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Reply to A. L.

Editor Mending Basket:

One could scarcely read the letter of "A. L." without thinking that there are others besides the militant suffragettes who are looking for notoriety. She speaks of the woman-suffrage movement as being amusing, annoying, and pathetic, and I heartily agree with her as to the latter, for is it not pathetic in the extreme that when woman, long-suffering as she has always been, rises up to demand of man the right to vote, she is utterly ignored, and practically forced to such measures as those now employed by the militant suffragettes?

Will anyone deny that woman bears the heaviest burdens the world over? Does she not endure the pain and suffering of motherhood, and assume all the care of the child after it is born? Did any of you ever see a father take charge of an infant for a whole day? And how many cases do you know of where he would get up and take care of a restless baby part of the night while the poor, worn-out mother snatched a little rest? Yet, who owns that same child? By the laws of our country, who has the most authority over it, the father or mother?

It seems the main argument against woman suffrage is that women should stay at home and wield their "influence" there, hinting that they have power over their husbands even to the extent of influencing their vote, and what woman is there who does not know how very shallow that argument is? I believe that in the estimation of the majority of men, woman is either a plaything or a slave, and surely if she is one she is both; and just here there is a verse from the pen of that very discerning Scottish poet, Burns, which keeps coming to my mind.

"If I'm designed yon lordling's slave,
By nature's law designed,
Why was an independent wish
E'er planted in my mind?"

"A. L." states that our keener penetration might influence our husbands in voting, and says, almost in the same breath, that "It will squander valuable time to prepare ourselves to vote intelligently." Could anything be more contradictory?

Another argument often advanced is that women are not called upon to defend the nation in time of war. Of course, it has not been customary for them to do so, but still they give their sons for that same defence, and tell me, women, especially farmers' wives, would the physical exertion of marching with a gun on your shoulders, be much greater than the ceaseless, hard labor, which is the lot of so many, which your husband or father expects of you from day to day, and for which he may possibly grow to despise your faded beauty?

Women, from the foundation of the world, have stood shoulder to shoulder with men in the responsibilities of life.

The fight for "Votes for Women" is on to stay, and I for one will say: "God speed the day when women will have a say in the Governments of the world, not for the pleasure of voting, but to redress some wrongs from which woman-kind has always suffered; to suppress such terrible evils as the growing white-slave trade, and to secure for our women an equal footing by the side of man." It may be that in ages to come, the names of Mrs. Pankhurst and the rest will stand out as shining examples of devotion and heroism.

"MOTHER."

A "PATCH."

Editor Mending Basket:

Allow me to contribute a patch. I shall illustrate, then we may deduct the moral.

One day at dinner, John remarked that the pudding was good, as he passed his plate for a second helping. A young guest gave me such a surprised look that I wondered at it. After dinner she said, "Mrs. Miller, didn't it seem strange to hear Mr. Miller say such a queer thing?" "What?" I inquired. "Why, he said the pudding was good." "Well, what is queer about that? Wasn't the pudding all right?" "Yes, but at home, pa and the boys would have said it wasn't fit to eat. They never praise anything." And I remembered that while a guest at that home everyone seemed to snarl at the others.

Another time the threshing machine came a day before it was expected. Farmers' wives know what that means when no help is to be found, and perhaps two or three other machines are in the neighborhood. However, by carefully planning my "menu," I managed to prepare a fairly good meal, which the men seemed to enjoy. In the afternoon while I was washing dishes and wondering how I could ever get supper, John came in and told me that I had given them one of the most satisfactory dinners he had ever eaten.

Strange to say I felt rested, able to sing, "Count Your Blessings." (John's idea of a good dinner is beefsteak, potatoes, and salad.)

One day John came to the house quite perplexed about some important business. "Never mind," I said, "you always fall on your feet." He went out without paying any attention to what I said. In a few hours he came home from town and called out cheerily, "I fell on my feet, Jennie."

Some time after I overheard a neighbor saying that he would be dreadfully worried were he in John's place. "Yes," said John, "but Jennie says I always fall on my feet," and he did.

Now, in my crude way, I have tried to show how a few drops of the oil of praise and commendation lubricate the machinery of married life. Try it, husbands and wives. Not "tally" or "gushing," but a few honest words do help so.

This patch is big enough for a breadth in one of the new skirts, isn't it?

"JENNIE MILLER."

Kent Co., Ont.

Gossip.

RYANOUE AYRSHIRE SALE.

At the first annual sale of Ayrshires, from Ryanogue Farm, at Brewster, N. Y., on May 22nd, seventy-one head, of which a large proportion were bull calves, sold for a total of \$20,190, an average of \$284. The highest price obtained was \$1,700, paid by H. J. Chisholm, of New York, and \$1,500 was paid for Burnside Lucky Cavalier, by R. R. Ness, Howick, Que., who also secured Broomhill Flora 2nd, at \$1,500, and two others at \$500 and \$600.

Volume 35, of the Scottish Clydesdale Studbook, has been published, and a copy, by courtesy of the secretary, has been received at this office. This volume is one of the largest of the series, containing as it does, 1,223 pages, pedigree records of stallions numbering from 16869 to 17567, and mares from 30791 to 34134; also a list of members of the society, a list of the breeders and owners of the animals entered in the volume, and a list of the winners of the society's premiums in 1912. The illustrations are excellent photogravures of the stallion Scotland Yet, and the mare Harviestoun Baroness, Cawdor Cup winner in 1912.

A GREAT SALE OF JERSEYS.

At Linden Grove Farm, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, on May 20th, T. S. Cooper & Sons sold at auction 130 head of Jerseys for \$58,840, an average of \$450, a number of young calves being included in the lot. The highest price obtained was \$2,050, for the eight-year-old cow, Raleigh's Beauty, taken by Lynnwood Farms, the runner-up being R. J. Fleming, Toronto, Ont., who secured the four-year-old cow, Noble's Grey Mabel, at \$550, and the five-year-old, La Fontaine's Campanile, at \$950. The cow Oxford's Hillside Pansy sold for \$1,800, to Elmen-dorf Farm, Lexington, Ky., and eight other females averaged \$1,034. Bulls were not in much demand, and \$500 and \$510 being the highest prices reached, and nine sold for an average of \$374.

BATH AND WEST SHOW.

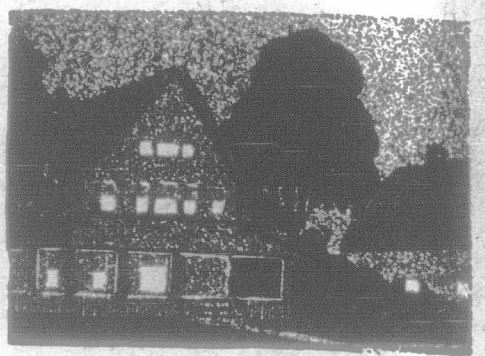
The annual Bath and West of England Live-stock Show of 1913, was held at Truro the last week in May. Short-horns made an excellent show. Two classes were provided for pedigree Dairy Shorthorns. In the older class, C. R. W. Adeane led with a red cow of superior character, which gave 30½ lbs. of milk in the ring. In the red bull class, R. Stratton was first, a champion with Mischief, a big, evenly-fleshed bull of fine quality. Lord Fitzharding won in the two-year-old class with Aldsworth Pride, a bull of much substance, with good quarters, and a level top. Lord Fitzharding also scored in the yearling class with Brave Marquis. W. J. Hoskin's roan two-year-old heifer, Cornish Maid, was first in her class and female champion of the breed.

The entry of Aberdeen-Angus was smaller than usual. The leading aged bull was Sir George Cooper's Bandler of Hursley, by Black for Ever, brought out in fine form, and afterwards awarded the male championship. The cup for the best bull in the show, any breed, went to G. Butters, for his Hereford bull, Sailor King. The cup for the best cow, any breed, went to the Devon cow, Torridge Belle, shown by L. H. Ashford, a typical specimen of the breed.

The Oxfordshire Annual Live-stock Show, which, as a rule, is the first of the English County spring shows, which was held in Bicester the third week in May this year, was in keeping with the reputation of the event. Shorthorns were a fairly good display. Four of the nine aged bulls competing were white, and the first prize was awarded F. Miller's massive roan, Man o' War, carrying a good covering of flesh. Second place was taken by C. E. Gunther's Windmill Marquis. Bold Broadhooks, from the same herd, was third. In two-year-old bulls, Sir Richard Cooper's Hoar Frost was given first place, and Earl Manver's Royal Sovereign was second.

The Edgacote Shorthorn Company won first and second for yearling bulls, with Edgacote Masterpiece and Edgacote Conqueror, and C. E. Gunther's Tongswood Juryman was third.

In the aged cow class, F. Miller's Augusta 125th was placed first, after a struggle with W. M. Scott's Gay Maid. First in three-year-olds was R. Cornelius' Bankfields Belle, by Village Beau, second W. M. Cazalet's Clipper Keepsake, and C. E. Gunther's Olive Leaf and Tongswood Edith third and reserve. R. J. Balston's Bess of Bilsington, led in the two-year-old class, W. T. Garne & Son's were second with Romp's Gift, and third went to T. E. Watson's Beatrice 4th. In the yearling heifer class, Cazalet's Gypsy Countess 3rd, a Phingask-bred white, purchased at Perth sale in February, was a good leader, second being taken by F. B. Wilkinson's Scotch Mist, and third by Messrs. Garne's entry. In the Dairy Shorthorn cow class, R. Silcox & Son's had a good winner in Flyde Marwenna 2nd, described as a silky, mel-low-skinned cow of nice form and quality. In the ring she gave 32 lbs. of milk. C. R. W. Adeane had second prize for Babraham Countess Clara, a big-framed red, with a nicely-hung udder, and a milk certificate of 30½ lbs. The prize-winning three-year-old heifers had certificates of 22½, 23 and 25½ lbs., respectively. The male championship was awarded to Man o' War, and the female honor to Bankfields Belle.

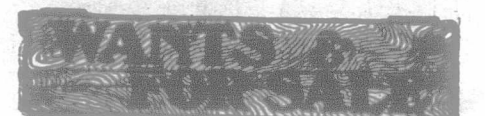


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