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ly, width of frame, well developed neck-vein, fully arched ribs, and a good appearance generally, the breed undoubtedly possess. Weight is always a great consideration with breeders, and it is gratifying to find that they refuse to give up those oldtime qualities which have made the Hereford of much value as a beef producing beast. There is often a tendency to admire quality to the point of foolishness, but we confess that we can discover no such weakness in Hereford judging either at summer or winter shows Size of frame is, therefore an essential point, but any tendency to coarseness does not find favor.

Question of Color

The question oftcolor is important. For a time there seems to be a run upon very dark colors, but this was only of a temporary nature, and the real red of the Hereford is being maintained probably better today than ever it was. Very dark reds look very well, but it is not a Hereford characteristic, and should therefore be rejected in the same way that a very light red liable to become faded is also taboo. There is one fault, however, in color which we occasionally find, and that is too much white along the shoulder tops, even, mounting to mismarking. Again, the South African buyer prefers the Hereford with a brown ring around the eye. This is a purely local idiosyncrasy, and is founded upon the belief that Herefords so marked not only resist the flies better, but suit the climate as well.

In the matter of outlook there is sometimes a lack of character, particularly in the horns, and Hereford men cannot be too particular about this, as it is the one feature which everyone can observe. Shapely horns certainly give a fine finish and those that run away, particularly the class of horn that is set back, should be rejected. Weak horns one sometimes finds in the male, but as a rule for every weak horn there are two of excessive strength.

The Type Varies

Type certainly varies in respect of form We find very thick bulls, very near the ground and altogether of a blocky type, and others of greater range and scope which stand too high in the limb. In the the matter of flesh bearing, the great difficulty is to get evenness, particularly in animals that have been fed from infancy. This, of course is due to high feeding, and probably in some measure to the fact that the Hereford, being naturally a grass feeder, does not take so kindly to indoor treatment. The show yard, however, demands it, and the breeder must make the best of circumstances as he finds them. -Tor. Globe.

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Shall the occasional accusation that to the great majority of our fair goers agricultural exhibitions are meaningless be allowed topmass unchallenged? Should not we prove by a systematic study of such exhibits that the integrity of the fair should be preserved, and that it is a worthy implement in sowing the seed of a better agriculture?

Popular Cattle Types, No 3.
The Hereford

It is necessary to consider the point of view of the breeder in assuming how closely he has kept to the ideals which have always marked the rearing of Hereford cattle, says a British stockman. His first object is to obtain a hardy animal capable of obtaining its own food where other breeds would fail. The Hereford is essentially an animal for the range, and experience has clearly shown, as Mr. John Clay testified in Edinburgh the other day that in America the Hereford has no equal on the prairies. At home we find this equally true. The Hereford has no equal as a grazer and a grass feeder. That is its true vocation, although for yarding purposes it is largely used. This characteristic, which obviously infers a life in the open, has made it one of the healthiest of our breeds. There are other races which lead an equally open air life, in deed perhaps more so, such for instance, as the West Highland cattle, and probably these races vie with each other in showing the cleanest record in the matter of tuberculosis. It is a very great point, as with the increasing use of the test, particularly for foreign trade, it is necessary that as few rejections as possible should be made. The Hereford has a splendid record in this way, having only a minor percentage of failures, indeed, quite an insignificant proportion. It should be pointed out that these results are obtained not with ordinary commercial cattle, but with line-bred animals, so that it may be assumed that it is quite an error to suppose that breeding upon family lines necessarily imulies any weakening of constitution.

Importance of Strong Constitution

The constitution of the Hereford is essentially of the first importance. Those points which indicate constitution, name-

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