

inent members of the various christian congregations.

If the magazine is self sustaining we shall be satisfied, if its circulation be such that we can go to a greater outlay in making it larger and more complete we shall be happy. We have been much encouraged so far by all with whom we have spoken, by their expressed opinion that such a publication was needed here and that it would prove a success.

To all our friends who have aided us in starting this magazine, by words of encouragement, proffers of assistance in its circulation, and contributions for its pages, we render our hearty thanks; and relying on the liberal support of the inhabitants of this Reservation, we embark upon the publication of *The Indian Magazine*.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Horses.

EARS OF THE HORSE.

It is a good sign for a horse to carry one of his ears forward and the other backward when on a journey, because this stretching of the ears in opposite directions shows that he is attentive to everything that is taking place around him, and while he is doing so he cannot be much fatigued, or likely soon to become so. Few horses sleep without pointing their ears as above that they may receive notice of the approach of objects in every direction.

Remember that fancy prices are obtained for fancy horses only, and if you expect to get to the top of the market prices you must have the best kind of horses to effect the same, as with anything else. The only way to get the best is to begin aright by breeding good mares to good stallions. One man can raise valuable horses as well as another.

There is no patent or copyright to infringe in raising good stock of any kind. The trouble is that too many breeders are to saving in selecting stallions, using only the cheapest. They let the penny before their eye hide the dollar in the distance.

Cows.

In October 1889 the *Farmer's Advocate* offered a special prize of a silver service, valued at \$65.00 for the lot of cows whose milk showed the largest profit for the food consumed. Two breeds, the Jerseys, and the Ayrshires out-stripped all the others, and at the final test in which three of each contested, the Jerseys were awarded the prize.

POINTS OF A GOOD MILK COW.

The cow is wedge shaped, i.e., large behind, broad and deep, light in front shoulders, narrow at top and widening downwards, so that the cow is wedge shaped horizontally as well as in breadth, neck thin and gracefully set, legs fine, head long, broad between the eyes, large full eyes, milk veins large, double extension, udder bag capacious and flexib'e, skin soft and mellow, rich yellow color.

BEEF COW.

The reverse of the above, i.e., the wedge shape is not noticeable, and the front is heavy so that all the four quarters are nearly even in size.

Poultry.

CROSS BRED FOULS

Pure bred fowl of any variety is always better for the purpose than a cross bred one.

Whatever the object may be, eggs, broilers, or adult fowls for market a pure bred should always be selected, the one that most nearly fills the bill. Continue to breed along the desired lines and don't drop them simply because some one says another breed is better. If you want eggs, use Leghorns or

Hamburgs; if broilers, Plymouth Rocks; if both eggs and broilers, Wyandots, and for winter or mature marketing, Light Brahma, Cochins or Dorkins.

NEW BLOOD.

This factor in making poultry keeping a success must not be overlooked. Many say "I can't afford it; I only keep my fowls for profit." There is no greater mistake. Inbreeding among fowls is very injurious. Suppose you pay four dollars for a thorough bred Cocker-al this fall and you raise one hundred chickens next season, and each chick is worth four cents better, you have your four dollars back again and the male bird free of cost for the next year. Fowls that inbreed year after year decrease in vitality, size, and productiveness, therefore get new blood frequently.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Home Rule Bill which was passed by the House of Commons has been rejected by the House of Lords.

Our new Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, and Lady Aberdeen, have arrived safely in Canada. Lord Aberdeen was a former very popular Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Though it is now rather old news yet we would not like the first number of our Magazine to appear without making some mention of the marriage of the Duke of York, now the only son of the Prince of Wales, to the daughter of the Duke of Teck, commonly spoken of as the Princess May. We are sure that every reader of this Magazine will wish that every happiness and blessing may attend the future of those who may in the divine Providence become the King and Queen of England and of Canada.

Sir John Thompson, the Premier of Canada, has lately returned from