolation to the friends of agriculture to state that the Speaker of the House of Commons is a contributor on the present occasion of "a pen of three 21 weeks and 2 days old improved Essex Heckfield pigs, bred by himself, and fed on barley-meal, pollard, and skimmed milk." We regret to say that the right hon. gentleman has not been a successful competitor; but he may console himself, as Sir John Conroy and other distinguished feeders have been equally disappointed. To all who take an interest in the quality of animal food, and in the quantity of it which can with comfort to the cattle themselves and with benefit to man be produced from one beast—to all who wish fully to understand with what materials the Christmas hospitalities of London are furnished forth, we recommend a visit to the Baker-street Bazaar. Let them patiently read how so many fat oxen, cows, sheep, and pigs have been fed, how unsparingly every variety of provender has been supplied to them, how sumptuously they have fared, while their masters have been ruined by free trade. The Smithfield Club is as tenacious of life as the Market, though the public has not the same interest in its death. Her Majesty the Queen and his Royal Highness Prince Albert, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Prince Alfred, visited the show on Monday morning at 11 o'clock, and, after a stay of more than an hour, left highly delighted with all they saw.

The Report of the great Christmas Cattle Market is highly interesting, and the show of fat animals is said to have been superior to any previous market ever held in London. A lot of fat South Down Ewes sold for £5 each, and a lot of the large Gloucesters sold for £6 each. It is highly gratifying to know that we are connected with a country that is far superior in Agricultural improvement, and in Agricultural stock and implements, to any country on the face of the earth. This should, indeed, induce us to endeavor to follow their example. At the Annual Dinner of the Smithfield Club, the speech of the Earl of Hardwicke, who has been an officer in the Navy, is well deserving of consideration, even in Canada, and it is also encouraging to gentlemen of the Army and Navy who settle in this country as agriculturists, to hear of such a good example in a Naval Officer, and a nobleman,