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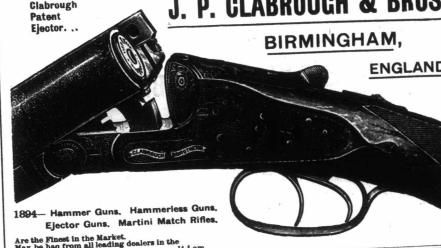
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IT In writing to advertisers please mention the Farmer's Advocate.

The English Royal Agricultural Society's Show will be held next year at Leicester. The show of 1894, at Cambridge, gave an excess of receipts over expenditures of £1,050.

A sale of Shorthorns, bred by H. M. the Queen, at the Prince Consort's Show Farm, Windsor, will be held next spring. In all probability the month selected will be that of April. The sale is taking place owing to the considerable increase in the herd of late.

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The Scottish Farmer says:—"The great winter exhibitions of fat stock are now within view, and the all-important question with many is—What breed is to win at Smithfield, Birmingham, and Norwich? Last year, we earnestly urged that champion honors between representatives of rival breeds should be awarded, if not by a bench of butchers, at least by a bench in which butchers would have the determining vote. Any other method of deciding whether a Devon, a Shorthorn, an Aberdeen-Angus, a Hereford, a Galloway, a Highlander, or a cross-bred animal is to wear the supreme honors is 'fluky' in the last degree, and can carry next to no weight as an indication of the merits of rival breeds."

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During the ten months ended October 31st, there were 12,867 horses exported from Great Britain, against 9,779 in the same period of 1893. Of the number sent abroad this year, 342 were stallions, against 5,24; 2,528 mares, against 2,530; and 9,997 geldings, against 6,725. The value of the horses exported was £370,962, against £416,339 in the corresponding ten months of 1893, and £504,805 in 1892. The imports of horses numbered 19,764, against 12,061 in 1893, and 19,931 in 1892. Of the number imported this year, 712 were stallions, against 459; 4,047 mares, against 2,606; and 15,005 geldings, against 8,996. Of the geldings, 3,005 came from the United States, 3,443 from Canada, and 3,577 from Germany. The value of the horses imported was £462,999, against £37,088 last year. During the ten months there was paid the United States and Canada, £290,095 for horses; while Great Britain received in return for horses only £44,261.

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A. & G. Rice, "Brookbank Farm," Currie's, write:—We have received the stock of stationery. Since advertising in the ADVOCATE, we might say we have to buy our envelopes by the 500, and our stamps by the dollars' worth. The following are recent noteworthy sales: The 4-year-old oow Oxford Jewel, to Mr. J. C. Gilroy, Glen Buell; Oxford Jewel, she won 1st prize as a 2-year-old, in 1892, at Ottawa and Montreal. Mr. Gilroy owns a factory in the Brockville district, as well as being an extensive farmer, and owns a nice herd of Holsteins. The prize-winning 2-year-old of this year, Daisy Jewel, a full sister to Oxford Jewel, both having for dam the great cow. Daisy Texel, winner of 2nd prize in Toronto milk test, we sold to Mr. Dowler, Hillings Bridge. Mr. Thos. Davidson, of Spring Valley, selected a beautiful calf, Volvet by name, that took 3rd prize for us at Toronto, with 17 in the ring. We sold Eunice Clay's bull calf to Mr. David Marwood, Treherne, Manitoba. He wanted an A 1 bull to head his fine herd of Holsteins, and he has got one in Eunice Clay's Statesman. His dam, Eunice Clay, won the milk test in Ohio, in 1893, and at Toronto this year. Her record at Toronto has not been equalled this year by any cow of any other breed, at any show ground test on this continent, either for pounds of milk, pounds of butter-fat, or pounds of total solids. Eunice Clay's Statesman has for sire, Aaggie Beauty's 2nd Statesman, that won 1st prize at Ohio State Fair, held at Columbus, this year. The calf had a four davs' journey by express, and Mr. Marwood said he was greatly pleased with him on arrival. We have another well-bred bull just born, from Catholine 5th, the 2-year-old heifer in our show herd. She has never had a calf before, so was at a disadvantage at the fairs this year, though she won 13 prizes in Ohio, as a calf and yearling. She is now swinging a monster udder. We also shipped a number of grade Holsteins to

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A FARMER'S ADVOCATE correspondent, while at Grimsby, inspecting Messrs. Geo. Smith & Son's herd of Jersey cattle (which contains an exceedingly fine lot of cows carrying beautiful udders), went out to see Mr. Edgar Smith's famous herd of Welsh Blood ponie. Those in thestables looked like little English Hackneys or race-horses, being such sleek coated, handsome little fellows. "I rever saw," he writes, "such style and action outside of a Hackney. First Attempt, Mr. Smith's famous running pony, while only 46 inches high, looked every inch a race-horse. There were a large number in the field, where they will stay nearly the whole winter, only coming back to their sheds on the very coldest nights. They are extremely hardy, and cheaply kept. They combine with the beauty, style and action of English Hackney, a splendid disposition, which makes them very popular for ladies' and children's driving or riding. They have also plenty of speed. They are about the same size as the Shetland, but are much handsomer, having fine heads, long, arched necks, clean limbs and good bone. Those in the field are quite rough-coated, but require only a short time to make them look like thoroubreds, as the quality is there and can be quickly developed." Ponies from this place, we might add, have never been beaten in the show ring.