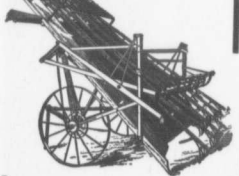


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VALUE OF AYRSHIRE RECORDS

Dr. Philip C. Palmer, manager of "Highland Farm," Bryn Mawr, Pa., writes me that he has just sold a bull calf five days old, out of Hens Ross 14539 by Finlayston 882 to Mr. L. A. Reymann, Wheeling, West Virginia, for \$500. This may be some as a large price to get for a bull calf, but when you consider his breeding, and the dairy records that are accumulated in him, it is not a large price, for he should breed superior dairy stock, if inheritance counts for anything. He takes in the records of his dam the Champion Ayrshire cow of the world for milk and butter, having an official record of 5677 lbs. of milk and 78 lbs. of butter.

Finlayston Maggie 3rd, 1927, the dam of his sire, has an official record as a four year old of 10,759 lbs. of milk, and 615 lbs. of butter in a year, owned and tested by Mr. George H. McFadden. As she is imported we know nothing of the dairy records of her ancestors in Scotland, but Hens Ross is from a long line of American records, private records, because they were made before the days of official records but they were the records of careful breeders who laid the foundation of the dairy side of the Ayrshire cows of America.

Hens Ross is sired by Major Ayer with seven cows in the advanced register. Major Ayer was bred by Alonso Libby of Maine, out of his Queen of Ayer family and traces through him in two lines back to imported Queen of Ayer with a record by Mr. Libby of 975 lbs. of milk at 12 years of age. (These early records were made before the days of testing the milk for fat contents. Major Ayer also runs through by Mr. Libby, viz., Queen of Ayer 3rd, with a record of 920 lbs. of milk, and Queen of Ayer 4th, with a record as a three year old of 829 lbs. of milk.

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The foregoing shows the value of keeping records of the dairy side and breeding from record cows. Mr. Reymann would not have paid \$500 for a bull calf from Hens Ross if she had not shown her dairy ability, and Mr. Tucker who bred Hens Ross would not have produced such a cow if he had not heard of Mr. Libby's Queen of Ayer cows and their production at the fall.

Also Mr. Yalentine would not have been able to sell this calf from a private record cow, because her wonderful record would not have been authenticated, but this is a plain exposition of the value of the Advanced Registry system recently adopted by the Ayrshire Breeders' Association of testing cows for milk and butter fat by means of a monthly visit for two days by an agent from the State Experiment Station, who sees the cows milked, makes a test for fat and reports to the State Station, who endorses his work and reports to the secretary of the Association.

This is doing a grand work for the breed and is bringing to the front many of the great dairy cows of the breed, and will undoubtedly show wonderful results when men like Mr. Reymann begin to look for the record breakers to breed from. There has been some very good certified plan among the Ayrshire breeders except with a very few, to breed from noted dairy producers. The Jersey breeders years ago saw the value of bringing out families of producing cows, and breeding from those lines, also the Holstein saw the value of such a course, but the Ayrshire men are now waking up to see the value of that course, that has made other breeds famous and with the great undeviated dairy ability of the Ayrshire cow, she will in my opinion be heard from at no distant day with no uncertain sound, thanks to the co-operation of the breeders through the efforts of the Association in official tests.—C. M. Winslow, Brandon, Vt.



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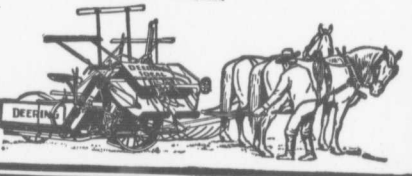
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