

GOSSIP.

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Crusader, a handsome Hackney sired by Cadet, has been sold along with a few Hackney mares to go to Jamaica.

Mr. James Picken, Torrs, Kirkcudbright, Scotland, has sold the Keir-bred stallion, Jasper, to Messrs. Colquhoun Brothers, Mitchell, Ont.

General Sir John Watson has purchased from Mr. Henry Moore the English Hackney stallion, Clansman II. 4683, for the Indian Government.

From June 2nd to July 27th the English Shorthorn Society granted certificates for the exportation of 210 Shorthorns, of which 237 were for South America and 3 for Sweden.

M. Vassilliere has been appointed Director of Agriculture in France, in place of M. Tisserand. M. Vassilliere has been for a long time Inspector-General of Agriculture, and knows well the needs of the industry.

It is announced that the Thoroughbred stallion, Serpa Pinto, belonging to the Prince of Wales, winner of three Queen's premiums, has been purchased by Lord Arthur Cecil, on behalf of the Government of Trinidad.

Filemaker, the celebrated horse which held the world's record for high jumping, died at Galveston, Texas, about two weeks ago. His highest vault was seven feet seven. The horse has made \$200,000 for his owner since 1890.

The cost of shipping fat cattle from Chicago to England varies from \$15 to \$20 per head, according to space rates on vessels and the insurance rates. The amount of shrinkage cattle undergo on the trip is very little except in bad weather. If cattle eat well on the voyage they often show quite a little gain when they land.

The British returns under the Diseases of Animals Act show recent outbreaks of anthrax, rabies, glanders, and swine fever. Of the latter, there were 82 outbreaks and 1,283 swine slaughtered, against 80 outbreaks and 1,068 swine slaughtered during the week ending Aug. 1st last year. The number of outbreaks for 31 weeks in 1896 has been 3,674, against 3,500 last year, with 51,347 swine slaughtered, against 31,552 last year.

The Executive Committee of the Aberdeenshire (Scotland) County Council has been called upon to deal with an alarming outbreak of swine fever which has just been discovered in Aberdeenshire. Within a few days no less than thirty-five outbreaks were found to exist in various parts of the county, and from what is known of its origin, it is believed that these do not represent nearly the whole of the cases which have suddenly sprung into existence. These cases have been traced to a lot of store hogs sold at auction by a dealer.

Three well-bred Clydesdale colts have been sold by the well-known Scottish breeders, Messrs. A. & W. Montgomery, for exportation to Buenos Ayres. Two are yearlings, one being the Macgregor colt, Heather Darnley, and Moncrieffe Passport. The other purchase is the two-year-old Satisfaction, bred by Mr. William Dalziel, Muirhousedykes, West Calder, and got by Darnley's Last, out of the prize mare, Young Duchess. Mr. Alexander Scott, Greenoch, has sold the two horses, Woodlands and Toward Castle, to Messrs. Bossio & Camurano, Buenos Ayres.

James S. Smith, Maple Lodge Stock Farm:—"Until we got the recent rains the prospect for the good condition of stock the coming fall, in our vicinity, was anything but bright; but now pastures are green again and grass is growing rapidly, and with a splendid growth of rape, our lambs and calves are likely to go ahead quite as well as usual. We have a most excellent lot of shearing ewes and rams, of which several are in good show trim, and have made several sales lately to parties in Ontario and some of the States, all of which, we think, will be likely to win at the different fairs at which their purchasers intend to exhibit. We will have a full exhibit out ourselves at Toronto and other large fairs, of which we will not be ashamed. Our fifteen young bulls are very thrifty, and growing nicely."

Scottish Farmer:—"Mr. Robert Erskine, Gladenholm, Parkgate, has sold his well-bred Clydesdale stallion, Prince Gladen (9818), to Colquhoun Bros., Mitchell, Ontario, Canada. This strong, useful horse was bred by Mr. Robert Cochran, Portenallie, Strathclyde, and was got by the well-known horse, Handsome Prince, out of Lady Bay (10591), a first prize mare at the Stranraer Show, and own sister to the celebrated Lady Louisa, which was sold at the Karmock sale in March, 1895, for 540 gs. Both the sire and the dam of Prince Gladen were got by Prince of Wales (675), out of mares by Darnley (223), the dam of Handsome Prince being Mr. Lockhart's renowned champion mare, Pandora, whose record has seldom been equalled. On the dam's side the breeding of Prince Gladen is of the first order, and we should hope the exportation of so well-bred and useful a horse may be advantageous alike to his buyers and the cause of horse-breeding in Canada."

The public sale of Berkshires made by N. H. Gentry, Sedalia, Mo.; A. J. Lovejoy & Son, Roscoe, Ill.; M. K. Prine & Son, Oskaloosa, and W. E. Spicer, Bushnell, Ill., at the Fair Grounds, Springfield, Ill., on August 12th, was a success. Heretofore this breed of swine has never, in the States, been sold at public auction, so that this sale was simply intended as an "ice breaker." The animals sold were in the main excellent in individuality and pedigree, but some were a little old and many very young. They went to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and Texas. The 46 animals, old and young, averaged \$63.00, showing that notwithstanding hard times the hog breeders have faith in making money out of low priced pork fed on low priced corn. Seven Oaks Stock Farm, New Sharon, Iowa, boar at \$175, and boar at \$170; J. K. King, Marshall, Mo., boar at \$190; J. E. McGuire, Gatesville, Tex., boar at \$100, and sow at \$205; W. R. Stokes, Bellmore, Ind., boar at \$100; J. A. Leland, Springfield, Ill., boar at \$135; Harris & McMann, Lamine, Mo., sow at \$205; J. W. Ellington, Buffalo, Ill., boar at \$100.



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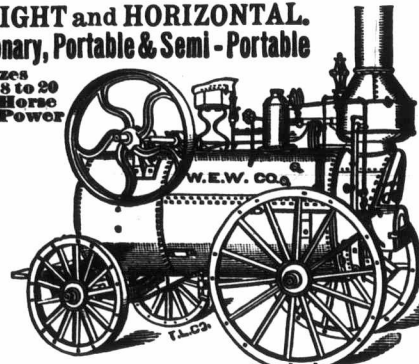
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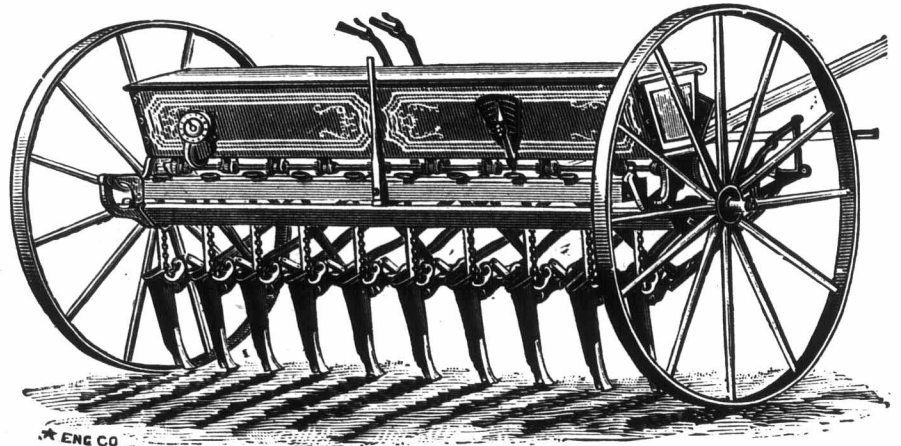
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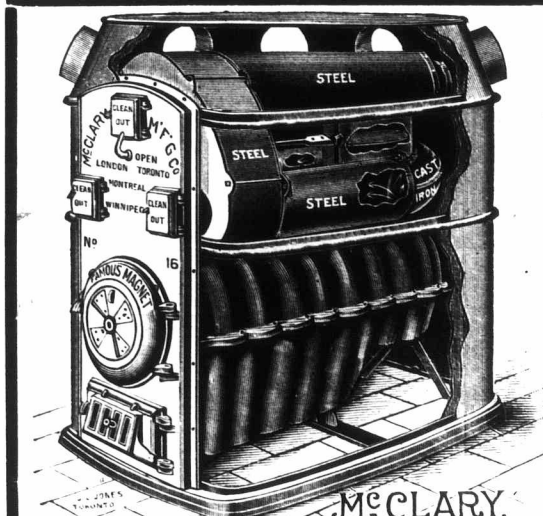
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