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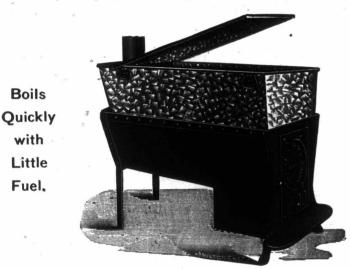
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GOSSIP.

The winner of the championship as the best fat beast, any age or breed, at the Smithfield Club Fat Stock Show, London, Eng., December 5th to 9th, was the two-year-old Aberdeen-Angus heifer, Ju-Ju of Glamis, bred and exhibited by the Earl of Strathmore. The reserve number was the Shorthorn two-year-old heifer. Silence, shown by Mr. W. E. Learner, and sired by Ringleader. The live weight of the champion was 1,757 pounds, and that of the reserve 1,848 pounds.

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Mr. C. D. Wagar, of Enterprise, Ontario, has recently purchased from Mr. W. D. Flatt, Hamilton, Ont., a choice pair of Shorthorns, the bull being the ten-months-old Trout Creek Champion = 28497=, by Robert The Bruce = 22635=, sold for \$350 last winter to go to Nova Scotia, where he won second prize at the Provincial Exhibition, his half-brother, Silver Chief, from the same dam, Imp. Mimosa, winning the first prize and sweepstakes. This calf weighed at ten months 900 pounds, and is as smooth as a dollar, and has great constitution and a grand coat of hair, which he inherits from his excelent sire. His dam is Floss, by Edin Chief, by imported Rajah, a son of the Cruickshank bull, Gravesend. Mr. Wagar paid a long price for this youngster, but he promises to prove good value for it. The cow is Hazel, by Nelson Wonder, a son of Prince James, a sweepstakes winner at Toronto Exhibition. He is by imp. Knight of Warlaby.

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The annual meeting of the New York State Breeders' Association was held at the Chamber of Commerce, in Rochester, Dec. 14th and 15th. There was a large attendance of breeders of all'kinds of live stock, in spite of the fact that highways were almost impassable, and the various railroads entering the city were badly blockaded with snowdrifts. Among the many excellent addresses were "The Dairy Cow," by Henry Van Dreser, of Cobleskill, N. Y.; "Abortion—Its Prevention," by Dr. W. L. Baker, Buffalo, Mortimer Levering, Lafayette, Ind., gave two addresses on "Home and Foreign Mutton and Wool Markets," and "Judging Live Stock in the Showring," both of which were listened to with great profit. Hon. John Dryden, of Toronto, gave an address on "Ideals in Breeding," which was full of practical points, and was very highly appreciated. The closing address was by the Hon. J. H. Brigham, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture is doing for the Farmer," and like all that preceded it, was listened to with close attention. Officers were elected as follows: President, Frank D. Ward, Batavia; 1st Vice-President, F. C. Stevens, Attica; Secretary, Wm. H. Chamberlain, Kanona; Treasurer, Frank A. Converse, Woodville, Directors for four years—C. D. McLaury, Portlandville; Henry Van Dreser, Cobleskill; N. V. Hamilton, Caledonia.

At the sale of the Sunny Slope herd of Hereford cattle belonging to the estate of the late C. S. Cross, of Emporia, Kansas, held at Kansas City, December 7th, fifty-seven bulls made an average of \$307, forty-seven females an average of \$365, and one hundred and four head in all an average of \$333.17. The sensational feature of the sale was the competition for the young show cow, Beau Real's Maid, which resulted in her passing into the possession of Mr. K. B. Armour, of the great Armour Shipping and Packing Company, who maintains a fine herd of "white-faces" near Kansas City. The price made by this cow, \$2,250, is the highest ever paid for a Hereford cow in America, and so far as we know the highest price ever made by a cow of the breed on either side of the ocean. Mr. Armour also secured the highest priced bull, the two-year-old Climax 4th, at \$1,025. Pretty Maid went to Tom Clark, Bucher, Ill., at \$1,055, and the bull, Sir Battle Beau Real, to Marshall Field's manager at \$900. THE SUNNY SLOPE SALE OF HEREFORDS

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DOCKING.

The resolution recently adopted by the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, prohibiting colts which have been docked from competition for prizes at the Royal Show, has created such a storm of protest from farmers and stockmen throughout the country that the resolution has been practically rescinded by the adoption of another which renders the former inoperative for the present.



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