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"Clarence Kirklevington," Grand Sweepstaker at the Late Chicago Fat Stock Show.

The accompanying illustration presents one of the most remarkable animals in the annals of fat stock shows. As a yearling steer, of which an illustration appeared in the last February number of the *ADVOCATE*, he won the first premium in his class at the Chicago Fat Stock Show against twenty-six competitors. We now represent him as a two-year-old, when he swept away first honors in four classes, the final honor being won on the block. His age was 1,372 days, weight 2,400 pounds, being an average gain of 1.74 pounds per day. He was a thoroughbred Shorthorn, sired by 4th Duke of Clarence, his dam being Kirklevington Duchess of Horton. He was bred by

the Canada West Farm Stock Association, of Brantford, Ont., of which Mr. John Hope is the able manager, who enjoys the highest reputation both as a breeder and a judge of stock.

Consternation has been provoked among British farmers and graziers over a recent decision of the Court of Exchequer, convicting a defendant for dishorning cattle. The case was prosecuted by the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. There are said to be upwards of 60,000 head of cattle dishorned annually in Ireland alone, and the value of dishorned cattle is increased £2 per head.

The profits in farming are made chiefly by paying strict attention to details and reducing them to a system.

The privilege we possess of being permitted free access to every live stock market in the world, owing to our freedom from cattle disease, is equivalent to a premium of \$20 per head over competing cattle, or \$1,500,000 per annum on our cattle export trade. This is a prize worth guarding.

I am very well pleased with the *FARMER'S ADVOCATE*, and would not be without it for five dollars a year.

NICHOLAS POWLESS, Tuscarora.