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### GOSSIP.

Mr. Reuben Gentry, of Danville, Ky., who showed Berkshires with great success at the Omaha exhibition last year, and afterwards sold out his herd by auction, has accepted the position of manager of the Berkshire herd at the Billmore farm of Mr. George Vanderbilt. Mr. Gentry went to England in January for an importation of Berkshires to strengthen the Billmore herd, and is returning with a large number of pigs (principally young things), with a few noted breeding boars and sows selected from a number of the best known herds.

At the Birmingham Shorthorn show and sale, March 1st to 3rd, the total entries were 458. The first prize bull, over 12 and under 15 months old, Manor Victor, owned by Mr. A. Hiscox, jr., Motcombe, was sold for 205 guineas (\$1,075) to Hon. W. F. D. Smith. Mr. Atkinson's Estimation won first in the class over 10 and under 21 months, and was sold for 200 guineas for Buenos Ayres. Mr. T. R. Wilkin's Cashier, bred in Aberdeenshire, 4 years old, won first in the aged class and brought 77 guineas. For bulls over 15 and not over 21 months, Captain Duncombe's Pearl Diver was first, and brought 68 guineas; while Mr. Wyatt's Lavender Lad 3rd, the second prize winner in the same class, brought 140 guineas. Hon. W. F. D. Smith being the buyer. Mr. Brierley's first prize bull calf, Royal Jeweller, sold for 120 guineas to Mr. Jones, and Mr. Folgamb's second prize calf, Beau Sabreur, brought 82 guineas; fifty-four head averaged £62 10s., or about \$312.

At the Inverness bull show and sale, March 1st, Lord Lovat's first-prize winner in the junior class, and the champion of the breed at this show, Falstaff, a magnificently fleshed and shaped red son of Royal Star, was purchased by Mr. Duthie, of Collynie, at 200 guineas, Mr. McPellor, of Buenos Ayres, being his closest competitor. Dictator, from the same herd and by the same sire, fell to Mr. Perrins, of Ardross, at 50 guineas. For his four bulls at Inverness, Lord Lovat realized an average of £82 8s. 6d., which is even better than his Perth average of £73 10s. The next best average in the Shorthorn section was Rosebough's £34 13s. 6d. for four, Balmakie being third with £33 12s. 6d. for five. The highest average in the Polled-Angus section was made by the Countess Dowager of Seafeld, who sold three at £44 16s. each. Mr. Bruce was second with £37 5s. for four, and Sir George Macpherson Grant third with £33 19s. for six. The highest priced bull was Prince of Waterside, sold for 51 guineas.

### HIGH-PRICED DODDIES.

At the public sale of Aberdeen-Angus cattle made by J. Evans & Son, Emerson, Iowa, at South Omaha, March 10th, the bull Gay Lad 19538 sold for \$3,050 to Thomas Mattison, South Charlestown, Ohio. Another bull, Lad of Emerson, brought \$1,005, and three others from \$500 to \$800. The cow Blackcap's Beauty brought \$1,105, and Blackbird of Emerson \$1,000. W. A. Henry, Denison, Iowa, being the buyer of both. Fifteen other females sold from \$500 to \$700 each; twenty-eight bulls averaged \$446.00; sixty-nine females, \$398; ninety-seven head, \$408 each.

### IMPORTED BUFF ORPINGTON EGGS.

Poultrymen who wish to secure or maintain a position in the very forefront in the matter of introducing new breeds of fowls of a very desirable sort will be glad to see the advertisement in this issue of the new English breed—Rose-combed Buff Orpington—eggs of which are offered by Mr. T. G. Binney, Houghton Green, Playden, Sussex, Eng. Mr. Binney is an honorable gentleman and notable breeder of this desirable, comparatively new sort of fowls, and has a number of well-selected, high-scoring, unrelated pens. Orders received by him will have his prompt and careful attention, and will be packed carefully and well.

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In the poultry business Mr. Wicks has made breeding and developing a life-long study. He keeps in touch with many of the best English breeders, and is constantly receiving consignments of eggs and birds. He is running several different varieties, as his advertisement shows, and this spring has imported a consignment of the new variety known as Buff Orpingtons, which promise to become very popular in the near future. As Mr. Wicks was working on a modern incubator at the time of our visit, he will likely be heard from upon that line in the near future.

### SALE OF SHIRE HORSES AT THE LONDON SHOW.

At the sale of Shires held in connection with the London show last month, 163 stallions and mares averaged £74 18s. 7d. The highest price was 400 guineas for the aged stallion Hitchin Drayman II. The two-year-old stallion, Hallmark, by Calwick Hellroom, brought 310 gs.; the three-year-old stallion, Moor's Statesman, by Regent II, 200 guineas, and the two-year-old filly, Jubilee Shire Queen, by King of the Toms, 210 guineas, which was the highest price for a mare.

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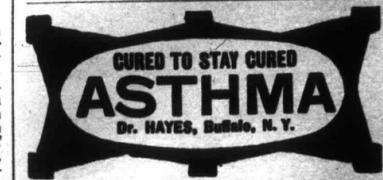
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