

Possibly here again the answer would be yes. Now comes the question which brings in number two. Prove that they are recorded. It strikes me at once that, if each committee of the various societies were to insist upon this question being answered definitely, there would be many animals that are yearly recorded, not only in your records, but in those of other countries, that would have a very hard job to get recorded. And why? Because they have not individual marks by which their identity can be determined. Therefore, it is quite certain, if records are to be properly kept, that every animal must be properly marked in such a way, before it leaves "the hands of his breeder," as will render it identifiable, wherever it goes. This being the case, I hold that every council of management of your breed societies should so make their rules that no animals should be recorded in their herd or flock book unless the same were duly tattooed in their ears in such manner as the several councils should order and determine. If some such rule as this were adopted, it would be a means whereby the value of the record would be much enhanced, and it would also be of the greatest service to those breeders who are, regardless of cost, breeding the best animals.

Then, as regards imported animals for breeding purposes. Here, again, I think that there is great room for improvement, for, under the present system, any breeder who has not recorded his animals can give a pedigree, and that signed pedigree can be used for any animal the purchaser may desire, so long as it is of the same sex, breed, and color. Is this right? Surely not. Then why not protect yourselves, and insist that no animal shall be recorded in your herd, flock, or stud books unless the same is duly recorded in the stud, flock, or herd book of the country from whence it comes, and is accompanied by the export certificate, duly signed by the secretary of the society, and stamped with the common seal of the society in whose stud or herd book the pedigree is recorded, and, further, that each and every animal shall have an individual certificate, and be so tattooed in its ear or ears by numbers or registered trade mark, or both, which numbers and marks shall be distinctly stated in the said certificate so as to render the substitution of any other animal impossible?

If this or something like it were adopted, it is quite possible it would lead to a vast improvement in the stock imported into your country.

ENGLISH BREEDER.

Notes from Great Britain.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

HORSES.

The demand for horses of all descriptions is very good, particularly for those of the best types of the respective breeds.

The sales of studs during the past few weeks have been well attended, and prices have ruled very strong.

Our autumn foal shows have been held in quick succession, one after the other, and an excellent lot of foals have been brought out, particularly Shire colts. The value of these shows cannot be fairly estimated unless one has attended them year by year, for it is only in this way that the great good they are doing can be fully realized. One great reason why they do so much good is that many of them are more or less local, and they thus bring out many foals whose owners would never send to large shows, and, in this way, many a good foal is found and bought by the larger breeders. In this way the farmer is well repaid for his trouble, and others in his district are induced to try to do likewise.

The sale of Sir Humphrey de Trafford's Hackneys and ponies deserves some notice, for, in the case of these well-known ponies, some extraordinary prices were realized; hence I give them in detail. The Hackney mares sold well, as did the whole of this class of horses, the stallion King, foaled in 1892, making \$750.

PONY MARES.

Name.	Date of Birth.	Purchaser.	Price.
Snorer II., brown	1887	Southern..	\$3,000
Her filly foal, Snorer IV.	1895	Hollins.....	325
Georgina V., bay.	1890	E. Warwick...	1,500
Dorothy Derby.	1887	Sir G. Greenall	3,000
Her filly foal, Agnes Derby	1895	F. E. Coleman	525
Dorothy Derby II.	1890	Southern ..	3,600
Pepper		G. Taylor	250
Jennie II.		H. Proter.....	325
Her colt foal, Go-Bang.	1895	Hollins	275
Black Pearl	1892	Hollins.....	375
Jewel	1892	Harrison.....	160
Black Pearl's filly foal	1895	Hollins.....	200
Lightning	1892	Proter.....	235
Snorter II.	1893	Hollins.....	3,500
Jacqueline	1893	Hollins.....	250
Miss Cassius	1893	Doolette.....	225
Jackdaw.	1893	Bayars.....	750
Miss Sniff	1894	Hollins.....	4,500
Jennie III.	1894	Proter.....	230
Julius Caesar	1894	Jones.....	1,050