

Without doubt the most complete sale catalogue yet issued is that of T. F. B. Sotham, President of the American Hereford Breeders' Association, of Chillicothe, Mo., for his sale held on January 22nd of this year. In this catalogue Mr. Sotham has used the extended pedigree form, but, in order to add to its completeness, he has appended a "star list," in which "every prize recorded in the English Hereford Herd Book and the American Hereford Record has been tabulated and added to much other data gained from old catalogues," etc. Hence one can readily turn up the breeding, owner and prize record of any animal mentioned in the pedigrees, and although inexperienced, can form a very fair idea of its probable value. In addition there are presented small portraits of a very large number of these animals, as well as full page portraits of many of Mr. Sotham's own cattle. Of these latter the most striking is a portrait of three of his most noted sires, Sir Bredwell, 63685, sold for \$5,000; Thickset, 68785, sold for \$5,100, and Corrector, 48976, valued at \$100,000—and thereby hangs a tale.

What a preposterous value to attach to a bull, you say. Yes, it may be, and nothing is more certain than that such a price never has been or will be paid for him. Still, had Mr. Sotham paid this amount for him as a calf, it would not have been such a bad investment, for Corrector has made \$150,000, and although 10 years old is still a useful sire. Thickset and Sir Bredwell are two of his get, who together have swelled this amount \$10,000. But these are outstanding prices, the bulk of the receipts being made up by good average prices rather than startling high ones. In a former article reference was made to Thickflesh, the most promising calf that has yet come from this herd. He also owns Corrector as his sire. One has only to move among some of the breeders of the Western States and ranch districts to see the premium that is put upon the get of this famous sire. And even in eastern Nova Scotia W. W. Black, the well known Hereford breeder, of Amherst, rejoices in the fact that his herd bull Sir Horace is "Corrector stuff," his dam being Princess Jenny, 22579, of Mr. Sotham's herd and his sire Corrector.

Mr. Sotham challenges the world to mention any sire whose calves have been more extensive prize winners than those