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Gossip.

The Ayrshire Herd at Kelso.

Kelso Stock Farm and its proprietor D. A. McFarlane, are both well known to the dairy readers of these columns and need very little further introduction, but the few lines following regarding the changes in the Ayrshire herd during the past year may be of interest. Palmerston Speculation 51229, the newly imported herd sire is perhaps the most important. He is got by Palmerston Lord Seaton and has for dam Palmerston Gay Lass 2nd, a daughter of the noted Scottish champion, Palmerston Gay Lad. Aside from being one of the most popular-bred bulls exported to Canada for some time he was considered, in Scotland, as one of the most promising youngsters individually, that was brought forward in the year 1916. He is now being used on all of the mature cows in the herd as well as the dozen or more granddaughters of the noted sire, Whitehall King of Hearts (imp.). These heifers are just now nearing breeding age and are the most promising lot of heifers ever raised on the farm. Mr. McFarlane may well expect something choice from this cross, combining as it does type and production of the strongest degree possible. Along with the same importation which included Palmerston Speculation, Mr. McFarlane received two granddaughters of the good breeding sire Craighead Autocrat. Both heifers are smooth and well grown and are now well along in calf to Scotch service. It will be remembered that many of the more mature females in the Kelso herd are also imported and many have been prominent winners at Ottawa and Sherbrooke exhibitions during the past few years. There are a number of 12 and 13-month bulls, from these dams and sired by the Whitehall King of Hearts (imp.), now on hand and make up his entire offering in bulls. Write for particulars. Visitors are welcome at Kelso Stock Farm at all times.

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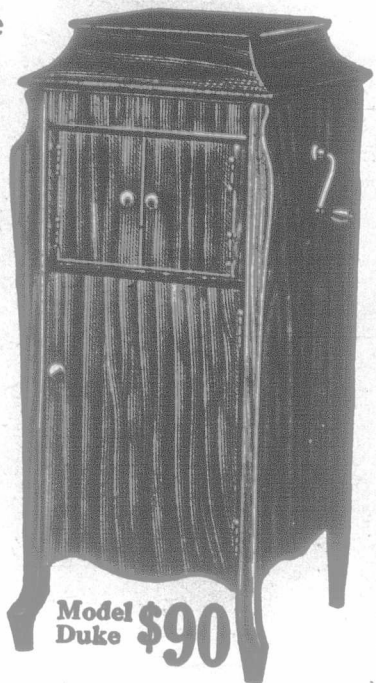
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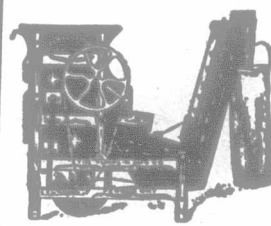
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