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Dear Sir,—I do not look on Toronto's move to have the live stock there ten days or two weeks with favor. If carried into effect it will preclude exhibitors from exhibiting at some one of the other large fairs. Secondly, it is my opinion one week is quite smitchent for both the breeder and the content of the other large fairs. Secondly, it is my opinion one week is quite smitchent for both the breeder and the content to go some the content of the conten

Doar Sir,—We believe it is a mistake for the Toronto Association to compel breeders to keep their stock there two ciation to compel breeders to keep their stock there two weeks. Our reasons for thinking so are these—It would injure the small exhibitions and thus do injury to the smaller breeders who cannot afford to spend two weeks at one fair. It would not even benefit large breeders who can afford to take their animals, because they can achieve far more at a much less expense so that in a few years they would withdraw. It would raise a feeling against the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, and the influence of many prominent men in many different localities would soon lessen the good and the est number is not effected by one exhibition at the expense of many, each of which is doing a good work. By lessening the influence of county and central exhibitions, it lessens the influence of county and central exhibitions, it lessens the influence of a class of farmers who will attend exhibition only in their own localities. These are more in need of spurring up than any class in the community, and by benefiting them a great good is accomplished.

SMITH BROS., Churchville, Onk.*

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Dear Sir,—I am not in favor of Toronto keeping our stock on the grounds for two weeks, unless they double the prize money. I think one week is quite long enough to keep stock on exhibition: and then we want better ways for loading and unloading. Exhibitors of swine have too much hard labor to get on the grounds. There is a lot of heavy lifting in connection with it. It would be an easy matter to run a railroanection with it. It would be an easy matter to run a railroanection with it. It would be an easy matter to run a railroanection with it. It would be an easy matter to run a railroanection with it. It would be an easy matter to run a railroanect to be pense of the pense of the preders could drive heir exhibits into the pense without lifting them. Toronto men, give other places a chance for their fairs and exhibitors a chance to attend other places, and not keep them for two weeks on exhibition in Toronto. If you don't, you will fail short of exhibitors. The old motto is "live and let live."

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Dear Sir,—I am informed that in future the Toronto Industrial Fair Association intend holding the live stock for two weeks at their exhibitions. This association is deserving of much credit for the success that has attended their exhibitions in the past, notwithstanding there has been complaints from exhibitors of live stock, and perhaps, in some cases, reasonable grounds for such. We think upon the whole it has been a well managed institution, and one that we Canadians have reasons to be proud of. But the question arises, will exhibitors of live stock be willing to have their stock penned up in close confinement for two weeks instead of one; many of them will not, and few, if any, will, unless the premiums offered is correspondingly increased, and that would only compensate those that win. Holding stock two weeks at a single show scems to monopolize; most exhibitors can do better attending their local shows. However, the competition in exhibitions is on the increase as well as in exhibitors bave plenty of scope to choose where to show their stock. Other large and permanent exhibitions have sprung up like mushrooms, and there are more to follow. Our American cousins over the border have come right to the front in establishing large permanent fairs with liberal prenium lists for live stock, where they extend a welcome to our Canadian exhibitors and use them well. Notably among these I may mention Buffalo and Detroit International Eairs. These are fairs that have undoubtedly come to stay. Those who have attended these shows can vouch for the courtesy and attention paid exhibitors of hive stock. Every department has an efficient superintendent who seems to think it his duty to make exhibitors happy, if possible. It is true these shows hold stock a part of two weeks, but look at their premium list, also their stabling, and see what they offer in return. Now, if the Toronto and see what they offer in return. Now, if the Tor

not go back if they continued to hold stock so many days Again, can Toronto afford to give as good premiums as these shows with a 25c. admission fee! I think it hardly reasonable to expect it. Buffalo and Detroit have a 5ce, gate fee, but that don't stop the crowds. Canadians go over and pay it without a grumble, and sky it was well worlt the money. But Toronto having started with 25 cents, can they now put it up with the same satisfaction as it could have been done at first! I think, perhaps, to give a 25 cent day each week would work well. Speaking from an exhibitor's standpoint, I would say one week is long emough for stock to be held at one show, and I believe that is the general opinion of exhibitors one week is long emough for stock to be held at one show, and I believe that is the general opinion of exhibitors which the Toronto Association threaten us with. They do not appear to be satisfied with having the good old Provincial crushed out of existence, but seem to think that Toronto, and it alone, should have a fair. I consider it is much more to my advantage to exhibit my flock at two distant points instead of two weeks at one place, as a larger number of customers are met, which means more sales. As the success of a fair largely depends on the exhibits, and-live stock usually forming the most attractive part of said exhibits, it is wisdom on the part of managers to be as reasonable as possible in their demands on exhibitors, and so lead us to exclaim: This or that is the place to show at. One or two things in which there is room for improvement. Sleeping berths should be provided for attendants: judging should begin at the advertised hour; last, but not least, the best prizes should be offered for animals bred by exhibitors. John Campell, J.R., Woodville, Ont.

Dear Sir,—The proposed change by the Toronto Association that all live stock shall be on the grounds two weeks instead of one as formerly, i am decidedly of opinion that such change, if made, is not in the interests of either the exhibitions or

might be more easily found out and some steps taken.

W. WHITELAW, Guelph, Ont.

Dear Sif.—Having heard that the Toronto Industrial Association have announced their intention of keeping all live stock on the grounds during the entire two weeks of the exhibition next year, I thought I would write you to say that I think this a great in justice to breeders, who are in the habit of showing their stock at a number of the fairs in the fail, as it will either cause other associations to hold their fairs too early or too late in the season, or debar said breeders from attending other fairs which would be held during that time. Then there is the expense of keeping them there for so long, which amounts to no small item. Now, sir, this looks to me like creating another monopoly. I cannot imagine what has induced the Toronto management to take this step, unless it is to do away with some of the other shows. I would therefore suggest that instead of holding them longer that they make it shorter. For instance, have a certain number of classes to be shown on a certain day, and so on, allowing said class, or classes, to be brought on the grounds, say one or two days previous to the day on which they were to be judged, then after the awards have been made why not allow animals which have not taken prizes to be taken away! I cannot see that they should be kept there at the expense of the owner. Now I think if some such plan as this were to be adopted that they would find that there would be an increased number of exhibitors instead of a falling off, which I feel satisfied there will be if the announcement which has been made is carried into effect.

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Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear of the Toronto Association wanting stock there the full term of exhibition. One week is plenty long enough. I exhibited at Buffalo and Detroit, there we had to stay with stock ten days, which was five days too long. Torouto Association will hurt their exhibition very much if they compel the stock to stay there two weeks. There are so many large exhibitions lately that there is not time for them without clashing together, and Toronto would be making it worse by having stock there two weeks. I would be strongly against such a move.

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H. Crawford, Canboro, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I feel that if we were a united body we would have a great deal less to grumble about, and I think that the right way would be to try and get the breeders together and discuss all matters for the mutual benefit of exhibitors. For example, the granting of herdsman's tickets; they are certainly very stingy about them and expect a great deal after they are granted. Among other things they expected of cattlemen is that we lead all prize cattle into the horse ring when called upon, and if they could they would mix horses and cattle in one heap, making it dangerous in the extreme. Another thing is, why be so stingy about passes, and yet expect all the prize animals led out at one time to the ring. How are two men to lead five or six cattle at once, the half of them being buils. For my part I am not going to go around the show yard and beg people to come and help me to show my herd. I think that here is one point in which exhibition boards are in the wrong. In Toronto it is really dangerous, and has been for years, to unload and load stock owing to the electric railroad. Now I think some remedy might be had for this at but little expense. About Toronto having a ten days show, it is simply to kill other shows as it has the Provincial, with the aid of the Toronto press. For my own part I think that Toronto show is established, even if it had no stock, and I think that in a short time all but the race horses will be left out, saying that they cannot be bothered with them. If the exhibitors would refuse to go for so long a time, it would either compel the Industrial to do without the stock altogether, or accede to our terms at once. There are many other things. For example: a difference in the stable accommodation is absolutely needed in the horses more than the cattle. I am afraid that as a province we will miss the Provincial very much, and that our governments have made as and mistake in not remodelling it rather than doing away with it altogether.

WILLIAM MCCRAE, Guelph, Ont.

Dear Sir, — I have no objections in taking my ponies to the Toroto exhibition for two weeks, and in my mind it is best for both breeder and the fair association. First, we meet with a great many people the first week that we do not see in the second week should be wet or unfaverable weather (which has been the case, several times) the public will not turn out, also the stock cannot be properly indged, as it crowds a great deal of work in too short a time: third, it costs but very little more to keep stock at exhibition than at home; fourth, does not cost much more for help, as generally they all stop at the stables, and get good board on the grounds for seventy-five cents per day; fifth, as to other fairs I think one week sooner or later will not make any difference, as I really think the Toronto Exhibition the greatest one in America. On the whole I say let us try it one year anyway, then we will have that experience to work on.

G. W. Romnson, Kingston, Ont.

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THE DARK HORSE;

A MONTH IN AN AMERICAN COUNTRY HOUSE. BY GEORGE A. HIBBARD.

It is late September. The leaves that, a few days before, were only touched with yellow, are now veined with purple and blotched with red. Many have fallen. Already the topmost branches of the trees show against the sky like wrinkles at the temples of the year. A short time ago, and the atmosphere was as clear as in June, but now it seems almost as thickened with dissolved amber; or as if some actial fisherman, of the time of such as he who drew the brass bottle which held the afreet to the shore, and to whom the Sultan gave four hundred pieces of gold for four strange fishes, had filled it with a thin, filmy, almost imperceptible trawl-net, that he might catch the falling leaves—the golden cyprinide—as they swim in the air. The distant hills, that had risen blackly blue beyond the cold green of rolling meadows and sinking valley, now lie softly grey beyond warm, orange stretches and undulations. The clear, clean-cutting lines of spring and summer are lost in the mellow glaze of autumn, lusciously rich as the varnish of a Stradivarius. It is a perfect morning of a perfectly characteristic autumn day. It is noiseless except for some sound that comes occasionally and so dully from the distance as scarcely to give indication of its cause. The air hardly stirs, for the column of smoke that rises, like a gigantic, phantasmal plant in dreamiand, from a field not far away, bends but little as it clears the tops of the trees in a grove near by. Such is the day as it stands, in its yellow and red facings, in the year's ranks.

The immediate scene is the breakfast-room of one of the newest of American country houses. There are many of its kind by the Beverly shore, among the Berkshire bills, amid the Orange mountains, through the valley of the Genesee. Their number increases every year as we become more and more a country-loving and a country-living people,—increases along the coast from Mt. Desert to Elberon, up the Hudson and by the inland lakes. In this particular, its effect, as a whole, is charming. It is more than

words, and peopled only with the mere figments of slight-winged fancy.
For years Mr. and Mrs. Kerneval had come from Philadelphia to one or more of these houses. Every autumn they came earlier and stayed later, until finally, completely won by the beauty of the country, they bought a place and built a house of their own. Now-perhaps two months after its completion—they are in it, and seated at their own breakfastable.

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Kerneval—beyond the boiling twenties, and well on in the simmering thirties—finds, perhaps, more to amuse him, for he is not earnest and eager now, than when, a boy of nineteen, he came into his large fortune. He is getting rather stout; he has to think of his horse as a weight-carrier when he takes the field. It can not be concealed that he is growing slightly bald, but his eye is as bright as when he clambered on the shoulders of his class up the Cambridge elm years ago; and, more, his digestion, is now as good as it was when Delmonico's was on the Fourteenth Street corner. A few tell him that he has not availed himself of his opportunities. He seldom answers anything of this kind, but if what