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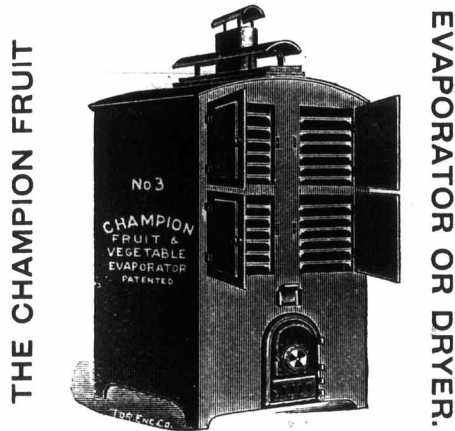
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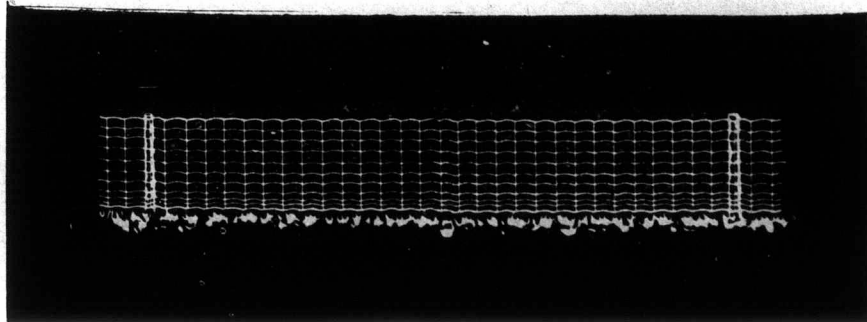
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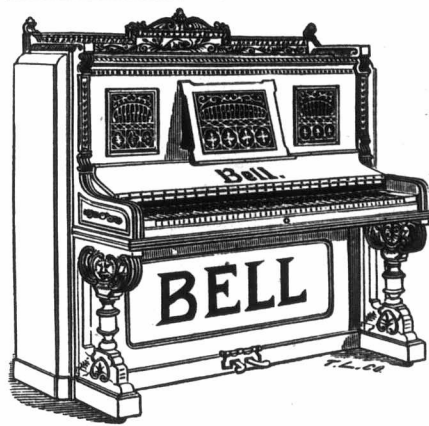


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Situated in one of the most fertile sections of the County of Oxford, Ont., and midway between the towns of Ingersoll and Tilsonburg, is the stock farm of the above gentlemen. The farm, which adjoins the Village of Dereham Centre, comprises over two hundred acres of choice farming land. The breeding of high-class stock has been a specialty with Messrs. Butler & Son the past few years, Chester White and Duroc-Jersey swine being the lines adopted until more recently, when a small herd of imported Guernsey cattle have been installed at the farm from the herd of Elliott-Warren, Winston, North Carolina, U. S. But the breeding of pure-bred stock is not the only special feature of this establishment. Dairying on quite an extensive scale is also carried on, some forty or more milking cows being kept, besides young stock; and the most modern appliances are in use for the manufacture of butter. The large barns—125x42 and 150x40—afford ample room for storing fodder, while the well-fitted basement stables will accommodate seventy-five or eighty head of cattle and a number of horses and other stock. The buildings are well-equipped with modern machinery necessary on an extensive stock farm. In the creamery everything was clean and fresh, and all the utensils in use necessary for the production of a high-class article. The skim milk is forced by steam through iron pipes to the piggery, and at the pens a large steam boiler is convenient for use, if necessary, for the cooking of food and the heating of water. A windmill supplies water to all the buildings.

The Guernseys—A choice young herd is now installed at the farm, and no doubt they will be handled to the best advantage and with the same success as the swine. The imported cow, Irma 342, is an exceptionally large, well-formed cow, weighing some 1,300 lbs., carrying a magnificent large udder, and an exceedingly heavy milker, having a record of 70 lbs. of milk per day, making 3 lbs. of butter. The imp. two-year-old heifer, Fancy of Ledgfield 8312, promises to mature a grand cow. A young son of hers by Promrose, Mr. Warren's grand stock bull, is a beauty, and will probably be heard from in the show rings. Florist's Rosina 7919, and Sofrona of Elm Grove 8276, are very promising heifers and richly bred. Dandy of Oxford (bred by J. A. Nilesstown, Ont.), assisted by King of Oxford 4003, a two-year-old of grand quality and conformation, heads the dairy stock. The former was a winner of 1st as a yearling and two-year-old at all leading fairs, while the latter has to his credit nine firsts at the best exhibitions, having never been beaten.

Chester Whites.—Among the Chesters, of which there is a large and choice stock, we noticed the imported sow Laura B. 5498, bred by Mr. Wilton Winery, Salem, Ohio, a sow of capital quality and grand conformation, and a winner of first premium at the Ohio State Fair in 1894 and 1895. Annie Laurie—105—has bred a wonderfully successful breeder, and is a grand sow in fit, and a winner of first money at all fairs last year. A splendid imp. sow under one year is under fit, with a couple of handsome home-bred sows of same age, for this season, and also a very choice under-six-months sow, bred by Mr. Winery, along with several other very choice animals.

A grand quartette, consisting of two boars and two sows under one year, will be shown out of the above sow, Annie Laurie, whose granddam was the grand sweepstakes sow wherever shown in 1894. At the head of the Chester herd is imported Prince Alexander, bred by N. G. Alexander, Delevan, Ill. The above boar will be assisted by a choice yearling (Combination's Choice); he promises to mature into a very large, smooth boar of good quality; he has a well-formed head, a good ear, capital back and hams, and all the requisite points of a typical Chester.

Durocs.—Among the Durocs we were particularly pleased with the sows, Red Bird—55—(who has been such a successful show sow as well as a breeder of prize-winning stock) and her daughters, Daisy 109 and Daisy D.—56—; these two and another daughter are winners of first and one second at Guelph Fat Stock Show, and three firsts at the Industrial. A number of fine young pigs of all ages were noted, and no doubt they will sustain their record as winners again. A grand two-year-old boar heads the herd, bred by Mr. Morton, Ohio, and a first winner at Toronto last year. There is also a fine yearling in use in the herd, bred by Peter Lamarsh, Wheatley, Ont.

Poultry.—A fine new hennery and yards has been erected this summer, and it is intended to make poultry one of the leading features of the farm. The special line kept will be the Blue Andalusians, but other breeds, of course, will also be kept. Selections of the different stock may be seen at Toronto and other fairs.

OAK POINT STOCK FARM.

This farm is beautifully situated on Lake Ontario, about 3 1/2 miles from Kingston; consisting of 200 acres, the property of Mr. J. B. Carruthers. The soil is a splendid clay loam, well adapted to stock-raising and grain-growing. In evidence of the quality of the soil, threshing was just finished the day of our visit, the oat crop turning out over seventy bushels to the acre. About four years ago Mr. Carruthers commenced the breeding of Ayrshire cattle, and selected six of his choice out of the herd of the late David Nichols; to these he has added two cows out of Mr. Wm. Stewart's herd, and one imported cow and two heifers from Messrs. D. Morton & Sons. The herd has increased to thirty head, and he is now prepared to fill orders for some very choice young animals. He finds very ready demand for all the milk he can possibly spare in the City of Kingston. The stock bull, Farmer's Boy, has been principally used; he was bred at the Menie stock farm, and was the first prize bull at Toronto in 1892. The stock bulls this season are: Lochiel, a son of McNeill, and Lord Rosebury, by White Prince 2nd, imported. He has also a very promising young bull sired by Dundonald, out of Primrose, imported. At the time of our visit Mr. Carruthers had a gang of builders at work erecting a circular silo, 20 feet in diameter by 30 feet high.