

SALE OF KENTUCKY STOCK.

The recent importation of Short-horn cattle, hogs, horses and sheep, was sold on the 19th, at the farm of CHARLES INNES, near Lexington, Ky.—The prices and names of the purchasers have been kindly sent to us by our friend Dr. TARTON, but we are so crowded this week that we cannot publish them at length at present.

Thirteen cows sold at prices ranging from \$205 to \$650.

Six bulls, from \$167 to \$3,500. ROBERT ALEXANDER paid the latter price for "*Sirius*," calved October 11th, 1852.

"Hopeful," a seven year old Cleveland Bay stallion, sold to ROBERT INNES, for \$1050.

Six Cotswold, and one Lincolnshire buck sold at prices ranging from \$50, to \$287; while 46 ewes of the Cotswold breed, sold for from \$35 to \$70 each.

Ten pure Liverpool white hogs, and seven improved Yorkshires sold at \$70, \$50, \$25 and so on down to \$11.

Kentucky breeders are determined not to let their reputation suffer, if liberal importations and prices will prevent it.—*Ohio Farmer*.

THE HOP TRADE IN WISCONSIN.

The cultivation of hops for home consumption and eastern market is becoming or rather has become an extensive and important branch of agricultural industry in this portion of the State. It is an article easily grown, exhausts the soil far less than many other crops, commands good prices and a ready sale. Last Thursday no fewer than fifty bales of closely packed hops passed through this city on their way to Milwaukee, to be sent to New York city.—Joseph E. Spaulding raised 4,600 pounds of this quantity on two acres of ground, in the town of Oak Grove, Dodge county. Last year he informs us he raised 1,849 pounds on one single acre. The remainder of the lot spoken of above, was raised by Messrs. POWERS & FLETCHER, of Maysville, in the same county. They had 3,000 pounds and took them all from an acre and a half of land. At the figures at which this lot of over four tons is sold, producing hops must be a very profitable business—holding out strong inducements to engage in their cultivation. They require comparatively but little time or labor, and will be found a safe, paying and reliable crop, as well as a valuable addition to our domestic exports.—*Watertown Democrat*.

A SCHOOL INCIDENT.

In my early years, I attended the public schools in Roxbury, Mass. Dr. NATHANIEL PRENTICE was our respected teacher; but his patience, at times, would get nearly exhausted by the infractions of the school-rules by the scholars. On one occasion, in rather a wrathful way, he threatened to punish, with six blows of a heavy ferule, the first boy detected in whispering, and appointed some as detectors. Shortly after, one of these detectors shouted—

"Master, JOHN ZEIGLER is a whispering."

JOHN was called up, and asked if it was a fact—

(JOHN, by the way, was a favorite, both of the teacher and his school-mates.)

"Yes," answered JOHN, "I was not aware what I was about. I was intent in working out a sum, and requested the one who sat next, to reach me the arithmetic that contained the rule, which I wished to see."

The doctor regretted his hasty threat, but told JOHN he could not suffer him to escape the punishment, and continued—

"I wish I could avoid it, but I can not, without a forfeiture of my word, and the consequent loss of my authority. I will," continued he, "leave it to any three scholars you may choose, to say whether or not I omit the punishment."

JOHN said he was agreed to that, and immediately called out G. S., T. D., and D. P. D. The doctor told them to return a verdict, which they soon did, after consultation, as follows—

"The master's word must be kept inviolate—JOHN must receive the threatened punishment of six blows of the ferule; but it must be inflicted on volunteer proxies; and we, the arbitrators, will share the punishment by receiving two blows each."

JOHN, who had listened to the verdict, stepped up to the doctor, and, with out-stretched hand, exclaimed—

"Master, here is my hand; they shan't be struck a blow; I will receive the punishment."

The doctor, under pretence of wiping his face, shielded his eyes, and telling the boys to go to their seats, said he would think of it. I believe he did think of it to his dying day, but the punishment was never inflicted.—*Cin. Times*.

A NEW AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE.—We learn that a most total failure of the hemp seed crop—a crop of exceeding importance to a considerable portion of the richest lands of Kentucky and Missouri—has suggested the policy of importing hemp seed direct from Europe, thus supplying a want that would be most seriously felt, and at the same time doing a valuable service to the cause of agriculture by improving the *quality* of the article, and perhaps dispelling altogether the prejudice that so generally exists in favor of Russia over our Western hemp.

A company of enterprising farmers and merchants, Mr. MICHAEL RYAN, of this city, at the head of it, has been organized, with ample capital, for the express purpose of importing European hemp seed.—Mr. ANTHONY KILGORE, of this county, who has the experience and knowledge to enable him to select a *superior* article of seed, and to take the most abundant care of it in packing and transportation, to insure its arrival in prime order, goes out this week, to make the purchase and attend in person to the shipment of the seed. Mr. RYAN is to be the sole agent of the company for the sale of the seed, and expects to have an ample supply by the 1st of January.—*Maysville Eagle*.

The intellect was created not to receive passively a few words, dates and facts, but to be active for the acquisition of truth. Accordingly, education should labor to inspire a profound love of truth, and to teach the processes of investigation.