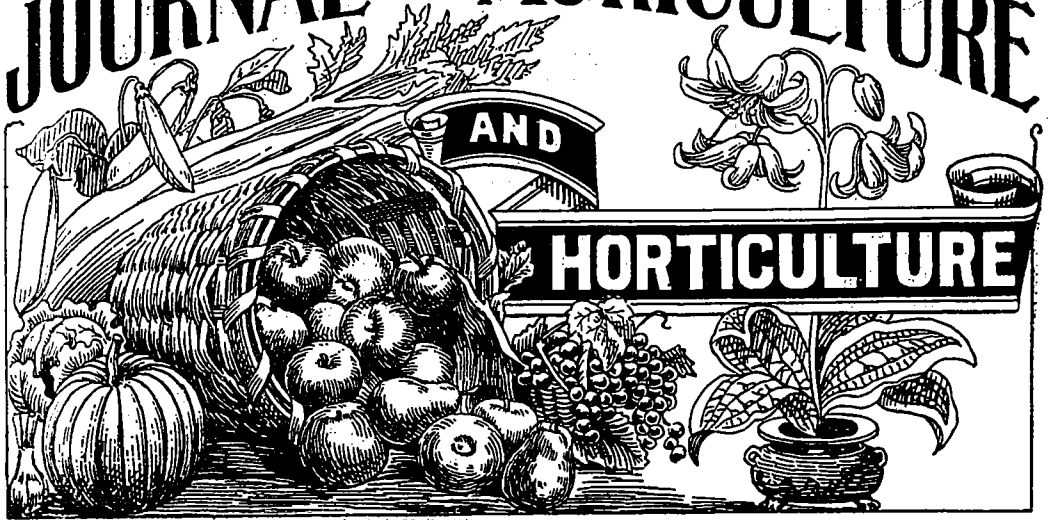


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## Notes by the Way.

**Dairy-Shorthorns.**—In spite of the opinion of several of our U. S. contemporaries, we still adhere firmly to our appreciation of the *dairy-shorthorn* as the best farmer's cow. We give below an engraving of the Champion of the London, Eng., dairy-show. She is not the least like any of the favourite patterns of the Editor of *Hoard's Dairyman*, and, according to the English farmer's ideas, so much the better. This cow of Mr. Spencer's gave 65 lbs. of milk in one day, from which 2 lbs. 9 oz. of butter was made. The three highest places in the *open class* for actual production all went to shorthorns and in the class for cross-breeds, two out of three were shorthorn-grades. Last year's winner was a shorthorn; in fact, barring "hukes," as the slang term goes, such as the championship being won by that excellent butcher's beast a polled Angus, shorthorns have beaten all-England three times out of four. If this year's champion is not the model of what a dairy-cow ought to be, we know nothing about it (the teats are badly represented in our cut); and would not she fat when done milking? (1)

**Dilatoriness.**—A friend of ours travelled from Montreal to a place 100 miles beyond Ottawa, starting on Saturday, April 9th, and returning on Monday the 11th, and, to his great surprise, he did not see one plough or one harrow-team at work on the land during the whole time. Our friend is a Scotsman and accustomed to the land; so when he says the soil was in thoroughly good working order, he is speaking of matters that he understands.

We do not see whence this reluctance to early cultivation springs. Talking to a young farmer from Verdun, we asked him (April 17th) if he had got most of his grain in. "Oh! no," replied he, "it is too soon; only think if a lot of cold wind and rain should come!"

(1) Mr. James Cochrane tells me he is importing a herd of Dairy-Shorthorns of the best strains to be found in Britain. ED.