THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

GOSSIP.

E. Jeffs & Son, Stoneleigh Stock Farm. Bond Head, Ont., write, ordering a change of advertisement, as they have sold the yearling Shorthorn bulls through the ad. in "The Farmer's Advocate," but have this season's crop of calves, lambs and pigs; also young cows, in calf to Famous Pride (imp.), and which are sired by such bulls as Royal Lucerne =60945=. Wynock Chief =49146=, Gladiator (imp.), Prince Arthur =23377=, Heisat-Law =34563=, etc., etc. The Leicesters are sired by Fennell, Douglas and Smith rams, and the young pigs are sired by Oakdale Masterpicce -15752-, by Royal Kingstone (imp.) -14339-. The above young things are all in good shape, and well worth looking after by intending purchasers.

IMPORTANCE OF STOCK SHOWS. Within the past few years a new educational factor in American agriculture and live-stock husbandry has taken prominence in this country. The agricultural fair and the live-stock show are not new. But the part they have been playing in the education of farmers and live-stock breeders has, within the past decade, taken on a wonderful new life. There was, and still is, a growing demand for better things from the field and feed lot. The consumer has demanded it, and the farmes's bank account demands it. Land has become too valuable, and prices of feeds have become established upon a permanent level that is too high to permit of scrub stock making the profits they once did. The agricultural college, where young men could be trained in the study of soils, in the study of crops, and how to get the biggest yields, and the improvement of live stock, became a necessity with the coming of the age when there is no more cheap land.

Supplemental to the agricultural school where farming was transformed into a profession rather than an occupation. comes the agricultural and live-stock show and these occupy a field distinct, unique, and useful. They are a school, a short course in agriculture and animal husbandry, where there is recreation and instruction for the farmer, his wife, his sons and daughters, as well as for the business man and the society lady of the city.-Live-stock Report.

SPRINGBANK OXFORD DOWNS.

Reports from across the lines indicate that Canadian sheep will be in active demand this fall, as certainly United States FOUNDED 1866

MIDDLEBROOK ABERDEEN-ANGUS.

Among the several beef breeds of cattle of late years, the Polled Angus. or Aberdeen-Angus, are surely forging to the front as the breed that produces champions in the fat-show contests. Prominent among the several choice herds of Ontario is Middlebrook herd, the property of John Lowe, Elora, Ont., whose splendid farm, Middlebrook, lies in Wellington County, three miles from Elora, G. T R. and C. P. R., and the very pronounced success of his entries at Toronto and London last year, as well as at the Guelph Fat-stock Show, is indisputable proof that his herd ranks among the very best in the country. His main stock bull, Elm Park Ringleader 1817, winner of first and reserve cnampion at Toronto, and first and grand champion at London, 1908, is pronounced by competent judges one of the most perfect specimens of the breed in this country. He belongs to the Rose of Erica family, is sired by that great show bull, Prince of Benton (imp.), and out of E. P. Belle 2nd, by 1.ord Aberdeen 3rd. He is four years old, weighs over a ton, and is $\mathrm{low-down}_{\mathtt{h}}$ thick-fleshed and mellow. As his heifers are now of breeding age, he is for sale, a grand opportunity for someone wanting an extra-good stock bull. Second in service is Hundred 2852, bred by J. S. Goodwin, Chicago, Ill., sired by Black Mark Twain, dam Blooming Heather 3rd, by Black Cap King. This bull certainly promises to be the coming champion. Last fall he was first at Toronto and London as a calf, and is in fine shape for this year's shows. The females belong to the Bloom, Mayflower and Favorite strains. They are a high-class lot, very large and thick-fleshed, put up on show lines, many of them weighing 1,600 to 1,700 lbs. E. P. Pride 2nd 1818, imported in dam, is something extra-choice. Last year she was second at London. She is proving a grand breeder, two of her daughters being fit for any company, her latest calf being a bull, now nine months old, sired by the champion E. P. Ringleader. He is an extra-nice calf, and will make a grand herd-header. For sale in bulls, besides the stock bull mentioned, are four from two to nine months of age, a grand, straight lot, of superior quality. Females of all ages can be bought at right prices. Parties interested should look up Mr. Lowe's entry at Tosonto and London this fall. It may be of interest to readers to know that Mr. Lowe's yearling steer that won the grand championship at Guelph last winter, killed out 67 per cent. of beef.

BOOK REVIEW

"DRY FARMING,"-From the Secreranchmen are needing a very large num- tary. John T. Burns, of Denves, Col., we in the report of the



Heavý Galvanized Steel

Stock Watering Trough

Large White Yorkshires

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Maplehurst Herd of Tamworth Swine Bronze Turkeys, Toulouse Geese, Pekin Bronze Turkeys, Toulouse Geese Ducks, S.-C. W. Leghorns

Tamworths of excellent breeding and ideal baco

