

### Some English Shows.

The first really important show of the summer season, the Oxford County Show, was held in the quaint, picturesque, old-time agricultural town of Thame, some thirteen miles from the county town of Oxford, on May 15th and 16th. Sheep, an important interest all over the world, can fittingly be taken first in respect to this particular show, from the fact that seldom, if ever, has there been so fine

and character, and would be a credit for any flock-master to own. We were also most favorably impressed by the capitally-matched pen that secured third honors for Mr. Stilgoe; whilst the pen from Mr. Brassey's flock were well deserving the fourth prize they secured. A class for flock ewes with lambs failed to secure large support, but the pens which represented Mr. Brassey, who was first, and Mr. A. H. Wilsdon, who came in for second honors, were of very high merit.

The Hampshire Down breed made a most creditable exhibit, but many of the leading flocks were not present. However, the great victories that the Earl of Carnarvon's entries secured are of the greatest credit. First and third for yearling rams, first for ram lambs, first for ewe lambs, for flock ewes and lambs, and for ewe tegs in the wool, is a record that very clearly indicates the undoubted merit of the exhibits. In the absence of Mr. James Flowers' exhibits—who, by the way, is said to have one of the best and most typical lots of yearling ewes and rams he has had for many years—the entries of Mr. O. A. Scott-Murray worthily filled first and second places in the yearling ewe class.

The Southdown exhibition was at the best a weak one. Champion honors and first for yearling rams were secured by a very

nice, good-fleshed ram from Mr. C. Adeane's flock, but his position in this class was most distinctly contested by a pair of grand rams from Col. H. McCalmont's flock, whose successes were well deserved, both in this class and also in those for ram lambs and ewes in lamb, in both of which he secured first honors. Buyers from your side would do well to pay a visit to this rapidly-rising flock, whose advertisement runs regularly in your valued paper.

The Shropshires made an entry of great credit to their breed, and the two yearling rams that secured first and second honors for Mr. R. P. Cooper were of very high merit and quality. Mr. D. Gibson came in for third and fourth honors, whilst Messrs. Inge, Jolliffe and A. Tanner had exhibits of capital merit, which came into the honor list. Mr. W. F. Inge's pen of yearling ewes that took premier honors were of grand type and character, which were rightly preferred to the two pens that were sent by Mr. R. P. Cooper, who came in for the second and third prizes.

Mr. Russell Swanwick was the only entrant in the Cotswold classes, and he made four entries in the three classes: shearing rams, ram and ewe lambs, which were of real good quality and merit, and were unfortunate in having no competition to overcome.

Pigs.—Seldom if ever have we seen a better or more uniform entry of Berkshire pigs than those which filled two large classes of this breed at Oxford Show. Mr. E. Hayter headed the old-boar class with one of the best types of boars we have seen for many a day. This pig, beautifully marked, of great length, with even flesh and depth of body seldom met with, secured, in addition to the class prize, the champion award for best Berkshire boar, and also for best boar of any breed. It may be of interest to some of your readers across the border to know that Mr. Vanderbilt's agent, Mr. Gentry, has been fortunate to secure this boar, who will, after the English

show-yard season is over, go across the herring pond. Mr. J. Jefferson and Mr. J. A. Fricker were leading winners in this class behind the champion. In the young boars, Mr. J. A. Fricker led the way in a class of ten entries wherein the whole secured notice of the judges; Mr. Jefferson being second, Mr. Russell Swanwick third. Amongst a wonderfully good lot of breeding sows, Mr. A. Henderson's Briscot Pippin took the precedence. A grand sow she is, full flesh and great quality, and one that would be at or near the top in any company. To her went the championship for best sow in the yard. R. W. Hudson and N. Benjafield secured the other two awards. In the 9-months-old class, Mr. Fricker went first with a pair of very typical young sows. Mr. Hayter came in for second honors with a pair we liked better, in regard to breed points; whilst the third pair were two from Mr. R. Swanwick's herd, which were of real good merit. Pairs farrowed in the present year were a very large class, and Mr. Hudson is to be congratulated upon his success in taking the first place with so excellent a pair of gilts; Mr. N. Banjafield being second, and Mr. J. A. Fricker third.

Shorthorn Cattle.—In aged bulls, Mr. J. Deane Willis went to the top with Regulator, a useful bull, being followed by Mr. J. Garne's Pedestrian, whilst Miss Alice de Rothschild's Royal Prince came in for third honors. The class as a whole was a good one, and we may here remark that the entry for this breed was of high merit. The 2-year-old bull class was a large one, and we certainly did not altogether approve of the awards made. Manor Victory, from Capt. W. H. O. Duncombe, went to the front; Lord Tredegar's Prince Alto, by Alto, who was sire of Mr. H. Dudding's last year's Oxford winner, King Alto, being second; and Mr. Henry Dudding's excellent bull, Ingram's Perfection, whom we thought rather hardly treated, third. This is a grand bull, of Scottish parentage. In the yearling class Mr. Dudding went rightly to the top with another Scotch-bred bull, Victor, a dark red, with capital flesh and plenty of hair, bred by Lord Lovat; Mr. J. D. Willis winning second with Cornelia; Mr. J. Thorley being third with Prince of Troy, a Deane Willis-bred bull. The cow class was not a particularly strong one, Col. Makins being first with Welch Gem, an award we did not approve of. Preference might have been given to either the second, third or *r. n.*, owned respectively by Capt. Duncombe, Lord Tredegar, and Miss Alice de Rothschild. The three winners in the 3-year-old heifer class were J. Deane Willis (White Heather), Miss A. de Rothschild (Rose of Underley 6th), and Henry Dudding (Fairy Belle 8th). A grand trio they were, and though the order was as given, it was more a matter of personal choice than merit or quality that divided them. In the 2-year-old class, Mr. Dudding had a pair of heifers, Ombersley Pride and Gloradora, which are probably the best pair of this age we shall see out this year. The latter took first prize, whilst both of them, in two different classes, against very

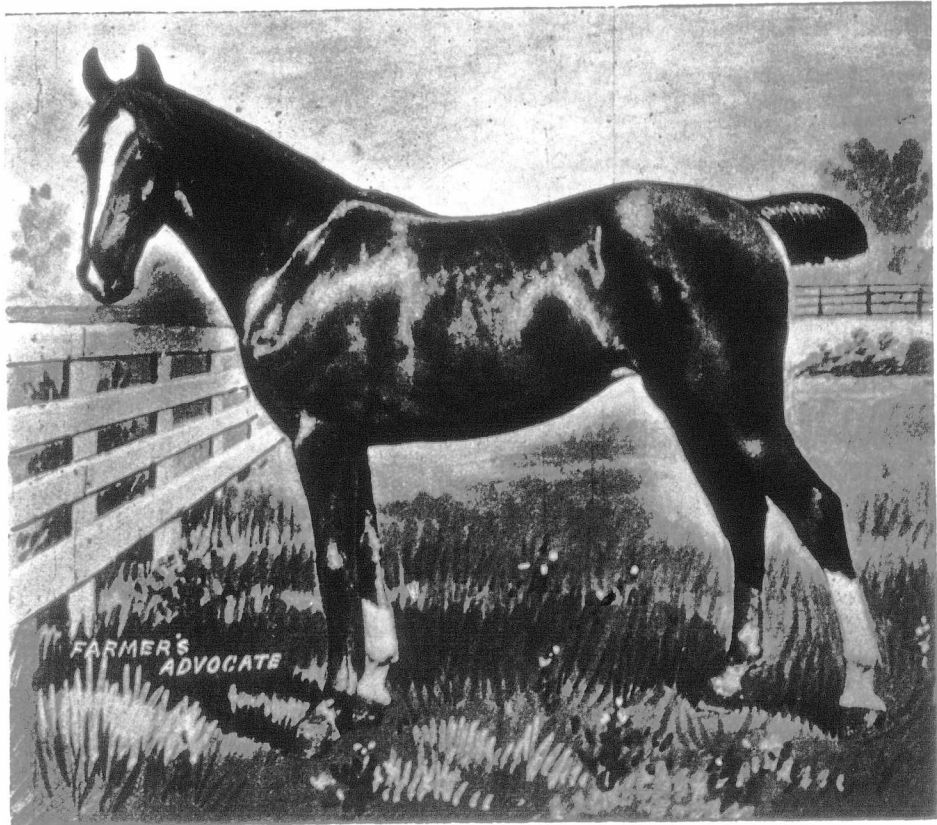


DORRINGTON 3RD.

Hackney pony, 14 hands. Sire, Dorrington (imp.); dam, Crafty (imp.). First prize at Military Tournament and Horse Show, 1901.

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a display of Oxford Downs at this, which is really the most important show of the year for this breed, for here the first trial of strength takes place, and many which are not in the first flight are seen no more in the show-yard contests which follow, but are kept at home and got into condition to go to the ram sales in real good form. The yearling ram class of this breed was a grand one, twenty-one entries facing the judge, whose task to select the best from so large an entry was by no means an easy one. The final selection found two from Mr. J. T. Hobbs' flock of Maiseyhampton put first and second, both real good rams, with plenty of bone and masculine character. The first-prize winner was rather more forward than the second one, whose general conformation, type and character were preferred by some breeders present. In fact, so highly was this ram valued, that that noted breeder and judge, Mr. John Treadwell, offered one hundred guineas for him, which, we understand, was not accepted. Third and fourth honors were awarded to two from Mr. A. Brassey's noted flock. The leading ram was a real good one, good enough to go to Mr. J. Treadwell, who secured him at a very high figure, but the fourth-prize ram was very fortunate in securing so high a place in this very strong class. We far and away preferred that fine masculine ram of Mr. Treadwell's breeding, who had to be content with the barren honor of *r. n.* This ram, not at all forward in condition, is just in the right shape for shipment, is of grand type and character, excellent head, plenty of bone and good symmetry. Two real good rams from Mr. H. W. Stilgoe secured notice of the judge. These are not yet up in showyard form, but will probably be heard of in future contests, for their excellent character and type can hardly fail to secure prominent notice. The ram lamb class was notable as being the first one wherein Mr. G. Adams' entries have appeared for several years. That his flock has not lost its old form is clearly shown by the fact that his two entries were put first and second. The leading pen are masculine in type and good in flesh and fleece, whilst the second pen was hardly so masculine in character; in fact, we think they were fortunate to secure precedence over a very capital pen that Mr. W. A. Treweeke came in third with. This pen should have gone forward, for they were of good type and symmetry. A fourth prize went to a very stylish pen of lambs from Mr. A. Brassey's flock. Mr. H. W. Stilgoe's pen were fifth, and commendations were given to the entries of Messrs. Reading & Fisher. The winning pen of yearling ewes came from Mr. Brassey's flock. They were hummers and no mistake, and whoever may be fortunate to secure the possession of these ewes on your side will secure three of the grandest Oxford Down ewes we have seen for many years. Mr. J. C. Eady had this year to be content with second and third places. These ewes were this year not up to their usual form in respect to condition, but were equally good as in former years in respect to type and character. Two excellent pens of what may be termed field ewes, from Mr. R. W. Hobbs, and a well-matched pen, of fine quality, from Mr. G. Street, secured notice in the award list. As in the ram lamb class, Mr. G. Adams secured the first two awards for ewe lambs. These were of great quality



TITANIA -103-

Hackney filly, two years old. Second prize at Military Tournament and Horse Show, 1901.

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strong competition, at Otley last week were first-prize winners, and the former also secured the champion award for best cow or heifer at that show.

The Earl of Coventry was easily first and second in the Hereford bull class, and Mr. John Tudge had no difficulty in securing premier honors in the cow class for a real grand 4-year-old cow, Rustic Maid,