

they are generally on rural subjects, exceedingly well written, and in that peculiar style, that must be pleasing to agriculturists. As Mrs. Leprohon resides in the country, we have no doubt, that rural subjects will interest her more than any other, and that she will employ her pen in describing the beauties of the country, and the pleasures of a country life.

We beg to direct attention to the article. "The short-horned Cow," 359, as containing very useful information for parties wishing to cultivate this breed of neat cattle. The points that constitute perfection are laid down so clearly, and we may add, so correctly, that they are calculated to assist any agriculturist in selecting stock of this breed. By carefully studying that article, and the following description, it will be easy to detect where animals are not of pure blood, and good judges of this variety of stock must be aware, that cattle are often shown as pure short-horns, that are only mungrels. We do not object to crosses between this breed and others, but we have a great objection when there is any attempt made to impose as pure breeds of favourite varieties of stock any that are not so in reality. It becomes a fraud at Cattle Shows, and a vexatious imposition upon purchasers of such stock.

"The fine, thin, clear bones of the legs and head, with the soft mellow touch of the skin, and the benign aspect of the eye, indicate in a remarkable degree the disposition to fatten; while the uniform colours of the skin, red or white, or both commixed in various degrees, bare cream-coloured skin, on the nose and around the eyes, and fine, tapering, white, or light coloured horns, mark distinctly the purity of the blood; these points apply equally to the bull, the cow, and the heifer. The external appearance of the shorthorn breed," adds Mr. Dickson, "is irresistibly attractive. The exquisitely symmetrical form of the body in every position, bedecked with a skin of the richest hues of red, and the richest white approaching to cream, or both colours, so arranged or commixed as to form a beautiful fleck or delicate roan, and possessed of the mellowest touch; supported on clean small limbs, showing, like those of the race-horse and the greyhound, the union of strength with fineness; and ornamented with a small, lengthy, tapering head, neatly set on a broad, firm, deep neck, and furnishid with a small muzzle, wide nostrils, prominent, 'mildly beaming' eyes, thin, large, biny ears set near the crown of the head, and protected in front with semicircularly bent white or brownish coloured short (hence the name) smooth pointed horns;

all these parts combine to form a symmetrical harmony, which has never been surpassed in beauty and sweetness by any other species of the domesticated ox."

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THE FALL OF THE LEAF.

[BY MRS. J. L. LEPROHON.]

Written for the Agricultural Journal.

It is a sad and solemn tale
That the sighing winds give back,
Scattering the leaves with mournfull wail,
O'er the forest's faded track;
And summer's songsters have left us now,
For a warmer, brighter clime,
Where no leaden sky or leafless bough,
Full of gloom and winter time.

The reapers have gathered golden store
Of waving and ripened grain,
And they'll seek the far spread fields no more
Till the spring time come again;
But around the homestead's blazing hearth,
They will find sweet rest from toil,
And many an hour of harmless mirth
Whilst the snow storm piles the soil.

Then, why should we grieve for Summer's skies,
For its blooming trees and flowers,
Or the thousand light and joyous ties
That endeared the sunny hours:
A few short months of gloom and storm,
Of winter's chilling reign,
And Summer with smiles and glances warm,
Will gladden our Earth again.

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