

Sorghum Syrup.

At the direction of United States Secretary Wilson, Farmers' Bulletin No. 477, dealing with the manufacture of Sorghum Syrup, will soon be issued. The bulletin treats the industry from the time the seed is planted until it reaches the consumer at the breakfast-table.

"When the extension of the sorghum industry was first advocated," says the bulletin, "it was thought that this crop would play a notable part in supplying the nation's sugar on account of its wider distribution than sugar-cane, or sugar beets, its large yield per acre, and ease of cultivation, and its rather high sucrose content." "After many trials, however, it was found that the juices, although rich in sucrose, contained some reducing sugars, and also quite a large percentage of gums and gummy material which on concentration prevented crystallization. After these experiments were made, the question of using sorghum for sugar and syrup manufacture was dropped to a great extent until more recently, when the manufacture of sorghum syrup has been, in a measure, revived. This is true particularly in the regions where maple syrup was formerly made in notable quantities, as well as in the old sorghum States, and has been brought about in part by the depletion of the maple forests, and by the scarcity of the old-time cane syrup and molasses, and also by the fact that with patent evaporators, a good, light-colored sorghum syrup, with a pleasing taste, can be obtained."

Tennessee produces the greatest amount of sorghum, leading the other States with a production of 2,047,655 gallons. Missouri is a close second, with North Carolina third. Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, and Mississippi, follow in close order. A considerable amount of the product is produced in Texas, Georgia, Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, Iowa, South Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. For ten years following 1890, there was a falling off in the quantity of sorghum produced in the United States of over eight million gallons.

GOSSIP.

Henry Arkell & Son, Arkell, Ont., breeders of Oxford Down sheep, write: "We have sold retail since December first, thanks to 'The Farmer's Advocate,' sixty ewes, coming two years old, bred to our champion imported ram."

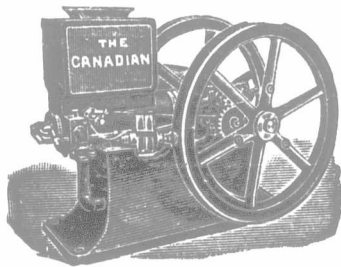
Volume 29, of the English Hackney Studbook, containing pedigree records of 298 stallions and 536 mares, has been issued from the office of the Society, 12 Hanover Square, London, W., Secretary Frank F. Euren. In this volume special notice is given that in volume 31, and subsequent volumes, no stallion or mare will be registered unless by a registered sire, out of a registered dam.

DISPERSION HOLSTEIN SALE.

Owing to his retiring from farming, Geo. Forester, of Gormley P. O., York County, Ontario, on the C. N. R., 26 miles north of Toronto, will sell at auction, on Thursday, March 14th, as advertised in this issue, his entire herd of 46 richly-bred, high-producing Holsteins, combining good type, quality and constitution with heavy milking capacity, the stock bulls used having been the best obtainable, including Inka Hengerfeld De Kol, and Salvador Cornelius Posch, winner of third at Toronto Exhibition last year. With the Record of Performance backing of such richly-bred sires, the progeny can scarcely fail to be of a high-class producing order.

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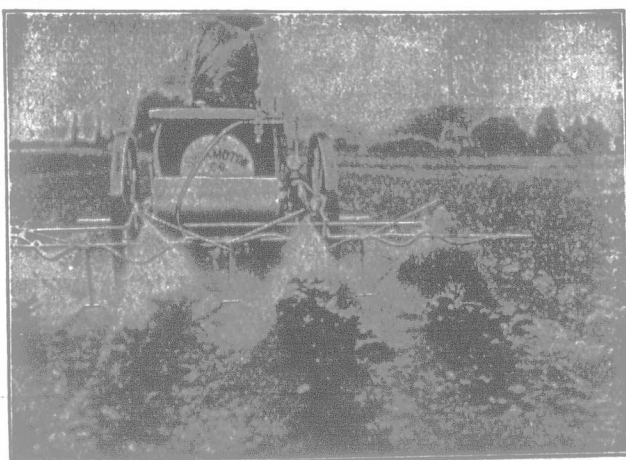
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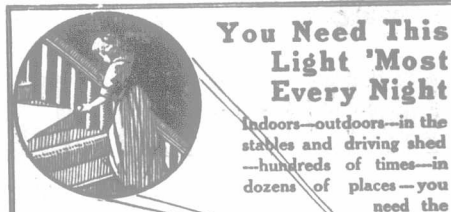
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