

father and son, were in the improvement of the Herefords. The elder Tomkins (Benjamin) is supposed to have begun breeding about 1742, and had a large measure of success, but his son, Benjamin Tomkins, the younger, was by far the more noted breeder. His herd is supposed to have originated in 1766 from stock purchased in the neighborhood of his farm at King's Pyon, Herefordshire, and though he paid little attention to color, and early in his career was not particular about introducing the blood of other Hereford strains,

vivors of Tomkins, and whose names and strains are still honored in Hereford circles, are Galliers, Tully, Skyrmo, Price, Howor, Jeffries, &c.

The cows Dorothea and Theodora, page 104, winners of the first and second prizes at the Royal show of 1884, are specimens of the breed. As will be seen, the face, throat, chest, belly and part of the legs with the crest of the mane and tip of the tail, are white. Countenance pleasant, and



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or even of other breeds, he left at his death, in 1815, what was considered the finest herd of Hereford cattle in existence. After this had been greatly reduced by private sales, 28 head were sold by auction in 1819, and averaged £149 each. At Charles Colling's sale at Ketton, in 1810, the average of 47 Short-horns was £151.8s., and at Robert Colling's sale at Barmpton, in 1818, 61 head averaged £128, 17s., 10d., and at his sale in 1820, 46 head averaged £49, 8s., 7d. So that the prices at the first great Hereford and Short-horn sales were hardly in favor of the Short-horns.

Other eminent Hereford breeders, contemporaries or sur-

open, denoting good temper and that quiet disposition essential to economical fattening. Head small in comparison with the rest of the body. Chest deep and full. Shoulder-blades thin, flat and sloping towards the chine, and well covered with mellow flesh. Chine and loin broad. Hips long and moderately broad. Legs straight and small. Rump forming a straight line with the back. Thighs full of flesh to the hock. Flanks deep. Ribs well sprung. The whole carcass covered with rich, mellow flesh. Hide thick, yet mellow, well covered with soft, glossy hair with a tendency to curl. Horns such as are borne by the "middle-horned" class.