

A Useful Scrap-Book.

One who has never filled a scrap-book cannot imagine its exceeding usefulness. A good one may be procured for a dollar or so. Cut out your favorite articles, items, receipts, &c., and lay them in the book. When you have accumulated a few and have a spare half hour, get a small board, a towel, or piece of old muslin, and a brush, with a cup of boiled flour paste, or it is said dissolved gum tragacanth is very good; the ordinary mucilage is apt to stain the paper. Lay each piece on the board, gum or paste the back, and place it smoothly in the book, laying the cloth over it to smooth it and absorb any moisture. When the book is partially dry it can be placed under pressure, and then it is always ready. The whole takes very little time when once arranged, and the advantage is that you save just what you want, and nothing else, in strong and durable form, while you thus have a book of reference—an encyclopaedia of practical knowledge—always within reach.

A FEW TIMELY HINTS.—Suet and lard keep better in tin than earthen. Suet keeps good all the year round if chopped fine and packed down in stone jars covered with molasses. Do not let coffee or tea stand in tin. Scald your woodenware often, and keep your tinware dry. When mattresses get hard and full of bunches, rip them open, take out the hair, pull it to pieces thoroughly, let it lie a day or two to air, and wash the tick; thus prepared it will be as good as new. There should always be a heavy, flat stone on top of your pork to keep it under the brine. There is a good deal of pork that gets rusty by floating around on top of the pickle; then this stone is an excellent place to keep a bit of fresh meat in the summer when you are afraid of its spoiling. It is easy to have a supply of horse radish all winter; have a quantity grated while the root is in perfection, and put in bottles filled with strong vinegar; then it is ready for use at all times. Keep a bag for all old pieces of tape and string; they will come in use. Keep a box for old buttons, so you may know where to go when you want one. Run the heels of stockings faithfully, and mend thin places as well as holes; a stitch in time saves nine. A little salt sprinkled in starch tends to prevent it from sticking. Always have plenty of dish water, and have it hot. There is no need of asking the character of a domestic if you have seen her wash dishes in a little greasy water.

The strawberry crop will be immense this year. They will begin to ripen in about ten days in the latitude of St. Louis.

The weather is decidedly warm. Vegetation is growing wonderfully fast. All kinds of stock have been doing well on grass since the first of April.

The Kirby Harvesting Machines.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co., to be found on cover.

This firm is one of the oldest in Canada, having been established in the Mower and Reaper Trade for thirteen years. The machines produced by them are considered second to none made in the Dominion. A peculiar feature of their business is that they turn out nothing but Mowers and Reapers, devoting all their energies to the improvement and perfecting of the machines they build. It must be evident that any firm who so conduct their business, without having their attention divided among a variety of implements, are enabled to produce their speciality in the most perfect form. Certain workmen are employed continuously on certain parts; some on guards, some on shafts, some on sections, and others on the different parts used, so that every piece is produced by a mechanic skilled in the particular part he prepares. Every piece of the machine is thus made as perfect as possible, and all fit with a nicety and a precision not otherwise attained. Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co. employ about 75 workmen, and produce about 1,500 Mowers and Reapers annually. Their factory is a large four-story building, with a total floorage of 600 feet in length by 36 in width. They occupy, besides, large warehouses for storage. This establishment is one of the leading industries of the City of Brantford. They do a large trade throughout the Dominion, and in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island their business is very great, arising from the fact that their machines are so admirably adapted for gathering the heavy grain crops produced in the extreme provinces of the Dominion.

We are informed that there are upwards of seven thousand Kirby Machines now in use in Canada, and we notice that Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co., with a liberality that is commendable, have made a large reduction in the price of the wearing parts of their machines, thus enabling their customers to renew their machines at the lowest possible cost.

We commend the readers of the Advocate to the advertisement or to a visit to Messrs. A. Harris, Son & Co.'s establishment, should they visit the City of Brantford.

HEARING RESTORED.—Great invention by one who was deaf for 20 years. Send stamp for particulars. JNO. GARMORE, Lock-box 905, Covington, Ky. de-3

Stock Notes.

Mr. Jas. Douglas, of Athelstanford, Scotland, twenty years ago the most prominent breeder of Shorthorns in North Britain, died in February. Several importations from his herd were made to Canada and the United States. Mr. Douglas relinquished breeding some years ago. He was widely known as an enterprising farmer as well as breeder, and was a man of mark in agricultural circles in Great Britain during all the most active part of his life.

Mr. F. W. Stone, Guelph, has sold to Messrs. Grant and Campbell, of Woodville, Ont., the fashionably-bred Shorthorn bull, Seraph, red, calved March 2nd, 1876; sire, 3rd Duke of Springwood 16928 (3087); dam, imp. Sereade by Cherry Duke (25752), &c.

Mr. George Fox, Elmhurst, England, has had the misfortune to lose his red heifer, the Duchess of Elmhurst, out of imported Duchess of Airdrie 20th, by Duke of Geneva 9th (28391). He writes that the disease of which she died is locally known as "black leg" or "quarter evil." It is said that 5,000 guineas had been offered for this heifer. Mr. Fox adds: "The three great drawbacks to cattle breeding are—cows returning to bull (not holding), abortion and 'black leg.' Any practical suggestions for the prevention or cure of either or all of the above would be a great boon to breeders. Veterinary science, so far as I have been able to learn, has discovered no cure or specific for either."

Messrs. Lingham & Son, drovers, of Belleville, Ont., have received an order by telegraph from one of the army contractors in England, for a large supply of beef cattle. This order will be filled at once with cattle purchased in Canada. If the lot in question prove satisfactory, further orders will follow.

John Snell's Sons, Edmonton, report sales during the past month as follows:—To Dr. L. E. Brown, Eminence, Ky., a pair of Cotswolds and a Berkshire sow. To H. W. Goodale, Montana Territory, two Cotswold yearling rams at \$100 each. To H. P. Livermore, Oakland, California, a pair of Berkshires. To Wm. Sharpe, Keystone, Ind., one Cotswold ram. To E. R. Musgrave, Terre Haute, Ind., one Berkshire sow. To A. Wilson, Burgessville, Ont., a pair of Berkshires. To T. Wilford, Crosshill, Ont., a pair of Berkshires. To A. Dinsmore, Windermere, Ont., two Berkshire sows.

Messrs. J. & R. Hunter, Alma, Ont., have sold to Robert Holloway, Monmouth, Ill., Shorthorn bull Lord Aberdeen, by imp. Knight or Warlab (29014), out of Lady Fanny by Rob Roy (22740); to Alex. Wood, St. Mary's, Can., Booth Royal by Baron Booth of Killerby, dam Rosy Gem by Knight of Warlab; to Samuel Johnston, Howick, yearling bull Reformer; to R. & J. Simmon, Winfield, yearling bull Gauntlet; to Wm. Jackson, Clifford, yearling bull Waverly; to Messrs. Wood, Stratford, Queen of the May 2d, and to Henry Groff, Almira, heifer Princess.

Some Jersey cattle from the herd of R. H. Stephens, Slocum Lodge, St. Lambert's, P. Q., brought excellent prices at A. McClintock's sale, at Millersburg, Ky., on the 30th ult. The following were the figures realized:—May Bud, \$340; Juliette, \$290; Princess, \$235; Flora, \$320; Cherry, \$290; total, \$1,415. Mr. Stephens writes, regretting that his herd is so reduced in numbers by late sales that he will have no more to offer until the autumn.

Col. Laurie, of Oakfield, Halifax Co., Nova Scotia, will offer for sale on the 8th May next some fine thoroughbred Devon bulls, cows and heifers. As this stock is mainly selected from the importations of the Provincial Board of Agriculture and from his own breeding, farmers in the Maritime Provinces in want of good stock will find at this sale a rare opportunity of improving and increasing their herds.

Mr. W. B. Mills, of Arden, the former Reeve, is said to be the owner of the largest flock of sheep in the County of Frontenac. He has wintered over six hundred ewes, and at the present time has nearly two hundred lambs. Mr. Mills spares neither time nor money in procuring first-class animals.

Great Sale of Shorthorns in Australia.

The last mail from Australia brings the report of Messrs. Robertson's fifth annual sale at Colac, Melbourne, Victoria. It was, like its predecessors, a splendid success, ten Shorthorn bulls averaging 4792 lbs., against 4389 7/8. Gd. for twelve sold last year. Cherry Oxford 5th, described as "a handsome strawberry roan," and the winner of a second prize at the Polwarth and South Grenville Show, was started at 500 gs., and eventually realized 1,250 gs.; he remains in Victoria. The great attraction of the sale was 24th Duke of Derrinunt, a roan calved May 1, 1876, and bred very similarly, though from a different female line, to Cherry Oxford 5th. He was put up at 800 gs., and was finally purchased for 2,453 gs. The other bulls were all yearlings, and made respectively 650gs., 500 gs., 450 gs., 450 gs., 400 gs., 300 gs., 700 gs., and of these, three go to New South Wales, and three to Queensland, so that they were pretty equally distributed over the three great Australian settlements. Four pure Shorthorn heifers were offered. Oxford's Summerton, a two-year old, realized 1,600 gs., and the four averaged £1,102 10s. These high prices are considerably above the average of last year, but then seven-teen heifers were offered against only four this season.

Commercial.

FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE, }
London, May 1, 1878. }

The past month has been to a great extent a repetition of the previous one. The Eastern Question seems no nearer a solution than ever. Farmers have been busy with their seeding, consequently the deliveries of grain have been light. There is considerable wheat yet to come forward—more than any previous year at this season.

WHEAT.—The very light deliveries, together with the unsettled state of the Eastern Question, has resulted in very little business being done in Canadian wheats. Farmers are now nearly through their seeding, and in fact many of them are already through, so that we may look for more liberal de-

liveries for the next month or six weeks. The crop prospects are universally good all over America, and the spring wheat is now well, if not all in the ground. This, with the indication of an early harvest, should make farmers free sellers of their wheat, and no doubt the disposition will be to sell pretty close. And we think farmers will act wisely by so doing. Should the Eastern Question come to a peaceful solution, we must see a heavy decline, but should the reverse be the case we cannot see anything to warrant any very great advance. Chicago, Detroit and Milwaukee all report large quantities of wheat still in the hands of the farmers, which only await the conclusion of seeding to be brought to market.

PEAS.—Are somewhat higher, with very few coming forward, and what few there are, are being picked up and sent forward on London, Liverpool and Glasgow accounts.

CLOVER SEED.—Rules very quiet, with little enquiry unless at low figures. There has been some enquiry and some offers made for car lots for June shipment, but prices have been too low to result in anything being done.

BUTTER.—Rules about the same, with no change to note. We advise extreme caution in handling and operating in this article the coming season. Let every dealer be a free seller, and whatever disposition there is to hold, let it be done by the farmers themselves.

CHEESE.—Many of the factories are now well in operation, and the first of May will see nearly every factory in the country started. Should the weather continue as propitious as it now is, we may look for a heavy make of May cheese. Stocks of old are getting low, and the present low price in Liverpool, if it is to be hoped, will clear the market well out before the new is ready to go forward.

London Markets.

Deihl wheat.....	\$1 95 to	\$2 05
Treadwell.....	1 90 to	2 00
Red.....	1 85 to	1 90
Spring.....	1 50 to	1 70
Barley.....	80 to	1 00
Peas.....	95 to	1 05
Oats.....	88 to	93
Corn.....	85 to	95
Flour, fall wheat.....	3 50 to	3 25
" mixed.....	3 25 to	3 00
" spring.....	2 80 to	2 75
Bran.....	80 to	70
Cornmeal.....	1 75 to	1 50
Oatmeal.....	3 00 to	2 55
Wool, fleeced.....	20 to	28

PRODUCE.

Roll Butter, fresh.....	16 to	15
Tub Butter.....	10 to	20
Lard.....	9 to	10
Cheese, per lb.....	11 1/2 to	12 1/2
Eggs, per dozen.....	10 to	11
Hay, per ton.....	9 00 to	10 00
Clover (at market prices).....	3 50 to	3 75
" (at merchant's prices).....	4 00 to	4 25
Timothy seed.....	1 50 to	1 75
Potatoes.....	50 to	60
Carrots.....	25 to	30
Onions.....	60 to	70
Beef, per 100 lbs.....	3 50 to	5 00
Lamb, per lb.....	6 to	7
Mutton.....	6 to	7
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.....	3 50 to	4 00
Apples.....	60 to	1 10

Little Falls Cheese Market.

Little Falls, N. Y., April 29.
CHEESE.—The market is more active to-day than ever before this season. Seventy factories were represented, with 4,100 boxes offered, nearly all skimmed, most of which sold for 10c to 12c; average, 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c. The market is 1/2c lower than last week. Farm cheese brought 8c to 10 1/2c.

BUTTER.—20c to 24c, fully 4c less than last week, 21c to 22c being the prevailing figures.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, April 29, 1878.
Flour, 26s to 26s 6d; Spring Wheat, 10s to 10s 10d; Red Winter, 11s 3d to 11s 6d; White, 11s 4d to 11s 8d; Club 11s 6d to 12s 4d; Corn, 26s to 27s 9d; Oats, 3s 3d; Peas, 36s; Barley, 3s 8d; Pork, 47s; Bacon 26s to 27s 6d; Cheese, 64s.

Montreal Markets.

Grain unchanged; flour, superior, \$6 to \$6.10; extra, \$5.70 to \$5.75; fancy, \$5.30 to \$5.75; strong bakers', \$5.25 to \$5.40; Ontario, bags, \$2.25 to \$2.60; city, bags, \$2.70.

Toronto Markets.

Spring Wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.13; Red, do; Treadwell, \$1.15 to \$1.18; Deihl, \$1.18 to \$1.21; Barley, 48c to 55c; Peas 65c to 70c; Flour, \$4.25 to \$5.75; Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.25; Butter 5c to 17c.

NEW YORK.—Wheat, \$1.20 1/2 to \$1.33 1/2; Corn, 43 1/2 to 45c Oats, 29c to 30c.

CHICAGO.—Wheat, \$1.13; Oats, 27c; Barley, 48c; Pork lower \$8.50 to \$8.55.

DETROIT.—Wheat lower, \$1.31 1/2 to \$1.34 1/2.