

Short-Horns as Milkers.

A correspondent of Bell's Messenger, urges greater attention to the milking quality in Short-Horns. He expresses the opinion that "the deepest milkers are generally, if not invariably, the best and most regular breeders." He says:

The truth is, there have been plenty of good milkers of both Booth and Bates blood, and plenty of bad ones of both; and the perpetuation or sacrifice of this quality depends more upon the judgment or caprice of the breeder than upon anything else. There can, however, be but little question that in all the more fashionable breeds of cattle, in the Short-Horns, the Herefords, and the Devons, the production of milk has been systematically discouraged; and herein the agricultural societies have been the greatest sinners. Why, if milk is an object to the country, and assuredly it is, do they not give some high prizes for the best milkers of these various breeds? Other qualities should

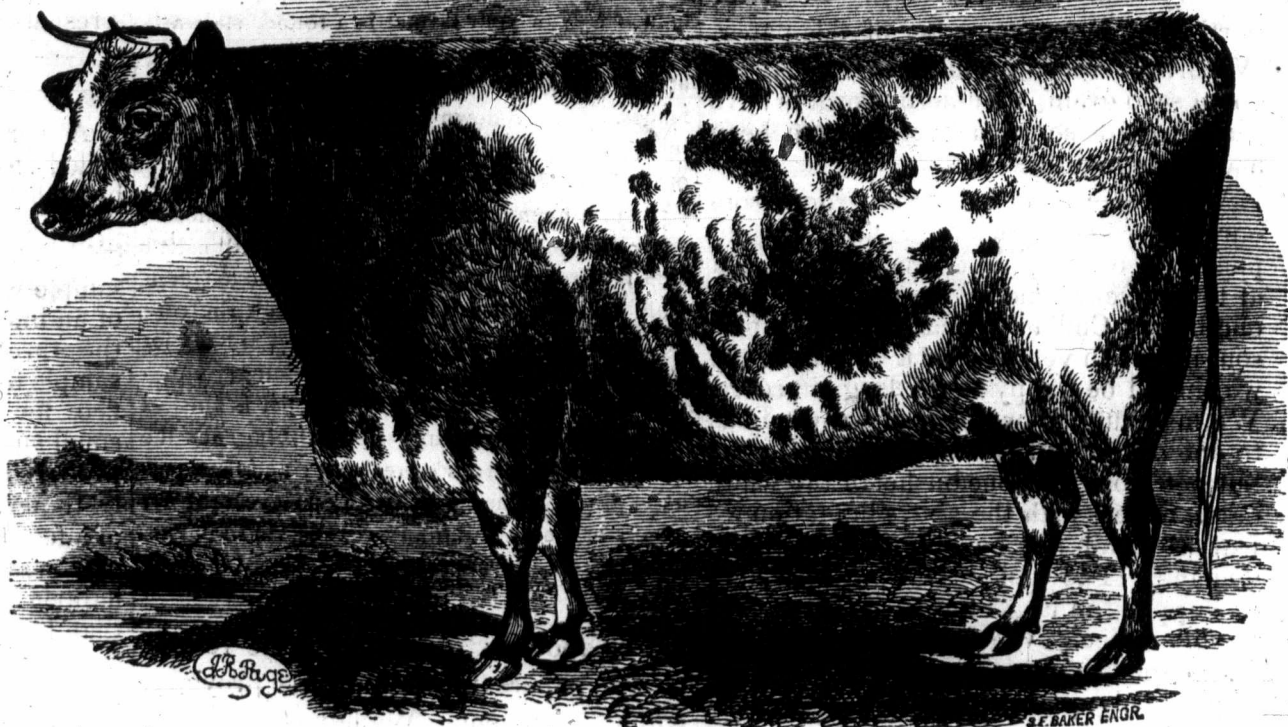
not be overlooked, but milk should obtain a plurality of marks, and both its quantity and its quality be tested by a reference to THE PAUL. There would soon be an end of the complaints of non-milking Short-Horns.

He adds that he has two Short-Horn cows, probably past their prime, as one is eight and the other nine, which have regularly given this summer, for weeks after calving, 40 quarts a day between them, carefully measured; they are herd book animals.

A writer on dairy stock, in the "Mark Lane Express," thus alludes to this breed, in a communication on dairy stock in England; "Of all other descriptions of cattle, Short-Horn Crosses are now the most popular, where dairy business and rearing and feeding are carried on simultaneously. They are, for the most part, admirable milkers; their calves both heifers and bullocks, can be fed off at an early age, and, coming to heavy weights, bring large and remunerative prices; while the cows themselves, when no longer useful for the dairy, are easily fattened."—[American Stock Journal.]

We now present our readers with a good specimen of a Durham Cow, and some remarks on that stock. We have not time to write as much as we would wish, therefore we give you the remarks of others.

Send in your subscription and get up clubs to enable us to hire a little more assistance. It will do you good and do good to others. By circulating a good agricultural paper you are conferring a benefit on your neighbor who takes it. Help him, help us, and gain a prize yourself, or get some other person to get up a club.



THE SHORT-HORN COW FORGET-ME-NOT.

The above cut represents "Forget-me-not," which was awarded the first prize as an aged Short-Horn Cow, at the United States Ag. Society's Show at Louisville, Ky. She was the property of the late R. A. Alexander.

We are favored with the above handsome engraving by Luther Tucker & Son, the proprietors of that superior agricultural paper the "Country Gentleman." We consider that such a token of respect from our American neighbors deserves a comment. Reciprocity is what we both want, and if we are favored with such tokens as the above from journalists of the highest standing in the United States, it shows they mean what they express. We return our warmest thanks, and hope to see the two Governments on as friendly and reciprocal terms as the "Farmer's Advocate" and the "Country Gentleman" are now. We hope these friendly feelings now existing may never be lessened.

A Useful Present.

When entering our office on the 2d of January we found on our table a hundred sheep marks, with our name stamped on them on one side, on the other the figures from 1 to 100. The marks were wrapt in a register with various remarks, such as age, weight of fleece &c. &c. We had long wished to have seen some of these marks, having seen some account about them. They are simply a piece of thin galvanized iron, just bent ready to put through a sheep's ear, after the ear is punched, then by closing the ends together they remain a permanent, neat light work, always showing the owner's name and the

number of the sheep. We believe them to be the best kind of sheep mark, and by using them with the register a breeder can tell the product of each sheep without trouble. We believe they will soon come into general use among good farmers. The certificates of approval of those that have tried them are all that could be wished for.

They were presented to us by Mr. Young of Sarnia, who has the patent right of this Dominion. The price of them is \$3 per hundred or 25 for \$1. A punch can be sent with them when required, the punch costs \$1 25, and the sheet registers are 5 cents each. We intend to use them, and believe that every breeder that wishes to pay attention to his sheep will use them. Specimens may be seen in this office, or we will send a specimen to any person sending for one.

Parties wishing them may be supplied by us, or they may be had from Mr. Archibald Young, Jr. The initials or name in full will be stamped on all sold. The letters are not to exceed six in number. They will all be numbered.

We shall use the three first numbers on the sheep gained for prizes, by those who get up clubs for this paper. You may with a little exertion for the next twenty days gain one of the sheep. Try it. Look at the prizes.