

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**  
Miscellaneous.

**REGISTERING PURE-BRED HOLSTEINS.**

Please let me know, through your paper, how I can get pure-bred Holsteins registered, and particulars in regard to fees, etc.

J. H. S.

Ans.—Write the Secretary, G. W. Clemens, St. George, Ont., who will send you blank forms of application for the number you wish to register, together with the necessary information as to fees, etc.

**REGISTERING SHORTHORNS IN A. S. H. B.**

Please give, through the columns of your valuable paper, the address of the Secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association. Also rules and regulations for registering in the A. S. H. B.

SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—The address of the Secretary is John W. Groves, Union Stock-yards, Chicago, Ill. The rules are lengthy. We advise you to send the Secretary a copy of the pedigree, or pedigrees, you wish to record, asking him to inform you what the cost will be, since it is probable that some ancestors will require to be recorded in the A. S. H. B. in order to conform to the rules.

**CHRISTMAS NUMBER VERSE.**

Please publish the verse which appeared in "The Farmer's Advocate," I think, Christmas Number, a few years ago. The last lines are:

A maiden Empire's making  
A mother Empire's bread.

READER.

Ans.—Contrary to our usual policy, we accede to our subscriber's request in this case and reproduce the verse desired, owing to its brevity. It is useless to ask us to reproduce poems of any length, as space does not permit.

"The golden fields are waving,  
The sun sets golden red,  
A sleeping Empire 's waking,  
An Empire's day is breaking,  
A maiden Empire 's making  
A mother Empire's bread."

**TANNING CAT OR DOG SKINS.**

1. Give me a recipe for tanning a cat skin.  
J. D. R.  
2. What is a good recipe for curing and tanning dog skins?  
G. P.

Ans.—Directions for tanning skins with the fur on have appeared in recent issues of "The Farmer's Advocate." Provided it is considered too expensive and inadvisable to send the skins to a competent tanner, the following is a simple and standard treatment: Stretch the skin tightly and smoothly on a board, hair side down. Scrape off the loose flesh and fat with a blunt knife and work in chalk freely with liberal rubbing. When the chalk begins to powder and fall off, remove the skin from the board, rub in plenty of powdered alum, wrap up closely and leave in a dry place for a few days. It will remain pliable and retain the hair.

**BREEDING GEESE.**

1. Will geese breed well in flocks where there are two or more ganders?  
2. How old may they be and still be good for breeding purposes?  
3. What is the correct way to mate them?  
OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Ans.—1. You are perfectly safe in allowing more ganders than one in a flock of geese. Usually the average is about three geese to one gander. The number depends on the age of the gander, and on the breed to some extent. Young ganders sometimes persist in mating only with one goose. Two geese to a gander may be considered a desirable ratio. Strange ganders may not agree at first, but after a time little fighting is noticed.

2. Male birds are best at three or four years up to six or seven years. Females are claimed to be good up to ten or twelve years.

3. In mating, it is well to select standard birds of each sex to produce exhibition birds. When raising for market only, cross breeding is common.

**GOSSIP.**

**MEXICAN WHEAT DUTY REDUCED.**

The Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, has been advised by cable to Mr. A. W. Donley, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Mexico, that the Mexican duty on wheat has been reduced from \$1.50 gold per 220 lbs. to 50c. gold per 220 lbs. The reduction will be effective from December 15 to April 30.

**MONKLAND YORKSHIRES.**

A few years ago, in connection with their milling and farming operations, the firm of James Wilson & Sons, of Fergus, Ont., entered on the importing and breeding of large English Yorkshire hogs. After careful investigation into the merits of the several strains of Yorkshires in England, they decided that the short-nosed strain was decidedly the most profitable for all purposes, for, while possessing abundance of length and depth of side for ideal bacon purposes, they were superior in quarter, and decidedly easier feeders than the longer-nosed strain. The popularity of the Monkland Yorkshires wherever they have gone, which means from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as well as several States of the Union, proves that they are the kind the general farming public are looking for. Although for a year or more past the trade in pure-bred hogs has been rather slow, this firm has shipped a great many, principally to Quebec, New Brunswick and the United States, and only lately over 60 head have gone to the Canadian Northwest. Their herd is one of the largest in Canada, imported and from imported stock. They have always on hand plenty to supply any order received, be it a carload lot, a single animal, or a pair not akin. An honest description and representation is their motto. They have Bell 'phone connections.

**PINE GROVE BERKSHIRES.**

The Pine Grove herd of Berkshire hogs, the property of Mr. W. W. Brownridge, Ashgrove P. O., Milton, G. T. R. and C. P. R., or Georgetown Stations, G. T. R., has few equals and probably no superior as a strictly high-class herd of up-to-date type and quality. Nearly all the brood sows are imported, as well as the main stock boar, representing a big outlay for Mr. Brownridge, but his ambition and determination is to have a herd second to none. Following are a few of the breeding animals now in his herd, enough to show the character, quality, and royal breeding of the stock he has on hand: The main stock boar is Imp. Polgate Dollar, winner of first, championship and silver medal at Toronto, 1907. His lieutenant in service is Sally's Ensign, by Imp. Sally's Sazibo, dam Imp. Manor Exter Beauty. Among the dozen brood sows is Imp. Polgate Doweress, winner of first, championship and silver medal, Toronto, 1907. This sow is now in pig to Imp. Polgate Donovan. Imp. Countess Wandsworth 24th is another big, choice sow. One of her daughters, Wandsworth Jean, won first at Guelph, in the over 9 and under 15 months' class; two others, W. Anna and W. Annie, full sisters, won third and fourth in the over 6 and under 9 months' class at the same show. Compton Lizzie, imported in dam has proven her superiority as a breeder by two of her daughters, Lucy and Laura, the winning first and third at Guelph in the under 6 months old class. Another of the extra good sows in breeding is Ashgrove Maid, a Toronto, London and Ottawa winner. From these choice sows, for sale, are both sexes, of any age desirable. Show stock a specialty. Make known your wants to Mr. Brownridge, he can supply them, always provided the want is a high-class Berkshire pig.

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