

ign and often bounty-fed competition. They have seen markets lost, demand slackened, production restricted, wages lowered, factories closed, and felt the pinch of privation and want—and the lessons will be laid to heart. The loyalty of our colonies, their active sympathy and help during the recent war in South Africa, has done much to bring England and her colonies together. The feeling of common interest in military service will create one of common interest in commercial and industrial pursuits, and in the near future, I trust, to bind these together that the Empire will be secure in arms and strong in all the arts of industry, commerce and peace.

“Thistledown”

#### British Disinfecting Methods

The British authorities have always insisted and demanded from countries seeking admission for their cattle into the British market, the closest kind of attention to every detail in the methods adopted to stamp out and prevent the spread of disease among live stock. But the following extract from a recent issue of The Glasgow Herald would seem to indicate that the methods followed in the home land are nothing short of being ridiculous.

“The disinfecting idea is good, but as practised at Yorkhill cattle wharf is the cause of much unconcealed hilarity. On the arrival of a steamer two or three squads of laborers are started to get the vessel clear of the cattle, and on completing their work, which, as a rule, occupies but a short time, they are marched into the cattle shed, where a small, narrow, wooden chamber has been erected. In this a brazier containing disinfecting materials is emitting the usual sulphurous, stinging odors. Through this chamber the laborers go at a gallop, laughing all the time, run out into Pinthouse Road, and back to the ship! No members of the ship's company, who have been in contact with the animals all the voyage, pass through—only those who have been engaged for an hour or so among the beasts! But justice has been done, and the big liner sails over to her discharging berth with the purged and unpurged contacts on board.”

What could be more farcical than this method of preventing the entrance of disease as practised at the port of Glasgow. It is the form and not the substance, and only places British quarantine regulations in a most unfavorable light in the eyes of countries shipping cattle to the English market.

#### Expectancy

The distant hills were misty gray,  
A spectral outline in the east;  
Sere were the woods, and, sealed in frost,  
The brooks their melody had ceased.

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And yet the spirit felt a glow,  
A rapture wild that leaped to meet  
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