

STOCK GOSSIP.

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The American Southdown Breeders' Association has awarded volumes of the English Flock Book, presented by the English Society, to the following Canadian winners at last year's exhibitions: Geo. Baker & Sons, Simcoe; A. Stimson & Sons, Blackheath, and Guy Carr, Compton Station, Que. The American Association also sent volumes of their own record to R. Shaw & Sons, Glenford Station; T. C. Douglas, Galt, and D. H. Dale, Glendale.

R. B. McMullin, Goldsmith, Ont., writes:—"My first venture in the breed of Poland-China pigs was a trio from the herd of Ed. W. Monnier, of Elizabeth, Illinois, U. S. A. This was in 1891. Mr. Monnier's herd has been prize winners in the U. S. for years. In 1894, I imported a pair from Ohio, U. S. I have been breeding with them every year. The boar that heads my herd now is Joe Corwin (587 Canada Record, Vol. XVI, Ohio Record); he is a boar of good length and finish and extra good bone. I have some good young pigs, sired by him, for sale now. I also have some good August boar pigs, sired by Black Duke 588, for sale cheap. I have made quite a number of sales lately, of which I will send a list soon."

SUMMIT FARM HERD OF DUROC-JERSEYS.

A short drive through a fine agricultural district, and we alighted at the farm of Mr. F. W. Terhune, beautifully situated a couple of miles west of the busy manufacturing city of Brantford, overlooking a lovely valley and a fine stretch of the surrounding country. At the time of our visit we found Mr. Terhune busy constructing extensive pens, with the view of making a specialty of breeding Duroc-Jersey swine. Mr. Terhune is one of the enterprising young men of that district, and his intention is to bring this, his chosen breed, to a still higher standard, believing them to have special merits which will recommend them to the public as the hog destined to fill the feeders' pens. We noticed among this herd a number of fine young sows in farrow; also a number of nice young shoats. Mr. Terhune is prepared to supply young pigs of both sexes from two to eight months old at prices to suit the times.

MR. PETER LAMARSH'S DUROC-JERSEY HERD.

The writer also had the pleasure, on a recent trip through the western counties, of calling on Mr. Peter Lammarsh, of Wheatley, Essex Co., and inspecting his herd of Duroc-Jersey swine. Mr. Lammarsh was one of the first to bring this comparatively new breed into the country. He is a strong advocate of their many merits, and claims that in many respects they are the most profitable all-round general purpose hog, being hardy, of a contented disposition, easy feeders, quick maturers and very prolific. We found this herd in good breeding shape, and Mr. Lammarsh prepared to supply customers with a good article at the right price.

MR. ISRAEL CRESSMAN'S BERKSHIRES.

About half a mile north of New Dundee, and six miles north of Ayr, lies the farm of Mr. Cressman, who has given special attention during the last few years to the breeding of Berkshires, and has succeeded in establishing an excellent herd, numbering at present about sixty head, the foundation of which was laid by a selection from the well-known herds of Mr. N. Benjafield, Mr. Combe, Dorset, Eng., and Colonel Jenking, Abington, Eng. Mr. Cressman still pursues the old line adopted when he began breeding, of just keeping his herd in good breeding shape, believing too much valuable stock is ruined by over-feeding. The imported boar, Dorset Chieftain, bred by N. Benjafield, and imported by Mr. J. C. Snell (a strong, useful animal—lengthy, with good deep sides, and hams well fleshed down to hocks)—heads the herd, and has proved himself a good sire. Lord Haxter (imp. in dam), sired by Lucky Bargee, is another good boar that has been used to great advantage. The imp. sow, Kingston 17th, has proved herself a sure and good breeder, as also has the imp. sow, Kingston 19th (sired by Plymouth Excelsior), which was suckling a good strong litter of young pigs at the time of our visit. Mr. Cressman has eight good young boars (imp. in dams) ready for service; and also a few fine young sows (imp. in dams), which should fill the bill for those desiring well-bred pigs in good breeding shape. He is prepared to fill orders for imp. or home-bred pigs of either sex. He reports brisk business done, having made sales to the following gentlemen:—J. Kensie, Doon, boar; H. Bear, Mannheim, boar; J. F. Master, New Dundee, sow; Paxton Bros., St. George, pair sows; J. Weber, Waterloo, sow; Mr. Geiger, Washington, boar; J. Meyers, Kossuth, boar and sow (imp.).

NOTICE.

While talking with Mr. Mathews, of Kingston, one day last month the owner and works a large farm near there, he told me of a little experience he had with a piece of the Page fence which he has on his farm. When in town one day he was asked to keep and pasture a horse that belonged to the late Major Short, of "A" Battery, Quebec. He consented not knowing that the horse was a stallion, and gave instructions to have him taken to the farm, where he was put in a box stall. When Mr. Mathews returned home and opened the stall door, the horse jumped out and started full speed for the road, about 200 yards across the pasture field, where he encountered a piece of the eleven bar fence, which he attempted to jump, but struck the top wires about fifteen feet from a post, breaking the post off at the ground and falling back into the field, with his legs entangled in the fence. After struggling for a time, the horse became quiet, when he was released. It was found that he was not injured in the slightest possible way, while the only damage to the fence, besides the post, was two of the little cross wires broken between the two top horizontal wires. This horse weighs about 1,400 pounds, so you can form some idea of the strain exerted upon the wires. Where would any other wire fence have been after such an experience? And you can imagine what condition the horse would have been in if the wire had been barbed. Mr. Mathews expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the fence, and will have more of it as soon as possible. [N. C. Rothwell in the Coiled Spring, Walkerville.]

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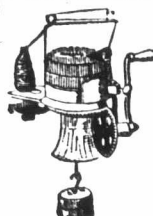
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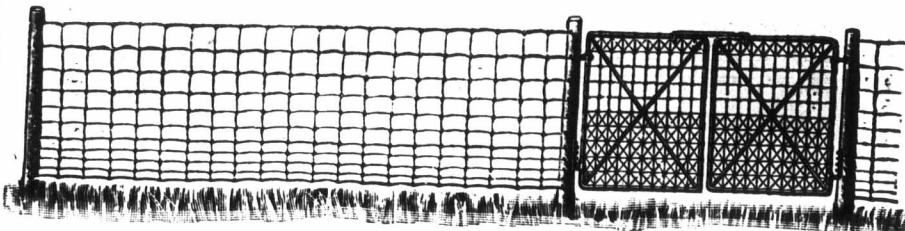
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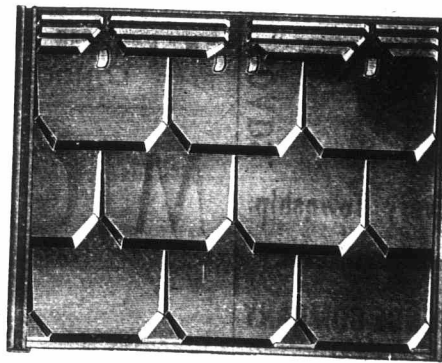
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