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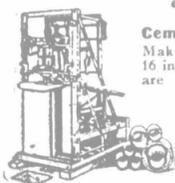
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GOSSIP.

John Semple, Milverton, Ont., writes that he is about starting for the Old Land for a new importation of Clydesdales, his recent sales having proved satisfactory.

SCOTTISH SHEEP-DEALING TERMS.

The following, quoted from the Scottish Farmer, will doubtless appear un-English to the average Canadian reader: "The sheep stock of the farm of South Laggan, Inveraray, has just been valued and the award of the valuers given, with Mr. John Young, Oldtown, as overseer. Their award was as follows: Cheviot ewes and lambs, 57s. 6d. per clad score, 1½ shott per 20; cross ewes and lambs, 54s. 6d. per clad score, 1½ shott per 20; grit ewes, 45s. per clad score, 1½ shott per 20; Cheviot ewe hoggs, 88s. per clad score, 1½ shott per 20; Cheviot widders, 29s. per clad score, 1½ shott per 20; two-shear rams, £5 10s. each; three-shear rams, £5 each; four-shear rams, £4 15s. each.

THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Jimmy bit his pencil, and looked at the ceiling. It was less wearying than trying to write an essay on Henry VIII. But suddenly the sharp voice of the teacher broke in upon his reverie. "Two minutes more!" she rapped out. Jimmy had to write something. So he set to work, and evolved the following: "Henry VIII. was King of England, and the greatest widower that never was. He was born at a place called Annie Domino, and he had three hundred and fifty wives. The first was beheaded, and then executed; the second was revoked, and the third died; and then he married Ann Bulletin. Henry VIII. was succeeded in the throne by his grandmother, Mary, Queen of Scots, sometimes called the Lady of the Lake or the Lay of the Last Minstrel. He was buried in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of York."

SUDDEN DEATH.

Here is a little incident which goes to prove, alas! that this rural paradise of ours is not quite free from guile. Amongst the numerous claims on our charity, there came one from a poor woman who brought round a "brief," that is, a subscription form—stating that she had lost her pig, which, unfortunately had died suddenly. Moved by a fellow-feeling, we contributed our mite, and forgot the matter until a short time afterwards, when a neighbor asked us if we had seen a brief from Mrs. So-and-so. He shook his head and smiled, rebukingly, when we replied in the affirmative; and we inquired what was the matter. Had not the pig died, and suddenly?

"Oh, yes," he said, more in sorrow than in anger; "it died, and suddenly—but the butcher killed it in the usual way."

"We shall inquire carefully into all future briefs."—Chas. Garvice, in "A Farm in Creamland."

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