

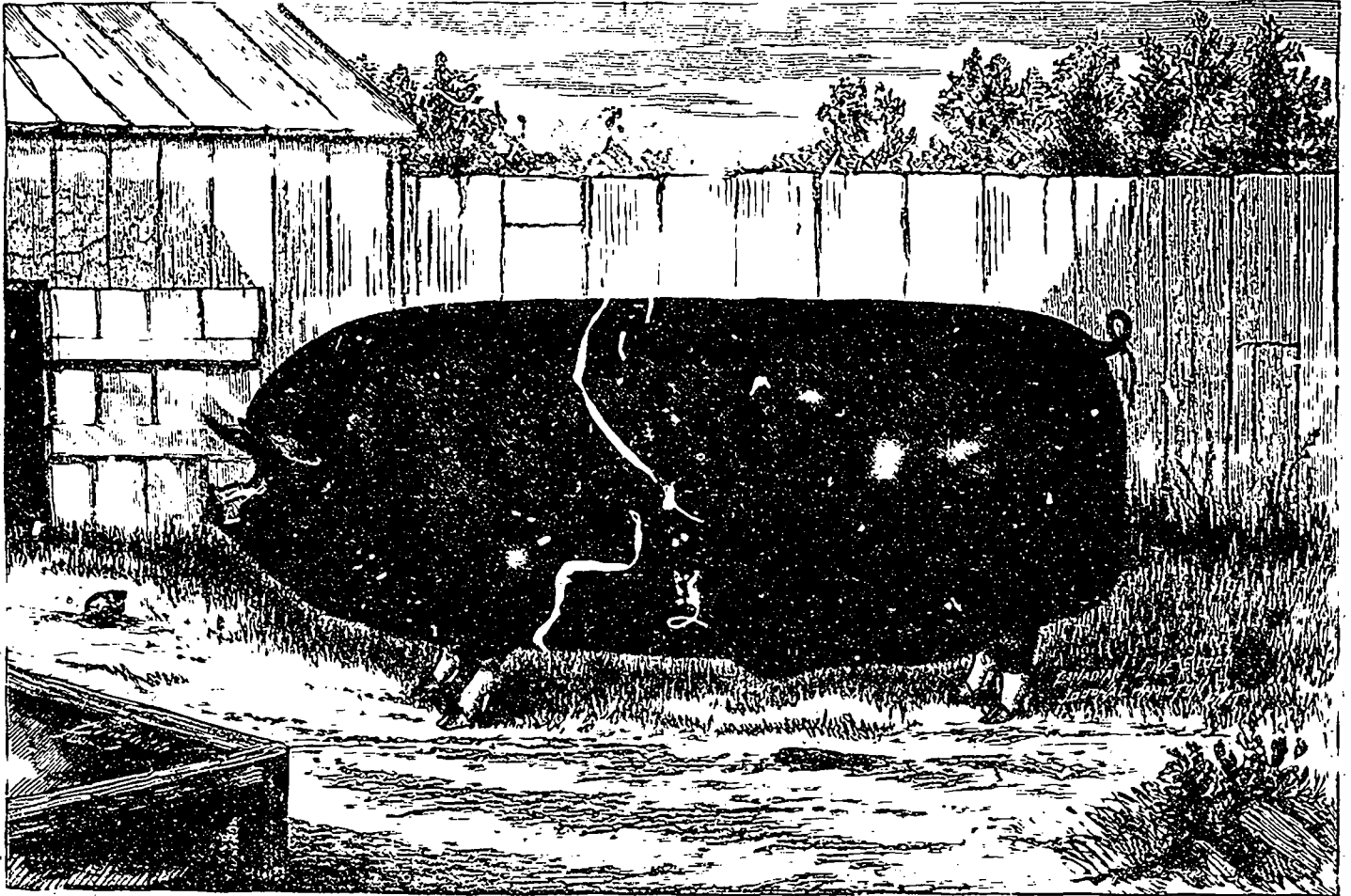
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## THE BERKSHIRE BOAR TOP-GALLANT.

Imported by and the property of J. G. Snell & Bro., Edmonton, Ont.

### Top-Gallant.

This exceptionally good specimen of a Berkshire was bred by Mr. Edward Tombs, Bampton, England, and imported the present season along with a number of other prize winning Berks, by J. G. Snell & Bro., of Edmonton, Ont. Top Gallant was farrowed Aug. 12th, 1883, and won first prize at the Bath and West of England Show held at Brighton this year, and first at the Provincial fair at London. He has wonderful length and evenness of body, splendid head, back and hams, good action, large bone, is nicely marked, possesses good size, and weighs 600 pounds when in moderate condition. He is to be used largely in the herd of the Messrs. Snell, and will doubtless prove a valuable sire.

This firm have been very successful exhibiting at the Illinois State Fair, recently held in Chicago, and they intend exhibiting at the Indiana State Fair, to be held at Indianapolis, and at the great St. Louis Fair. At the former of these on Berkshires they won seven first prizes, 4 seconds, herd prize for boar and four cows, and grand sweepstake for best Berkshire boar of any age. At the same show they were also very successful in exhibiting Cotswolds carrying first and

second on ram lambs, first and second on ewe lambs and grand sweepstakes for best Cotswold ewe of any age.

We need scarce add that the Messrs. Snell have made the breeding of Berkshires a speciality for a number of years past, and are prepared at any time to supply purchasers with what they may want in this line. Their flock of Cotswolds also is equal to the best.

### The Sussex Cattle.

This breed, though ancient and distinct and possessing a herd book containing animals a number of which trace back to the year 1855, is not so well known in this country as the merits of the breed would justify. The principal owners of Sussex cattle in Canada are Messrs. E. & A. Stanford, Markham (also of Ashurst, Steyning, Sussex, England), Mr. Geo. Whitfield, of Rougemont, Quebec, has also a number. Beyond these we do not know of any other.

The origin of the breed, like that of many of the breeds of Britain, is involved in an obscurity from which the clouds will never lift. It is not certain whether the breed is distinctly native or brought over

by William the Conqueror, but that it has long been kept a distinct breed in Sussex is unquestionable.

The horns of this breed are of medium length, coming out horizontally, branching laterally, and turning upwards towards the ends. Neck tolerably wide, with muzzle of flesh color, thin between the nostrils and eyes, eyes rather prominent; forehead inclined to be wide, neck not very long, side, straight, not coarse at point of shoulders; wide and open in the breast, which should project forward; girth deep, legs short; chine bone, straight; ribs, broad; loin, full of flesh and wide, hip bone not very large and well covered; rump, flat and long, tail, whitish at tip and should drop perpendicularly, thigh, flat outside and full inside; coat, soft and silky, with a mellow touch; color, solid red, both light and dark, sometimes the two shades mingling and making a beautiful dappled bay. The horns of the bull and ox are not so long as those of the cow.

The special merits claimed for the breed are large size, early maturity, propensity to fatten, prime quality of flesh laid on in most desirable parts, hardihood of constitution and uniform popular color, and the ability to impress these characteristics upon their offspring.