

## Cradle Song.

J. G. Holland.

What is the little one thinking about?  
 Very wonderful things, no doubt;  
 Unwritten history!  
 Unfathomed mystery!  
 Yet he chuckles, and crows, and nods,  
 and winks,  
 As if his head were all full of kinks  
 And curious riddles as any sphinx!  
 Warped by colic, and wet by tears,  
 Punctured by pins, and tortured by fears,  
 Our little nephew will lose two years;  
 And he'll never know  
 Where the summers go;  
 He need not laugh, or he'll find it so.

Who can tell what a baby thinks?  
 Who can follow the gossamer links  
 By which the manikin feels his way  
 Out from the shore of the great unknown,  
 Blind, and wailing, and alone,  
 Into the light of day?  
 Out from the shore of the unknown sea,  
 Tossing in pitiful agony;  
 Of the unknown sea that reels and rolls,  
 Speckled with the barks of little souls—  
 Barks that were launched on the other  
 side,  
 And slipped from heaven on an ebbing  
 tide!  
 What does he think of his mother's  
 eyes?  
 What does he think of his mother's hair?  
 What of the cradle-roof, that flies  
 Forward and backward through the air?  
 What does he think of his mother's breast,  
 Bare and beautiful, smooth and white,  
 Seeking it ever with fresh delight,  
 Cup of his life, and couch of his rest?  
 What does he think, when her quick em-  
 brace  
 Presses his hand and buries his face  
 Deep where the heart-throbs sink and  
 swell,  
 With a tenderness she can never tell?  
 Though she murmurs the words  
 Of all the birds—  
 Words she has learned to murmur well!  
 Now he thinks he'll go to sleep!  
 I can see the shadow creep  
 Over his eyes in soft eclipse,  
 Over his brow, and over his lips,  
 Out to his little finger-tips!  
 Softly sinking, down he goes!  
 Down he goes! down he goes!  
 See! he's hushed in sweet repose.

## The New Brother.

Say, I've got a little brother,  
 Never teased to have him, nuther,  
 But he's here;  
 They just went ahead and bought him;  
 And, last week, the doctor brought him;  
 Wasn't that queer?

When I heard the news from Molly,  
 Why, I thought at first 'twas jolly,  
 'Cause, you see,  
 I s'posed I could go and get him,  
 And then, mamma, course, would let  
 him  
 Play with me.

But when I had once looked at him,  
 "Why!" I says, "My sakes, is that  
 him?  
 Just that mite!"  
 They said: "Yes," and, "Ain't he  
 cunnin'?"  
 And I thought they must be fumm'-  
 He's a sight!

He's so small, it's just amazin',  
 And you'd think that he was blazin'  
 He's so red,  
 And his nose is like a berry,  
 And he's bald as Uncle Jerry  
 On his head.

Why, he isn't worth a dollar!  
 All he does is cry and holler  
 More and more.  
 Won't sit up, you can't arrange him—  
 I don't see why pa don't change him  
 At the store.

Now we've got to dress and feed him,  
 And we really didn't need him  
 More'n a frog;  
 Why'd they buy a baby brother  
 When they knew I'd a good deal rather  
 Have a dog?

—The Entail, in Prairie Farmer.

## TRADE TOPIC.

**BUY THE BEST.**—English manufac-  
 tured goods have the reputation of lead-  
 ing all others in quality and finish.  
 Years of experience have taught the  
 manufacturers what best suits the trade,  
 and consequently the best class of goods  
 to be found to-day are those made by  
 British firms. Among the leading lines  
 of harness soaps, oils and pastes are the  
 harness requisites of H. & S. Harris.  
 Their Canadian agent is B. & S. H.  
 Thompson, Montreal, who will be pleased  
 to furnish enquirers with the Harris soaps,  
 oils, dyes, blacking, pastes, etc.

## GOSSIP.

A partner is wanted by F. J. Gallan-  
 ough, 75 Albany Ave., Toronto, to take  
 an interest in a creamery business with-  
 in thirty miles of that city. See the  
 advertisement.

Nan—Is there any infalMble cure for  
 seasickness?  
 Tom—Oh, yes; when you feel the symp-  
 toms coming on all you have to do is to  
 go out and sit under a tree. You will  
 very soon recover.

## A GOOD TESTING HERD.

Mr. J. G. Clark, Ottawa, sends us a  
 list of the yearly milk and butter yields  
 of 20 Ayrshire cows in his Woodroffe  
 herd, showing milk records of from  
 6,213 lbs. to 11,262 lbs., and an average  
 of 8,382 lbs. of milk in the year for  
 the 20 cows, with butter-fat tests rang-  
 ing from 3.5 per cent. to 4.85 per cent.,  
 and estimated butter yields of 270 lbs.  
 to 470 lbs., and an average of 374.5  
 lbs. Mr. Clark has young bulls for  
 sale, bred from five of these cows, some  
 of which are among the highest testing.

## THE MARKDALE SHORTHORN SALE.

Breeders and farmers interested in im-  
 proving their cattle stock will do well  
 to keep in mind and attend the disper-  
 sion sale on Feb. 24th of the entire herd  
 of 54 head of Shorthorns belonging to  
 Mr. Thos. Mercer, at Markdale, Ont., a  
 station on the Owen Sound branch of  
 the C. P. R. The catalogue of this sale  
 shows a herd exceptionally richly  
 bred on the lines now so generally ap-  
 proved and sought after by up-to-date  
 breeders and buyers. There are three  
 imported Scotch-bred bulls, including  
 the stock-bull with which the cows and  
 heifers of breeding age have been mated,  
 a number having calves by the same sire.  
 The females, mostly young or in the  
 prime of life, represent some of the most  
 highly-prized Scotch families, and should  
 be eagerly sought after by breeders  
 wanting foundation stock or new blood.

Attention is again directed to the ad-  
 vertisement of the dispersion sale on  
 Feb. 24th of the entire herd of 30  
 Shorthorns, 50 Shropshire sheep and a  
 number of valuable Clydesdale mares, the  
 property of Mr. Leonard Burnett, Green-  
 bank, Ont., who has leased his farm, and  
 is selling out his stock unreservedly.  
 The advance sheets of the catalogue re-  
 ceived show that the cattle are richly  
 bred, the herd having had the benefit of  
 an exceptionally strong list of Scotch-  
 bred bulls, imported and bred from im-  
 ported stock, and we are assured by  
 those who have seen the herd that the  
 cattle are of the right type and in fine  
 condition, but not pampered; while the  
 females of breeding age are in calf or  
 have calves at foot by the imported Duthie  
 bred bull, Count Sarcasm, of the Sittyton  
 Secret tribe, who is also included in sale.

The Shropshire sheep, mostly breeding  
 ewes and lambs of last year, should  
 prove an attractive feature, as they are  
 bred straight from first-class importations,  
 and the Clydesdale mares should  
 go like hot cakes. This sale is held in a  
 section of the province noted for good  
 stock of the classes offered and should  
 attract buyers from many districts, who  
 may depend upon receiving honorable  
 treatment. The farm is nearly equidis-  
 tant from both Exbridge on the Mid-  
 land and Port Hope on the Whitby  
 branches of the C. P. R.



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## SHORTHORNS AT AUCTION

Wednesday, March 2nd,

at the residence of 6, Township of Lobo, 6 miles north of Komoka, G. T. R.  
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 yearling bull, 6 months to 2 years old. Terms—7 months' credit on  
 cash, 6 per cent. per annum off for cash. For catalogues  
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Mr. Henry Wade, Toronto, advertises  
 for certain volumes of Canadian Herd  
 and Stud books, for which he will pay  
 cash.

Five Shorthorn bulls, one to three  
 years old, the latter imported, two im-  
 ported in dam and two from Scotch-bred  
 sire and dam; also heifers of various  
 ages, are advertised for sale by Mr. Alex.  
 Burns, Rockwood, Ont.

Attention is called to the advertise-  
 ment of the auction sale to take place  
 on March 2nd, of the small herd of  
 Shorthorns belonging to Messrs. Nell  
 Sinclair & Son, Coldstream, Ont., to-  
 gether with a few from the herd of  
 Messrs. T. Douglas & Sons, Strathroy.  
 The stock bull at the head of Messrs.  
 Sinclair's herd, which is included in the  
 sale, is Scottish Diamond =44405=, a  
 roan two-year-old son of the imported  
 Scotch bull, Diamond Jubilee, dam Scot-  
 tish Maud, by Valkyrie =21806=, by the  
 champion Abbotsford. The females are  
 all Scotch-topped, a first-class selection  
 of bulls having been used for many  
 years in both herds. A half-dozen  
 richly-bred young bulls are included.  
 Further particulars will be given next  
 week. In the meantime the catalogue  
 will be mailed on application.

Holstein breeders and dairymen gener-  
 ally are reminded of the auction sale to  
 take place on March 3rd of thirty high-  
 class registered Holstein cattle from the  
 noted herd of Mr. A. C. Hallman, of  
 Breslau, Ont., at his Springbrook Farm,  
 one mile from Breslau station, on the G.  
 T. R., ten miles west of Guelph. The  
 offering consists of young cows, heifers  
 and bulls, bred from deep-milking dams,  
 and mostly sired by the champion bull,  
 Judge Akrum De Kol 3rd, winner of first  
 prize at Toronto in 1901 for best bull  
 and four of his get. He won first and  
 sweepstakes as best bull any age at To-  
 ronto, 1902 and 1903, and was sire of  
 the second-prize breeder's herd in 1902,  
 and second and fourth herds in 1903, and  
 sired many of the prizewinners in the  
 classes at Toronto and London. Parties  
 interested should send early for the cata-  
 logue.

## GLEN ALLAN SHORTHORN SALE.

In the offering of nineteen head of  
 Shorthorns from the Glen Allan  
 herd of Mr. S. Dymont, Barrie,  
 Ontario, to take place on March 17th, are  
 included a lot of breedy, useful heifers  
 that have never been pampered for  
 special occasions. The bulls are also re-  
 markable for their strength of bone,  
 thrift and general ruggedness. The  
 foundation of the herd was selected from  
 such noted herds as that of J. & W.  
 Russell, of Richmond Hill; the late Col.  
 Tyrwhitt, Bradford; Chas. Rankin,  
 Wyebridge; J. G. Morton, and Geo.  
 Raikes, of Barrie. Being in the milk  
 business for some time, Mr. Dymont did  
 not neglect to look for a certain amount  
 of usefulness at the pail when he selected  
 his females. The bulls used in the herd  
 of late have been Imperial =34593=, a  
 roan bull of Mr. Dymont's own breeding  
 that stood fifth in that exceptionally  
 strong class of three-year-olds at To-  
 ronto last fall. He was sired by Sir  
 Adolphe, by Albert Victor =6315= (imp.)  
 and Lord Roberts =36272=, bred by Mr.  
 Alex. Moore, Greenwood, and sired by  
 the imported Sirius =15281=, having for  
 dam, Isabella =30311=, by Indian Chief.

This sale being the second annual one  
 held at Glen Allan, affords an opportu-  
 nity for a wide circle of breeders to re-  
 plenish their stock or begin the founda-  
 tion of a herd of pure-bred Shorthorns. In  
 the northern counties there is an immense  
 scope for the development of live-stock  
 breeding, to which such sales as that of  
 the 17th of March at Allandale should  
 be but an incentive to greater achieve-  
 ments. The arrangements for the sale  
 are all well in hand. Captain T. H.  
 Robson will swing the hammer, and buy-  
 ers may depend on finding good stock and  
 receiving liberal treatment.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

1st.—Questions asked by bona-fide subscribers  
 to the "Farmer's Advocate" are answered in  
 this department free.

2nd.—Questions should be clearly stated and  
 plainly written, on one side of the paper only,  
 and must be accompanied by the full name  
 and address of the writer.

3rd.—In veterinary questions, the symptoms  
 especially must be fully and clearly stated,  
 otherwise satisfactory replies cannot be given.  
 4th.—When a reply by mail is required to  
 urgent veterinary or legal enquiries, \$1 must  
 be enclosed.

## Miscellaneous.

STUMP FENCING—BOOK-BUYING—MAIN-  
TAINING LINE FENCE.

1. A bought a farm consisting of 75  
 acres (part lot 18, 50 acres, and part  
 lot 17, 25 acres). When A bought  
 farm he made stump fence, 60 rods, half  
 way across lots 18 and 17. South  
 farm, 75 acres (50 acres, lot 18, and  
 25 acres, lot 17), was owned by B.  
 Now B has sold lot 18 (50 acres) to C,  
 and lot 17 (25 acres) to D. Has A  
 got to give C part of his stump fence for  
 nothing, or can A remove his extra  
 stump fence?

2. A ordered book from agent in 1902,  
 in early summer, to be delivered in fall.  
 The book was not delivered in 1902.  
 Can A be compelled to take it now?

3. If A owns lot 7, north half, and B  
 owns part lot 7, south half, can A be  
 compelled to keep his half of fence up?  
 Ont. SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—1. This is a matter to be de-  
 cided by fenceviewers, in case the parties  
 should find themselves unable to come to  
 an agreement. There is no hard and  
 fast rule of law to govern it.  
 2. No. 3. Yes.

## FLAX—ARTICHOKES.

Would you kindly inform me as to the  
 advisability of sowing flax with oats and  
 barley (mixed crop), the same to be  
 used as chop; also in what proportion?  
 2. Would you advise planting arti-  
 chokes for hogs to root out? For how  
 many years would they grow profitably,  
 provided they were not rooted out too  
 closely? Are they planted whole or in  
 sets? H. M. S.

Ans.—1. About the only recommenda-  
 tion such a scheme has is that it looks  
 attractive or sounds well to have flax  
 mixed with oats or barley. In practice,  
 it does not work out. The flax-stalk  
 is tough to cut, and dulls the cutting  
 knives. It makes the grain harder to  
 thresh. It depreciates the value of the  
 straw for feed or bedding; and the crop  
 appears in the land for many years  
 following, unless special methods of cul-  
 tivation are followed. It is worth  
 while, however, when a very early  
 variety of oats can be obtained, to grow  
 a mixture of oats and barley, when the  
 grain is to be used for feed.

2. Considering the length of time  
 artichokes have been known to the pub-  
 lic, they have not increased very rapidly in  
 favor, but by some who have grown them  
 they are very highly recommended. Direc-  
 tions for planting are given in our Febru-  
 ary 4th issue, and they would remain in  
 the ground indefinitely if allowed. The  
 tubers are planted whole. If it is de-  
 cided to grow artichokes, a plot should  
 be fenced off near the piggery and used  
 for no other purpose. They are a splen-  
 did crop to give hogs a tone in the fall  
 and to induce exercise.

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