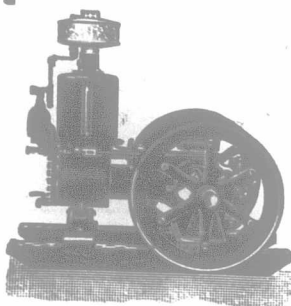


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The Calf Path.

By Sam Walter Foss.

One day through the primeval wood
A calf walked home as good calves should,
But made a trail all bent askew,
A crooked trail, as all calves do,
Since then three hundred years have fled,
And I infer the calf is dead.

But still he left behind his trail,
And thereby hangs my moral tale.
The trail was taken up next day
By a lone dog that passed that way,
And then a wise bell-wether sheep
Pursued the trail o'er vale and steep;
And drew the flock behind him, too,
As good bell-wethers always do,
And from that day, o'er hill and glade,
Through those old woods a path was made.

And many men wound in and out,
And dodged and turned and bent about,
And uttered words of righteous wrath
Because 'twas such a crooked path;
But still they followed—do not laugh—
The first migrations of that calf,
And through the winding wood-way
stalked,
Because he wobbled when he walked.

This forest path became a lane
That bent and turned and turned again;
This crooked lane became a road,
Where many a poor horse with his load
Toiled on beneath the burning sun,
And travelled some three miles in one.
And thus a century and a half
They trod the footsteps of that calf.

The years passed on in swift feet,
The road became a village street;
And this, before men were aware,
A city's crowded thoroughfare.
And soon the central street was this
Of a renowned metropolis!
And men two centuries and a half
Trod in the footsteps of that calf.

Each day a hundred thousand rout
Followed the zigzag calf about,
And o'er his crooked journey went
The traffic of a continent.
A hundred thousand men were led
By one calf near three centuries dead.
They followed still his crooked way,
And lost one hundred years a day;
For thus such reverence is lent
To well-established precedent.

A moral lesson this might teach
Were I ordained and called to preach;
For men are prone to go it blind
Along the calf-paths of the mind,
And work away from sun to sun
To do what other men have done.

They follow in the beaten track,
And out and in, and forth and back,
And still their devious course pursue.
To keep the path that others do.
They keep the path a sacred groove,
Along which all their lives they move;
But how the wise old wood-gods laugh,
Who saw the first primeval calf.
Ah, many things this tale might teach—
But I am not ordained to preach.

Clouds.

My Fancy loves to play with clouds
That hour by hour can change Heaven's
face;
For I am sure of my delight,
In green or stony place.

Sometimes they on tall mountains pile
Mountains of silver, twice as high;
And then they break and lie like rocks
All over the wide sky.

And then I see flocks very fair;
And sometimes, near their bodies white,
Are small, black lambs that soon will
grow
And hide their mothers quite.

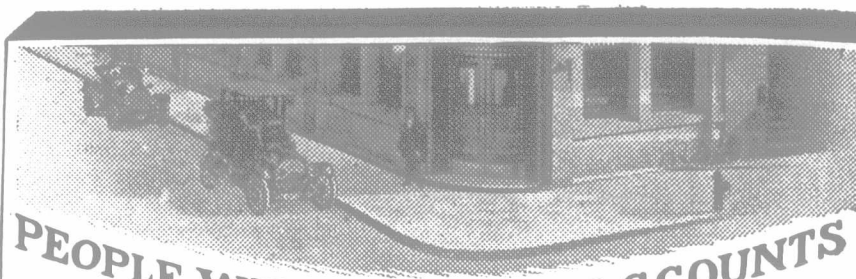
Sometimes, like little fishes, they
Are all one size, and one great shoal;
Sometimes they like big sailing-ships
Across the blue sky roll.

Sometimes I see small cloudlets tow
Big, heavy clouds across those skies—
Like little ants that carry off
Great motils ten times their size.

Sometimes I see at morn bright clouds
That stand so still! they make me
stare;

It seems as if they had trained all night
To make no motion there.

—William H. Davies.



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GOSSIP.

Part 2, of Volume 57 of Coates' Herdbook (the British Shorthorn Herdbook), cows with produce, to December 31st, 1910, has been issued from the office of the Shorthorn Society. This section of Volume 57 contains 985 pages of pedigree records, while part 1, bulls, issued in June last, contained 417 pages.

The name of the wagon manufacturing firm, Tudhope-Knox Co., Ltd., Orillia, whose advertisement appears in "The Farmer's Advocate," has been changed to Tudhope-Anderson Company. A specialty is wide-tire steel wheels, which are claimed to be easier on teams and roads than the ordinary narrow wheels, and more convenient to load. Look up the advertisement and write for catalogue.

STOCK SALE DATES CLAIMED.

January 17th.—John Racey, Lennoxville, Que.; Shorthorns and Berkshires.
February 7th and 8th.—At Union Stockyards, Toronto; consignment sale of Shorthorns.
February 9th.—James Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont.; Shorthorns, dispersion.
Day after annual meeting of Holstein-breeders' Association.—At Eglinton, Ont., on Yonge street, north of Toronto; consignment sale of Holsteins.
March 6th.—Provincial pure-bred cattle sale, in Winter Fair Building, Guelph, Ont.
April 3rd.—Holstein-breeders' Club; second annual consignment sale, Belleville, Ont.