

neral attention. The dairy interest of this country is of vast proportions. It is stated that from 12 to 15,000,000 cows are in use to supply the demand for milk and its products, and that there is invested in the dairies of the country over \$2,000,000,000, an amount nearly double the capital invested in banking and other commercial industries. The men employed number about 700,000, and the feed consumed runs into hundreds of millions of tons. It is evident that there is room for all the good cows of any breed. A farmer or breeder may be so situated that he may choose either of the improved dairy breeds with so much profit that he will not miss the greater profit which would have resulted had he chosen one of the others. In general, when feed is abundant and cheap, and large results in milk and cheese are desired, the Holstein is the model cow. The Ayr-hire will be preferred by others who occupy smaller farms, or in locations where land is high in value and feed less plentiful. For rich milk and butter the Guernsey has no superior. She, more nearly than any of the others, combines the merits of all the dairy breeds. I believe her the model cow for the farmer, the creamery, and the milk dairymen whose farms are close to large towns and cities, and who seek that class of customers who will always pay the highest price for the best article.

She is a large animal, a good feeder, thrives under good treatment, and will endure exposure to severe climatic changes as well as any breed. She possesses the good qualities that have made the Jerseys famous, and others peculiar to herself, which especially recommend the breed to the farmers who keep small dairies or large, with a purpose to make the products of their dairies pay for the cost of the animals and their keep. No other breed shows a higher percentage of butter-fat in their milk. Having been bred for generations with the purpose of producing richness, the Guernsey has inherited very great power to transmit this quality. Bred upon an island, and protected by laws excluding all admixture of foreign blood, she is in truth, as well as in name, pure-bred.

The milk, cream and butter of the Guernsey is self-colored in a high degree. Experienced dairymen who have a life-acquaintance with other cattle, on seeing these products for the first time, often question their purity. The ownership of one good Guernsey cow will remove all doubts.

The Guernsey has the true form of a dairy cow; large and wide in the hindquarters, tapering toward the shoulders, with a long, slender neck, and a head sometimes a little coarse, but rarely ugly. Her teats are, usually, large, and so is her udder when full of milk, as it generally is when she is well fed. Her mild eyes, beaming with intelligence, and surrounded by a deep orange yellow border, soon captivates her attendants and owner. She is a persistent milker and gives a very uniform flow, nearly up to calving.

Guernsey calves are large and the surplus males can be readily and profitably turned into veal. The limited number of Guernsey cattle on the island has been a great hindrance to their rapid multiplication in the United States. There are only about 5,000 in all. England has for long periods drawn on the surplus to enrich the milk of her dairies, and now that they have established a herd book, will take more of them for breeding herds. The United States has about 3,000 and will soon exceed the island in numbers. Many of the best are yet on the island, and farmers who desire to anticipate enhanced prices, by increasing popularity, will make no mistake in bringing over the best whenever they are unable to make selections from American breeders. TELEPHONE. Philadelphia, Dec. 26. (1)

(1) No farmer possessing a grain of common sense would dream of keeping Jerseys if he could get Guernseys. Speculators may do otherwise
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