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Some Shorthorns and Herefords of the American Show Ring.

THE student of animal husbandry is always an interested spectator in the show rings at the great exhibitions, for there he sees gathered into the small compass of a few acres animals which are the product of years of intelligent breeding and feeding, animals which are not only representative of all the breeds, but the very best that these breeds can produce. Never was greater interest manifest in this line than to-day. Those who were fortunate enough to attend the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago saw people from all points of America, and even from across the ocean crowding and crushing each other by thousands in the great Dexter Park amphitheatre, all intent on seeing the monarchs of the show ring.

The dates of the various American fairs and other exhibitions in contiguous states of the union are so arranged that the same breeders can show their stock at a number of successive fairs, and thus each showman makes his circuit and comes repeatedly into competition with the same rivals. While it is undoubtedly true that this system, for the most part, panders to