

Breeder and Grazier.

Devon Cattle.

The Devon breed of cattle are found in their purest state in North Devon. The head of a good Devon is small, clean, and free from flesh about the jaws; deer-like, light and airy in its countenance; neck long and thin; throat free from jawl or dewlap; eye and round its eye of a dark orange color; ears thin and pointed, tinged on their inside with the same color that is always found to encircle its eyes; horns thin, and fine to their roots, of a cream color, tipped with black, growing with a regular curve upwards, and rather springing from each other; light in the withers, resting on a shoulder a little retiring and spreading, and so rounded below as to sink all appearance of its pinion in the body of the animal; open bosom, with a deep chest or keel; small and tapering below the knee, fine at and above the joint, and where the arm begins to increase, it becomes suddenly lost in the shoulder; line of the back straight from the withers to the rump, lying completely on a level with the pin, or huckles, which lie wide and open; the hind quarters seated high with flesh, leaving a fine hair-ham tapering from the hock to the fetlock; long from rump to huckle, and from the pinion of the shoulder to the end of the nose; thin loose skin, covered with hair of a soft and furry nature, inclined to curl whenever the animal is in good condition and in full coat; a white udder is sometimes passed over, but seldom without objection.

The Devon cattle are highly esteemed, both for feeding and draught, but are not so much valued for the dairy; yet their milk although deficient in quantity, is of such excellent quality, that as much butter can be made from that yielded by a north

Devon cow, as from that yielded by the breed which are esteemed better milkers. For all the purposes of labor, whether activity, docility, or strength and hardiness, this breed cannot be excelled. It is said that on fallow land, it is no uncommon day's work for four steers to plough two acres with a double furrow plough. Although they do not attain the height of several other breeds, they fatten early and

in England, will afford the reader a good idea of the form and characteristic points of the modern Devon; a breed that has come down to us in the greatest purity, and commands the admiration of every beholder.

Coming Sale of the Towneley Herd.

The world renowned Towneley Herd of Short-horns is to be brought to the hammer on the 1st of

May. In regard to this coming event *Bell's Weekly newspaper* thus speaks:—

"Since the dispersion of the first Towneley herd, when the descendants of Barmpton Rose confirmed in the sale ring the reputation they had won in innumerable show-yards contests, and Royal Butterfly, whose appearance on the scene of action was proclaimed 'with trumpet and solemn heraldry,' remained at the reserve of 1200 guineas, a few purchases of females were made. The selections included members of the justly favorite Barmpton Rose family, and other sorts of the shapely and wealthy type suggestive of happy results from a Butterfly alliance, and it must be remembered that in Royal Butterfly himself Colonel Towneley had the moiety of material for a second herd as good as the first. The manager of the Towneley short-horns was not, however, one to be fettered by his own enormous success. Had he relied upon name alone, we doubt not that 'Butterfly' with variations would have prevailed over the purses of buyers as an irresistible 'open sesame;' but sectarian ambition was banished or placed secondary to the main object, that of producing, in ample numbers, shorthorns of a certain character and standard of merit. In Baron Oxford, a most suitable alli-

ance was found; one which without impairing the admirable frame and flesh of the Towneley Short-horn, contributed much to the perpetuation of style, of fine hair, of the property technically called 'quality' and of rich and attractive colors.



rapidly, and their flesh is of excellent quality. Indeed the quality of the meat is unrivalled by that of any other breed.

The accompanying engraving of a bull and cow, taken from the portraits of celebrated prize animals