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Editorial Notes.

In this issue we have given particulars concerning several of the larger exhibition associations. We have done this with a view of benefiting these worthy enterprises, and also to post our readers, both those who are exhibitors and those who go as visitors. From our articles and a careful perusal of the prize lists issued by each association, and which may be had by applying to the secretaries, each reader can form a determination concerning which exhibition he desires to attend. In our next issue we will probably give a few notes concerning other associations.

Here is something for us all to consider and profit by. In a recent issue of the Canadian Gazette, published in London, Eng., occurs this paragraph:—"If Canadians desire to know what classes of animals will pay for export purposes, let them study this list of average quotations for the best horses at the Lincoln Fair of late date: Matched pairs of carriage horses, very scarce, from 200 gs. to 300 gs., and in a very few cases up to 400 gs.; high steppers, suitable for broughams, 100 gs. to 150 gs.; carriage horses, with good action, 100 gs. to 150 gs.; high-stepping saddle horses, 90 gs. to 140 gs.; horses suitable for cabs, omnibuses, etc., 15 gs. to 30 gs.; draught horses for town work, £65 to £90; good agricultural horses, £35 to £50 each. It is not necessary for us to make any remarks on this paragraph, as it speaks for itself. If you wish to produce the horses that bring the best prices you must breed from the best horses and breed in line, always with a certain object in view.

The Jersey Bulletin, of recent date, records the results of the tests of two Jersey cows, viz., Peart's Lemon 41646, owned by Louis Starache, Warsaw, Ill., and Thekla of Clever Nook 33445, the property of S. Warren, Spring Hill, Tenn. The former gave, in seven days, 320 lbs. of milk, from which 17 lbs. 5½ oz. of butter, salted 1 oz. to the pound. Her food was 3 lbs. of corn and oats ground together, and 1 lb. of oil cake meal, fed daily; while running on good pasture, a mixture of timothy and clover. The latter mentioned cow gave nearly 192 lbs. of milk in seven days, from which was made 15 lbs. 9 oz. of butter. Her food was grass alone. She is now being fed grain, and will again be tested to see what she will do under more favorable conditions. We would advise Canadian farmers to carefully test their cows from time to time. This is the only means of knowing whether they are kept at a loss or profit. Test them and report your tests to us; we will give them to the public. If you have anything good it will benefit you to let the public know it. If you have cows that are not paying, you should know it and dispose of them at once.

Prof. A. J. Cook's bulletin on insecticides, a portion of which we print in this issue, is a very valuable and practical article. Every one of our readers should carefully read it. The Professor seems to hold a higher opinion of London purple than many other practical men, many preferring Paris green, declaring it to be more reliable. He explains clearly how to make kerosene emulsion and how to best apply it. As well as a protector of plants, it is said to be useful to destroy lice on hogs. He tells how to destroy those wretched cabbage worms by the use of Buhach. Tobacco, he puts to a good use in destroying the striped flea beetle and the cucumber flea beetle, both of which are a great annoyance in our gardens. We would prefer to use almost any of the reliable tick destroyers before tobacco decoction for killing ticks on lambs or lice on cattle. Bisulphide of carbon will doubtless prove of value in destroying gophers. We would advise all our readers to carefully read and reread Prof. Cook's article. He is one of the cleverest and most practical of America's scientific agriculturists.

Bulletin 51, from the Agricultural College, Guelph, gives the experiment of feeding forty-eight grade lambs which were purchased in that locality. They were weighed and placed in an eight-acre field of rape, the experiment beginning October 10th, 1889. While on the rape they were fed in troughs one-half pound of oats per day. The lambs weighed, October 10th, 4,612 pounds, an average of ninety pounds each, and cost \$3.84. On December 10th they were housed,

and had made an average gain of eighteen pounds, and were estimated to have a value of \$273.80, average increase of value \$1.85. From December 10th to February 10th the lambs were fed 1,057 pounds of oats, 5,107 pounds of sliced turnips, with what they would eat of clover hay of rather poor quality. They increased in weight, during this period, 544 pounds, average increase fourteen pounds. They were sold and delivered March 14th. Twenty-two ewe lambs then weighed an average of 129 pounds, and 25 wether and ram lambs 144 pounds, one lamb dying from getting on its back. The profit of the experiment stands thus: Average price, October 10th, \$3.84; average price, March 22nd, \$7.71; average increase per lamb \$3.87.

The country around, and particularly that north of the village and station of Shakespeare, has long been noted for the number of its successful cattle feeders, and of late years, through the enterprise of several of those interested in good stock, they have organized a fat stock show, which comes off at the time of shipping the bulk of their stall fed export cattle. This has not only had the effect of bringing out a large number of cattle that are exhibited in the several classes, but has had a wonderful effect in bringing forward for export a lot of the very best cattle for this purpose, and among five or six cars shipped at that time not an inferior beast was to be seen, and numbers of highly finished cattle were forward. The emulation, brought forth by the feeders vying with each other as to which had fed the best cattle, has also had the effect of each feeder making a study of the feeding department. The care that had been taken in bringing all the cattle out with their coats burnished up in show shape proved this to be the case. Three competent judges had been appointed to make the decisions, and when the different classes were called they were filled up in the following order:—Aged bulls, 5; cows over four years, 5; heifers under four, 6; heifers under three, 2; steers over three, 16; steers under three, 7. Then there was a sweepstakes for the best fed beast for export, also the best group of four cattle, also the best seven head for export. Altogether the meeting was one of great interest to the onlooker, and if each locality could only send the quantity and the even excellent lot, just the sort for the shambles where good beef is appreciated, it would not only raise the standard of our export cattle but there would soon be an end of worn out farms and with them the end of much of the hard times that accompany them.

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The Coming Fairs.

CANADA'S GREAT EXHIBITION — TORONTO INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION FOR 1890.

Only two months from now and the time for the holding of the fall exhibitions will be here. Among the first, and undoubtedly the most important, of these will be the Great Industrial Fair, which is to be held at Toronto from the 8th to the 20th of September. The Manager and Directors of the Toronto Association have been working like the energetic beavers for months past revising the prize list and preparing the foundations for their next fair, which they are determined to make excel all previous ones, and if they succeed in doing so they will well deserve a continuance of the liberal support which has been accorded them in the past by the public from all parts of the Dominion.

The prize lists, which are very neatly gotten up, have been published, and will be sent to any one desiring a copy, on their dropping a post card to the Manager, Mr. H. J. Hill, Toronto. Many additions have been added to the list since last year. In the horse department a new class has been added for high jumping tests for hunters, to be exhibited each day of the fair, over \$200 in prizes being offered. Two extra prizes have been added for Hackney stallions, and the prizes for yearling colts, yearling fillies and geldings and foals of 1890, have been increased in every class, and several special prizes are offered by the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, the Walker House, Toronto, John Holderness, Esq., of the Albion Hotel, and others. The prizes for speeding in the horse ring have also been increased in the trotting events twenty-five per cent. In the cattle department \$500 has been added to the regular prizes in the various classes, and \$100 in special prizes is offered by the American Hereford Association, and \$100 by the American Holstein Association. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE, of London, offer a special prize of silver plate, and the Industrial Exhibition Association add \$50 for a milking test competition, the entrance to which is free. The rules governing this competition have been prepared by Prof. Robertson, of the Dominion Experimental Farm, assisted by a committee from the various breeders' associations, and may be procured from the Secretary of the Exhibition, or from the office of the ADVOCATE. This test promises to be the most important one that has ever taken place in Canada, and will undoubtedly prove of great interest and benefit to the farming community. Two extra sections have also been added to the class for fat cattle.

Special prizes in addition to regular list are offered in the sheep department by the English Shropshire Association and the American Oxford-down Record Association, and a new class has been added for Exmoor Horned sheep. In the class for fat sheep the Long Wooled have been separated from the Short Wooled sheep, which adds two new sections. A new class has been added in the swine department for Improved Yorkshires. The poultry department has received an addition of \$300 to the list, and special prizes are offered for races by Homing pigeons, a new feature in connection with Canadian fairs. A pigeon loft with about thirty pigeons, owned by different parties, has been formed on the Toronto Exhibition grounds, and it is intended to have races by these pigeons during the exhibition. The pigeons will be sent to distant points about the country and there liberated for the race back to the Fair Grounds, where their arrival will be watched for by the visitors with great interest.

The regular prizes in the dairy department have been largely augmented by a grant of \$100 from the Western Dairywomen's Association, and \$75 by the Ontario Creameries' Association, whilst the prizes for grain and roots and horticultural exhibits have been also considerably added to.

The Secretary, in writing to us, says:—"It was feared by many that when the Provincial Exhibition, which was the Industrial's strongest rival, had ceased to exist, that the latter Association might be inclined to reduce its prize list somewhat, but it is evident from the large increases that have been made this year by the Toronto Association that such an idea has never occurred to them. The Directors recognize the fact that theirs is the great agricultural show of the country, and are determined that it shall continue so, not only in name, but in effect. The prizes offered at the Toronto Exhibition are certainly by far the largest in the Dominion, and compare very favorably with the largest fairs in the United States, whilst the entrance fees are much less. More than three-fourths of the prize money at the Toronto Exhibition goes to the farming community, being for live stock, dairy and agricultural products."

In connection with the Exhibition, the Association propose to hold a Grand International Dog Show, for which a new building is being specially erected at a cost of \$8,000. The building will be fitted up on the latest improved plan, and will provide benches for over six hundred dogs. Mr. C. A. Stone, Secretary of the Canadian Kennel Club, and formerly of London, has been appointed Superintendent of the Show. A large addition is also being made to the fruit and floral hall, and many other improvements are now under the consideration of the Directors.

Mr. Hill, the Manager of the Exhibition, who is thoroughly imbued with the idea that visitors to a fair require a little amusement and recreation, as well as instruction at the same time, is energetically at work arranging for special attractions, and his efforts are being directed to securing those of a much higher order than are usually found at fairs. He is now arranging for exhibits of all the latest inventions, both in the mechanical and electrical

spheres, and he has been authorized to spare no money in placing before the patrons of the Exhibition the best and most interesting of these to be obtained.

All entries for this Exhibition have to be made before the 16th of August, and we would impress upon our readers the importance of bearing this in mind, as many who were dilatory in sending in their entries last year in proper time were much disappointed when they had them returned by the Secretary. The Industrial Exhibition Association always have more entries than they have accommodation for, and when the entry of horses reaches one thousand, and cattle over six hundred, as they did last year at this fair, it is not surprising that the Association declines to accept entries after the time set down in their rules. It also takes a considerable time to properly prepare the official catalogue, and this is another reason why intending exhibitors should not delay making their entries until the last moment.

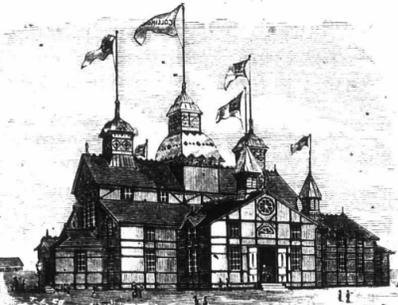
The Toronto Exhibition will this year partake somewhat of the character of a World's Fair, as large exhibits have already been promised from the West Indies, Spain, the United States, England, Manitoba, British Columbia and other distant points. This Exhibition grows greater and greater each succeeding year, and this year promises to be no exception in this respect.

THE WESTERN FAIR.

The prize list of our well-established Western Fair is to hand, and is much the same as regards prizes as that of 1888. General Purpose horses have been cut off entirely, which is right as regards stallions. Prizes are still given for Agricultural stallions, exclusive of the Draft breeds. The money would have been better expended, as we have no use for the mongrel-bred stallions that are shown in this class. Hackneys have been given a place, which is a right move. Cattle, sheep and pigs are much the same as before. To be held September 18th to 27th. Thos. A. Browne, Secretary.

GREAT NORTHERN EXHIBITION.

J. W. Archer, Secretary Great Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Ont., writes us:—"Our board of management claim that they hold one of the best exhibitions outside of the Toronto Industrial. We have stabling for about 200 horses, 200 cattle, and pens for sheep and pigs from 300 to 400. We have also a very fine poultry house, fitted up with the very latest improvements with good ventilation; also a very large machinery hall and carriage building, all finished in beautiful designs the same as the



Main Building of the Great Northern Exhibition, Collingwood, Ont.

main building. We have a beautiful half-mile clay driving track, with a grand stand capable of seating about 500 or 600 people. The grounds on which the buildings are built belong to the town, comprising from 18 to 21 acres, with beautiful shade trees dispersed around the grounds, which is used for the town park, and have leased the grounds to the exhibition Association for 21 years. It is now six years since the buildings were originally built. They were burnt to the ground once. The board of management having such faith in the success of the show they had the buildings re-built, and the show has been such a success that they are now out of debt. Last year we had something over 6,000 entries for the fair, which speaks volumes for the board of management and this district of country. I might say that we have every year some of the largest stock exhibitors who show at Toronto, and they find, when here, they have very keen competition. It is a well known fact that we have the finest display of fruit shown at any exhibition in Canada. At the Industrial last year was no comparison to the display at our exhibition. We have to get experts like Mr. Bendle, of St. Catharines, to judge. This part of the country is one of the best fruit-producing districts in Canada.

THE DETROIT FAIR.

In the prize list for Detroit will be found a lot of handsome premiums for live stock of all descriptions. Especially is this the case in the group prizes; for instance, \$500 is offered, divided into five prizes in the following herd classes: Standard-bred trotters and ton of his get, the same for Clydesdales and Shires shown together, also for Percherons. Stallions four years and over in each of the classes are offered \$200 divided in five prizes. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry also are liberally dealt with. Entrance fee is five per cent. of the premium, which will secure only good specimens

being shown. To be held August 26th to September 5th. George M. Savage, Secretary.

THE GREAT EASTERN EXHIBITION

we understand will be the only large agricultural exhibition held this year in Quebec. The location of Sherbrooke, with the best railway communications and the city being the centre of the best agricultural district in the Province, being the capital of the Eastern Townships, should ensure success. Liberal prizes are offered for fine improved stock of all kinds. Horses are more fully classed than usual in the West. Clydesdales and Shires have separate classes, also standard-bred trotters are separate from Roadsters. There are full classes for Hackneys and Cobs, and Hunters are also given a class. In all fourteen classes are formed, three or four more than we usually see. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry are all fully classed. The stock interest is evidently well looked after by this Association, which should be successful from present appearances. Last year's was a most successful exhibition. It will be held September 2nd to 4th, H. R. Fraser, Secretary.

MIDLAND CENTRAL FAIR.

Mr. R. Meek, Kingston, Ont., Secretary of Midland Central Fair, writes us:—"The outlook is most promising for our exhibition this fall, which is the first of the season, and occurs between September 1st and 6th, it will, in its general features, and good, if not better, than the fair of last year, and under new management, score a complete success. The Exhibition Company has splendid grounds and are improving them annually. This year the Kingston Electoral Society will hold its fall show at the same time as the Agricultural Exhibition, and will give special attention to horticulture, fruit products, and fine arts. The Frontenac Cheese Association has also signified its desire to make the dairy department equal to its best at any Provincial Exhibition that has been held here, and to that end has contributed a large sum towards gold and silver medals in addition to the awards that are announced by the Fair Association. A special point in the forthcoming prize list will be the abolition of the usual entry money. It will not cost anything outside of the membership fee, to exhibit at the fair, and the Association purposes recouping itself for the loss in this connection by the deduction of a small percentage from the prize money. The special attractions are those incidental to the modern show, viz., balloon ascensions, kennel show, horse races, &c.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, TO BE HELD AT ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

The prize list of the Exhibition Association of St. John, N. B., which is now in the press, is said to be of more than ordinary interest. We therefore take pleasure in giving a short summary of the sections and amounts to be offered, the competition for which is open to the world. In the live stock section they offer prizes amounting to \$7,337, divided as follows: Horses, \$2,139; cattle, \$2,835; sheep, \$708; pigs, \$492; poultry and dog show, \$1,163, in addition to which \$1,750 is offered for the horse race competition; in the farm produce section, prizes amounting to \$1,560, including \$492 for fruit and vegetables, \$342 for field products, \$241 for butter and cheese, and in addition Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, of St. John, offer the following special prizes, with a view to stimulate and increase the knowledge of good butter-making in the Maritime Provinces, and their wish is that the money should go to the farmers' wives and daughters: First prize, \$50; second, \$30; third, \$20; fourth, \$10—butter to be in crocks or firkins or less than twenty-five pounds. Girls prize for butter made by farmers' daughters not over sixteen years of age: First, \$20; second, \$10; third, \$5—butter to be in crocks or firkins or not less than fifteen pounds.

The above prizes will be given to each province—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Each province to compete separately, and will be judged by an unprejudiced expert. Butter must be the product of a bona fide farmer, who is engaged in no other business. A further prize of \$50, to be called the sweepstake prize, will be given for the best thirty pounds of butter or over in crocks or firkins. This prize will be open to all three provinces, and will not be confined exclusively to farmers, but must not be creamery butter. In the horticultural, apiary, natural history, ladies' and children's departments, prizes amounting to \$537 are offered. Messrs. D. A. McCaskill & Co., of Montreal, offer the following special prizes for carriages varnished with their celebrated varnishes: Extension top carriage drop front or Surrey, 1st \$30, 2nd \$20; single drop front buggy, sun shade or top, 1st \$16, 2nd \$10; single square piano box or corner, open or top, 1st \$14, 2nd \$8; single bangor buggy or concord, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; double-seated sleigh, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; single-seated sleigh, 1st \$12, 2nd \$6; single-seated ash pump, 1st \$8, 2nd \$5; double-seated ash pump, 1st \$9, 2nd \$5; best collection of carriages in the above section, 1st gold medal, 2nd silver medal, 3rd bronze medal. A silver (gold lined) cup will be awarded to any son of a farmer residing in the Maritime Provinces for the best essay written by him on the subject: "The best means of inducing the boys to remain on the farms." All essays to be sent to the Secretary of the Exhibition Association, St. John, N. B., on or before the first day of September, 1890. The successful candidate will receive his prize during the holding of the exhibition.

The exhibition association, in addition to the above prize, will award a first class diploma, under the same conditions of competition. The total prizes amounting to \$11,364, in addition to which a large number of diplomas and other special prizes will be awarded according to the regulations of the

association. The directors have already received very encouraging reports of the prospect of an attractive display of the products of the West India Islands, and with the large number of special attractions which are being secured, this exhibition promises to surpass anything that has ever been attempted in the Maritime Provinces. The association finding their outlines and grounds in the city unable to accommodate the number of applicants coming in have secured the splendid grounds and buildings of the Moosepath Driving Park Association, where the stock exhibit will be held, and arrangements are being made for rapid transit between the exhibition buildings and these grounds during the exhibition. Our agricultural readers should not lose a moment in securing space for their exhibits.

Our Subscription Picture—"Canada's Pride."

From all over the United States and Canada we are receiving most flattering letters regarding this splendid picture. For the benefit of new subscribers, we will again state the terms on which it can be obtained: Any paid up subscriber who sends us one new name, will receive an unframed copy. The picture will not be sold but in conjunction with the ADVOCATE, except as follows: One picture on a stretcher, varnished and nicely mounted, will be given for four new subscribers or \$2. For five new names we will pack and express a copy of this picture finely framed and covered by a glass 24x36, or will send one on receipt of \$2.50. Those desiring a more elaborate frame, can have it by sending ten new names or \$5. All pictures sent by mail will be prepaid, but the charges will not be paid on those framed and expressed. Read carefully the following unsolicited testimonials:

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," came duly to hand. I must thank you for such a beautiful engraving, it is well worthy of a frame and a place in any farmer's house.—Andrew Gilmore, Huntingdon, Que.

Sir,—"Canada's Pride" is really a masterpiece of art, and should find a place in the home of every Canadian who is a lover of his stock. I shall have it placed above my writing desk, so that I can admire and study it while at work.—H. Bollert, importer and breeder of thoroughbred Holstein-Friesian cattle, Cassel, Ont.

Sir,—Please accept my thanks for the portrait of Canadian horses entitled "Canada's Pride." I consider it a work of art. The grouping of the horses is particularly good. It is one of the best works of the kind I have ever examined.—Fred. H. Beach, Secretary of the American Branch Association of the North Holland Herd Book, New York City.

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," received. I think it as good, if not the best, portrait of the kind that I have ever had the pleasure to examine, and worthy of a place in the home of every farmer or lover of good horses. It shows what wonderful improvements have been made in draft horses, and also the skill and patience of the artist.—W. M. Wiley, Secretary American Essex Association, New Augusta, Ind.

Sir,—I acknowledge the picture named "Canada's Pride," and have hung it in the most conspicuous place in my office. I like the picture very much, indeed there is something grand as well as attractive about it. The animals are exceedingly well arranged.—Chas. Burgess, Secretary the American Shire Horse Association, Wenona, Ill.

Sir,—I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of the beautiful engraving, and assure you it is fully appreciated.—S. E. Prather, Riverdale Stock Farm, Springfield, Ill.

Sir,—The picture, "Canada's Pride," is at hand. Accept thanks for the beautiful work of art. It is exceptionally fine as to arrangement, as well as to the artistic workmanship. I value it highly.—E. N. Ball, Secretary Michigan Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Hamburg, Mich.

Sir,—A copy of your subscription picture, "Canada's Pride," came duly to hand. You may feel assured the same will be framed and hung up in my house, for I find it a picture which will bear much examining. It is greatly admired.—N. S. Fish, Secretary and Treasurer of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, Grooton, Ct.

Sir,—Your picture, "Canada's Pride," is a work of art, and shows the high standard of excellence attained in the draft horses of Canada. And I tender my congratulations to the breeders of Canada, who are blessed by having in their midst an agricultural paper like the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, that has displayed the energy, and furnished the expense necessary to make it possible to adorn their walls with this elegant engraving.—J. D. Conner, Secretary of the American Association of Importers and Breeders of Belgian Draft Horses, Wabash, Ind.

Sir,—We are in receipt of copy of "Canada's Pride." The picture is a very good one indeed, and is well worthy of a fine frame.—Mortimer Levering,

Secretary American Shropshire Registry Association, Lafayette, Indiana.

Sir,—The engraving of "Canada's Pride" received today. I consider it the finest picture of draft horses I ever saw. The animals appear so life-like and attractive that one cannot help but admire them. I shall frame the picture and hang it in my office.—J. Horatio Earll, Secretary New York State American Merino Sheep Breeders' Association, Skaneateles, N. Y.

Sir,—I am in receipt of the engraving sent me. I consider it a production of much merit, and will take pleasure in framing the same and giving to it a conspicuous place in my office.—C. E. Stubbs, Secretary National French Draft Horse Association, Fairfield, Iowa.

Sir,—Please accept thanks for the beautiful engraving, "Canada's Pride." It surpasses anything of the kind I have ever seen. I am proud to know such a work of art can be executed in Canada.—John Jackson, breeder and importer of Southdown Sheep, Abingdor, Ont.

Canadian Velvet Chaff Wheat.

Since our last issue we have carefully watched the growth of this wheat, and have continued our enquiries concerning it. We are more than ever convinced of its value. Read what thrashers say of it:—

Codrington, May 15th, 1890.

Dear Sir,—I take great pleasure in speaking in favor of the wheat grown by Mr. J. B. Stone, and now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff. I have run a threshing machine for over forty years, and know when grain turns out well. I threshed for Mr. Stone the past harvest, and the new wheat was better by fully one-third than the Clawson, and gave more than the Clawson from the seed sown than the best Clawson I found last season.

SIMON WHITNEY.

Deseronto, May, 1890.

Dear Sir,—This is to certify that I threshed for Mr. J. B. Stone in the fall of 1888; that I threshed the wheat now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff, and that the yield was far ahead of all other varieties I threshed that season.

WM. GOULD.

Brighton, May 9th, 1890.

Dear Sir,—I have seen this new wheat grown by Mr. John Stone, and now called the Canadian Velvet Chaff, every year since he had the produce of the first grain, which gave from the one grain 50 kernels. I have helped thresh it the two past seasons, and the yield was fully one-third above all other varieties, and it has wintered the three past winters better than even the hardy Clawson.

Yours respectfully, JAMES SWEET.

Dear Sir,—I have seen this new wheat, originated by Mr. John B. Stone, ever since he commenced to grow it, and have helped harvest and thresh it, and the yield has been far better every year than any other variety I have ever worked in or handled, and it is very hardy, standing the winter better than the Clawson.

Yours, &c., JOHN REYNOLDS.

All the millers who have examined it write as follows:—

J. B. Stone, Esq., Norham, Ont.:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your favor of the 5th re sample of wheat sent me, would say I think the wheat is just what we want in this country, the berry being large and even with a very thin bran and the flour appears very white. I am of the opinion it is just what we want for the eastern markets, as they require a very white flour, and I am confident this new wheat will be a great improvement on what we now have for that trade. You will please use your best influence with the farmers of this locality and induce them to grow it in place of the Clawson, which has gained their favor as a fall variety, but is a poor milling wheat for the millers. I am sure the variety you are growing this year will prove individually and collectively, to both millers and farmers, a profitable change. Hoping, sir, after harvest you will favor me with some of the wheat to distribute among our farmers in this locality.

CHAS. SMITH,

Proprietor Campbellford Mills, Campbellford, Ont.

J. B. Stone:—

Dear Sir,—You wish me to give you an opinion as to the demand for a wheat that will make pastry flour. We have no hesitation in saying that the demand is practically unlimited for home and export consumption. We judge from the appearance of the sample of wheat you sent us that it will be suitable for making that class of flour.

SILLS & BRO.,

Millers, Exporters, &c.

A copy of our subscription picture, "CANADA'S PRIDE," has been sent to every person to whom it is due. If any such have not received it, in order to obtain another copy they must notify us at once.

Johnson's Pure Liquid Paints.

We recently passed through Mr. W. Johnson's paint works in Montreal, and were astonished to see the great number of large, powerful crushers and grinders at work. We were not aware that we had such extensive paint works in our Dominion. Not only is this establishment supplying the leading wholesale houses in Canada, but in the vessels that pass close by its doors, numerous quantities are shipped to South American ports and other parts of the world. These paints have an unequalled reputation in this city. When one uses paint, it is found to be the cheapest to use the best. We can, in confidence, speak most highly of Johnson's Pure Liquid Paints. See his advertisement in another part of this journal.

Wilkin's Potato Digger.

Wilkin's potato digger advertised in this and previous editions is, we believe, a very good implement—the cheapest and best of the kind we have ever tested. As announced in the November issue of 1889, page 352, we gave it a trial last fall on our grounds, where it did excellent work, and pleased us so well we at once procured one for our own use. We would advise farmers, seedsmen and gardeners, to write Mr. Alex. Wilkin, Birr P. O., Ont., who will give full particulars as to price, capacity for work, &c. Mr. Wilkin is the inventor and proprietor of the machine, and is, we believe, a very reliable straightforward man, he has a good implement which he sells at a reasonable price, and deserves liberal patronage. Read his advertisement in this issue.

The Ontario Minister of Agriculture.

Since our last issue the Local Elections in Ontario and Quebec have taken place, and, as is always the case, some are pleased while others are disappointed. The contests in both Provinces have been characterized by unusual energy, and in some cases by bitterness. Now, that the contests are over, it is the duty of every citizen to drop the hatchet and grasp the pruning hook, and to forward, in every possible way, the interests of the country. The Mowat Administration has lost two members of the Cabinet, Messrs. Drury and Gibson. Mr. Ross, having previously resigned, Mr. Mowat has three Cabinet positions to fill, that of Treasurer, Provincial Secretary, and last, and most important to the farmers, that of Minister of Agriculture. This office should be filled by a practical man, one who is in touch with the farmers, who knows their wants and can sympathize with them; while he is practical, he must be a man of broad and liberal views and possessed of much executive ability. Several gentlemen are mentioned in connection with this office, but the one who should be appointed is Mr. John Dryden, M. P. P., of Brooklin, Ont. For years, he has been looked upon by the farmers over the length and breadth of this Province as the most suitable man. We do not hesitate in saying that his appointment would give the greatest satisfaction to the farmers throughout Ontario. By education, training, and ability, he is eminently fitted to fill this important office. No member in the Local House is so widely and popularly known by the farmers all over the Province; conversant with every detail of the farm and live stock. He is just such a man as would fill this position, a representative farmer in every particular.

Stock.**Thomas Bobier's Farm, Moosomin, N. W. T.**

The accompanying illustration represents the farm of Mr. Thomas Bobier, four miles north of Moosomin Station, in the Northwest Territories, just outside the limits of Manitoba, and is one of the best kept and most profitable farms in the west. The stables in the rear will accommodate fifty head of stock. There are at present on the premises thirty-three head of cattle and sixteen horses. The farm in its entirety contains nine hundred and sixty acres, and is devoted to mixed farming. Mr. Bobier came to this farm eight years ago, and has had two crops frozen. The average yield has been: Wheat, 26; oats, 40, and barley 30 bushels per acre. Potatoes have done well, and abundance of

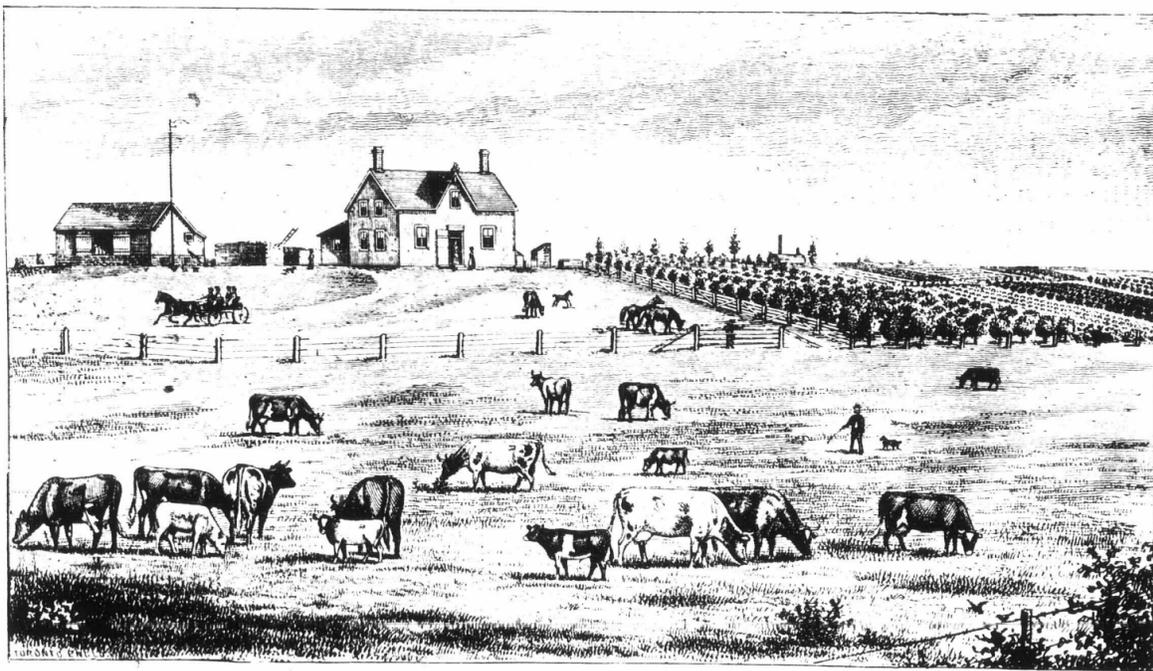
lead is applied which effectually closes all minor cracks, such as checks or shakes in the lumber. The cellar is the full size of the house. The walls are forty-four inches thick, and have defied the frost to penetrate them.

Mr. Bobier some years ago bought a few imported peas, and as they grew, he discovered a single root of wheat among them. When the frost came and destroyed the surrounding crop, this wheat was unharmed, and the product of this single grain was three hundred and thirty-six grains. It has been propagated, and samples have been sent to the Experimental Stations at Brandon and Indian Head. Mr. Bedford, Superintendent of the Brandon Farm, speaks very highly of it, and says it will grade No. 1 hard. The editor and proprietor of this paper, thus refers to his visit to this farm in the fall of 1887:—"On alighting from the train at Moosomin, we accidentally met Mr. Bobier, who

less resources of the soil in this locality." The engraving, which shows the house and grounds, was taken from a photograph, and will show Eastern men what sort of homes settlers on the Western plains enjoy. The young men of the Eastern Provinces would do far better to settle on our Western plains than to emigrate to the United States. Thousands of the native farmers of Britain could here find comfortable homes and profitable farms, such as they do not know in the Old World.

Vol. XII. of the Clydesdale Stud Book of Great Britain and Ireland.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Arch. McNielage, the Secretary, we are in receipt of the above copy of the Clydesdale Stud Book. An illustration is given of that grand old sire Prince of Wales (673), the winner in many a hard fought show ring himself, but still better known as one of the great sires of winners, and as each show



VIEW OF THOMAS BOBIER'S FARM, MOOSOMIN, N. W. T.

native fruit is grown, such as currants, gooseberries and raspberries. Wild hops are cultivated to a limited extent, and give an abundant yield. Mrs. Bobier says she never used anything to equal them for culinary purposes. Mr. Bobier thinks there would be "big money" in cultivating them. The garden is large and well kept, and produces cabbages, onions, cauliflower, carrots, beets, mangels, turnips, squashes, and many other varieties of vegetables in great profusion.

THE HOUSE

is practically frost proof. The sills are eight inches square. A two inch strip is nailed along the bottom, upon which the siding boards stand. Inside the walls are two coatings of brown paper, and outside one coating of tarred paper.

great care being taken to fit it nicely about the rafters, which is the most difficult part from which to exclude the wind. Next the siding boards are put on and the joints broken by substantial battens, and a heavy coating of white

invited us to his farm. We accepted the invitation and remained with him over night. In the morning we went over part of the farm, and saw his stock and the different varieties of grain. On this farm some of the cereals that were exhibited in Europe were grown. Mr. Bobier had a very excellent garden for such a new country, the numerous varieties of vegetables, fruits and trees being very interesting. Mr. B. informed us that owing to the hollow walls and double windows water did not freeze in his house. He was formerly a resident of Elgin County, Ontario, but is much pleased with his change. In the morning Professor Saunders, Hon. Mr. Perley, and several of the members of the Press Association, drove over to the farm, and were treated to milk and preserves made from the native fruits. The milk was excellent, and the flavor of the preserves superior to that made from Ontario fruits. The immense quantity of wheat and barley yet to be taken off the ground, plainly depicted the almost bound-

season comes around a goodly number of which are always found in the front ranks.

A photograph of Prince of Albion (6178), celebrated as the highest priced Clydesdale stallion, and also famous as champion stallion winner of 1889, does not give the idea of the great horse he is.

A photograph of Christal (5387), first prize brood mare at the Highland A. S. S., Melrose, in 1889, is a much better, and is a beautifully executed picture.

The book contains the pedigrees of 1,332 mares, 1,002 stallions, and 1,394 entries of living foals, the produce of mares formerly entered. There are appendices added containing corrections and changes of ownership, districts in which stallions have travelled, and the names of winners of the Society's premiums and medals in 1889; also obituary and dates of exportation of horses that have travelled at least one season previous to 1st January, 1890. The book is much the largest yet published, and shows a large increase in the number of pedigrees recorded, which is largely due to the attention paid to breeding and the number of sales effected through the increased demand for horses of this breed.

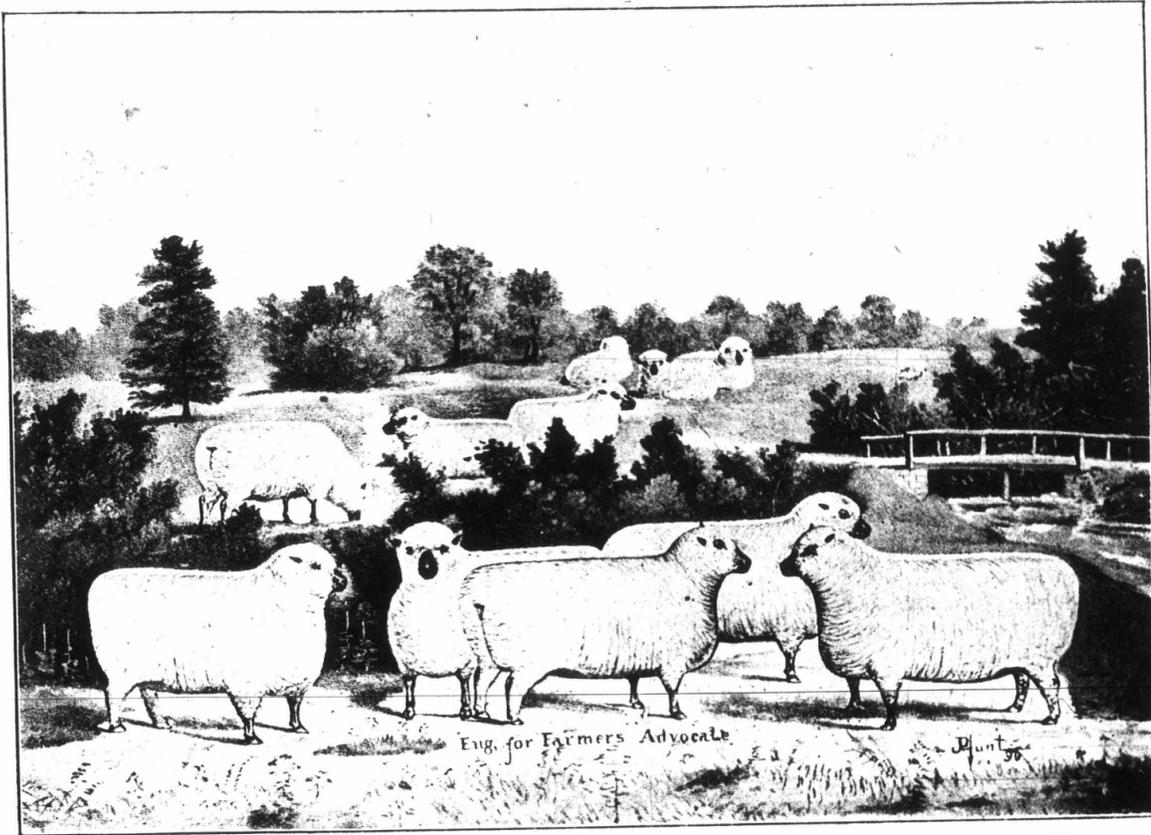
Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw's Recent Importations.

In the illustration for this month there is represented a group of the famous mutton-producing Shropshire Downs, a breed, judging by the increased numbers that are yearly imported, are fast gaining in popularity with the flock masters of this continent, and are spreading into every section where sheep husbandry is followed. The lot here depicted are specimens from the flock of Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth, Ont., a station on the L. & P. S. R. R., seven miles south of London, Ont. The flock was started by purchasing a few imported ewes of Frank R. Shore & Bros., White Oak, in 1882. The last of these were all sold out during 1889, when the present flock

have proved unusually prolific, and the lambs are most promising as might be expected, being the get of such celebrated rams as Windsor King, at the head of the Farmer flock, who was winner at the Royal Show at Windsor, first at the Bath and West of England, first at the Shropshire and West Midland; also Ashby Star, in use by the Messrs. Bach, and first prize at the Shropshire and West Midland Show in 1889. He also owns a pen of ewe lambs that took first at Ludlow Shropshire Show in competition with the first prize pen at the Royal Show at Windsor, with some very choice shearing rams. At the time of this writing we are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hawkshaw, from Bristol, England, dated June 6th, in which he states he has purchased

Horse Breeding in Canada.

Those of our old time breeders that can remember the French Canadian horse as bred years ago, can look back with pleasure to the wonderful endurance, kindly temper, freedom from disease, universal soundness, and other good qualities embraced in him, which go to make a No. 1 horse. Horses of this breeding are now considered undersized for heavy work, and scarcely attractive enough for the street or park, but among them we can find some of the most perfect specimens of horse flesh that the horse-loving public ever looked upon, seldom standing over 15 $\frac{1}{2}$, and oftener under 15 hands. He was, and is, the biggest little horse ever put together. His beautiful style of going, his great



A GROUP OF SHROPSHIRE-DOWN SHEEP RECENTLY IMPORTED BY MR. W. S. HAWKSHAW, GLANWORTH, ONT.

were selected by Mr. Hawkshaw last autumn, and landed here in December. From what we have seen of the selections he has made, they are the kind that fanciers of this breed are after. "Quality and Quantity" is his motto. Both of these, with enough character to please the most exacting connoisseur, his sheep have in a marked degree. They are from the celebrated flocks of Mr. J. E. Farmer, Ludlow; Messrs. Francis Bach, Onibury, and Richard Bach, Craven Arms, Shropshire. The ewes, of which Mr. H. procured the choice among these breeding flocks, are sired by such noted rams as Felton Oak (3183), and Prince Perfect (3185), used by Mr. Farmer, and Chief Choice, a winner of first prize at the Shropshire and West Midland Show, at the head of the Bach flock. Since their arrival here they have done well for their owner, and

an equally good lot that he expects to ship at an early date. He is also bringing out a few Dorset Horned sheep, and some Berkshire and Yorkshire pigs, a review of which we will give in our next issue.

Vol. V. American Shropshire Imp. Record.

We have to acknowledge, through the kindness of the Secretary, Mr. Mortimer Loring, the receipt of the above volume, containing Nos. 7,211 to 13,197 inclusive; No. of entries 6,284, nearly as many as the four previous volumes combined, which proves how popular these sheep are becoming, and that breeders have found the necessity of recording their sheep. The book also contains the names of nearly four hundred breeders and importers who are members. The price of this volume is \$2 to non-members.

wear, honest temper, always made him a favorite wherever tried. Undoubtedly, he lays claim to have been one of the first brought over to this country, some writers claiming he came over from France as early as 1660, and was afterwards crossed with the Narraganset pacer, a number of which were brought to Quebec from the New England States some 150 years since. The Narraganset pacer is claimed to be of English origin, but all is pleasure as to the original breeding. His speed and endurance, qualities that were introduced in the Canadian pacer, have helped build up the American trotter through the Pilot Jr. cross, Pilot Jr. being sired by Old Pilot himself, a Canadian pacer, this cross giving us the two fastest to date, as Maud S and St. Julien, both of whose dams were sired by Pilot Jr. Old Pilot himself, it is claimed, did show 2:26 under

saddle, and he was very fast, both as a trotter and as a pacer.

Much has been written in controversy about the blood of the Canadian pacer in the trotter, but doubtless this honest, level-headed horse has nicked well with the thoroughbred blood of Messenger, Mambrino, and others that have helped to found many of the trotting lines of breeding. A few friends, and those interested, are now getting together data, and intend, if possible, to establish a record for the French Canadian horse. If more care were practised in their breeding and selection, there is plenty of material to form a distinct sort, and they would furnish us with a hackney or road horse second to none. It is claimed by those who have made a study of these sorts, that the Norman horse is alike the founder of the French Canadian and the more modern French Coacher. Those brought to Quebec at this early date, receiving too often short rations in a vigorous climate, by inbreeding he has been reduced in size, while the Norman horse, of sunny France, with abundant feed, a warmer climate, and careful crossing, has been built up to the beautiful horse he is to-day. However, they both retain the splendid constitution and vigor, as well as the active movements of the old Norman war horse.

It is now many years since France first established her government studs, and through this management the French Coacher of the present has been produced. With the Norman horse for a foundation, and by selecting thoroughbred blood from England, and judicious crossing of these sorts, a horse has been produced that, for coach or carriage purposes, stands among the very first. The French Coacher, like his English cousin, has undergone changes through the lapse of time incident to the requirements of the country. What establishing the faster mail coaches and advent of railways in England, so has peace and war done for this class of horses in France, as he has alike been required for cavalry remounts, and to draw the carriages of the opulent in the cities. For this last purpose the handsomest horses were in great demand, and to the late Emperor belonged horses of the most lofty type and brilliant action that could be obtained, and private individuals vied with one another in obtaining for their stylish turnouts horses of the highest standard that wealth could purchase. The war, for a time, put an end to all this luxury, and a horse for cavalry remounts was in greater demand, and less size and a more activity was the order of the day.

The French Coacher now stands about 16½ to 16¾ hands; in color he is brown bay and chestnut. He is a thicker and better muscled horse than his English namesake, and has more attractive action. Quite a number of these horses have been brought into Ontario of late, but we have not yet been able to find how they are crossing with our mares, as the produce is not of sufficient age to judge.

The French system of government inspection has much to recommend it, and doubtless France would be in a different position as regards horse-breeding, if the money thus expended had been withheld.

In Canada, establishing studs through government aid, would interfere with individual enterprise, and never could be made a popular move; but, if a system of inspection and license were adopted, it would have the effect of en-

couraging the bringing in and retaining the best horses, and would serve to check the use of horses without any pretensions to breeding, and which are the greatest detriment to our horse-breeding operations. We have something like 120,000 brood mares in Ontario. If these could be raised up to \$150 per head this would be \$12,000,000 of wealth alone, and this only represents one-quarter the number of horses. By raising the standard of excellence in our mares, and importing and retaining only the best stallions, how quickly we would double our wealth; there would at once be a direct demand for more than we could produce; we would also have horses fitted to do the work required of them for the different departments, and the work would be better performed.

Berkshires vs. Yorkshires.

BY N. BENJAMIN, SHAPTESBURY, DORSET, ENG.

I have read the correspondence in your excellent magazine on Yorkshires and Berkshires, &c., and have been surprised at the misrepresentation of Berkshires in the letters of Mr. William Davis, also at his bitterness of style. I had thought it as well though to leave the subject to breeders on your side of the Atlantic until I received your April number and found Mr. Sanders Spence had at last sent you one of his productions. I am not writing to find fault with white pigs, because large and middle whites are very useful breeds, but they require a healthy district and plenty of straw for bedding, whereas, Berkshires will get their own living and thrive on cold clay soils, and on farms where there is very little or no bedding, and where white pigs would almost starve. I wish flatly to contradict the statements of your various correspondents that Berkshires are short in the back, too fat, too coarse in the shoulders, too light in the hams, over done with offal, merely fit to raise stock suitable for mess pork whose destination is the pine woods, where lumbermen can eat blubber, that the best bacon curers have quite thrust them aside as totally unfit for the bacon trade, &c. Now such vile assertions as these are libels of persons who do not know what Berkshires are, or are the wild, unscrupulous and vindictive outbursts of prejudice. Berkshires are long, are not coarse in the shoulders, have excellent hams, less offal than any other breed, and cannot be excelled for quality and texture of meat. The best curers in this country do not object to them, Messrs. Oake, Woods & Co., of Gillingham, who stand quite at the top as curers and who have on several occasions won medals for bacon at the London Dairy Show, and who are purveyors to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales (by appointment), kill a great number of Berkshires, and one of the firm (the chief partner) recently told me that he was quite convinced there was no better breed than properly fed Berkshires to meet the requirements of the trade. Messrs. C. & E. Sanders, of Mere, Wiltshire (also winners of a Dairy Show medal for bacon), say Berkshires are by far the best pigs they ever kill because they cut considerably more lean than any other breed. Mr. Henry S. Rickley, of Corebridge-on-Tyne, used to kill all whites, but sometime since he tried Berkshires and was so pleased with the result that he has for some years kept a pedigree herd of them and has advocated their spread in his district. He tells me his customers are so pleased with the quality of the meat, that he finds it difficult to sell bacon from any other sort. A nobleman in the north of England, who has an annual sale of

Christmas fat cattle, sheep and pigs, has gone in for pure Berkshires, and his agent tells me they are so much sought after at the sale, on account of superior quality, that they fetch such fancy prices (they weigh from 300 lbs. to 450 lbs. each, at the sale). London salesmen also say the longest, leanest and best quality pork they get sent them is invariably Berkshires. Ask Mr. I. Juggins, 15 Central Meat Market, London; Messrs. Barker & Co., or almost any of the others who sell large quantities of pork. Messrs. Harris & Co., of Calne (the largest curers in this country), recently issued a circular to their customers describing the kind of pig they required. They said their best bacon came from the counties of Hampshire and Wiltshire, and the worst from Dorset and Somerset. Quite 75 per cent. of the pigs in all four counties are Berkshires. Why then is the bacon not so good in the two latter? Because in Wiltshire and Hampshire, the farms are large corn farms where pigs run in straw yards and fields until they are large stores, worth from 30c. to 50c. each, eating roots and unground grain, they are then put up to fatten for five or six weeks and come out good long lean meat; whereas in Dorset and Somerset the case is entirely different, the farms are mostly dairy farms, and the pigs are fed on trough food consisting of whey or skim milk with meal right from the birth, as a result when killed they cut more fat and consequently are less suitable for the requirements of the bacon trade than their more properly fed Hampshire and Wiltshire brethren, this in my opinion proves that feeding has a very great deal to do (irrespective of breed) with the satisfactory production of bacon. Most curers in this country give a bonus of 2s. 6d. per pig on all that cut the required thickness of bacon down to back, and sometime since five pigs from the same sow as one of my best known show sows went for slaughter three of them got the bonus. At the last show held at Gillingham, Dorset, the bacon curers of the district offered prizes for pens of pigs suitable for the trade, and Messrs. Harris's representative was the judge. In the class for pen of ten pigs the first prize was won by Berkshires and white cross, and the first prize for pens of five by Berkshires. There were pure large whites in both classes, and in both they were unnoticed. Only last week at the Somerset Agricultural Society's Show, held at Wellington, prizes were offered "for pen of pigs most suitable for bacon factory purposes, such pigs to be well haired and not over-fattened, over seven months and not exceeding nine months old, to measure not less than fifty inches from point of snout to root of tail, and to be between seven and nine scores in weight." There were seven entries in this class, and the first prize of £10 was awarded (by four judges) to the only pen of Berkshires in the class (they were pedigree animals exhibited by Mr. Fricker, a well known breeder and exhibitor). The second prize of £5 went to a cross bred pen (Berkshire and black), reserve number to a cross between Berkshire and Tamworth, the other four pens were of the large white breed and all were highly commended. Berkshires are very long if worthy the name, and cannot be excelled if properly bred, but they as well as other breeds require careful selection to keep the correct style, and type, and uniformity of character. No body would expect to find an animal fed up to winning form at a show of importance a suitable pig for the bacon trade. Let its breed be Berkshire, Tamworth, White or any other breed, neither would a Devon, Shorthorn, Hereford or Scotch ox, or a Southdown, Shropshire or Hampshire down sheep, good enough to exhibit successfully at Smithfield, be considered the desideratum of beef or mutton by practical butchers. All such animals are too fat for general use, and are simply fed to show what specimens of the various species and breeds can be brought to, at the same time no sensible person would condemn the standard breeds of cattle and sheep because the winning specimens at the shows were too fat for the meat trade. The same common sense way of looking at the show pigs should certainly obtain. I am sorry to have troubled you with so long a letter, but I really think it about time somebody should contradict the libels on so good a breed as the old Berkshires, which is my excuse.

The Tamworth Pig.

BY G. ALLENDER, ENGLAND.

When I first exhibited Tamworths at the York "Royal" many people took them for a new breed, wild from some jungle; and they did look a little that way, I must confess. On turning, however, to the early meetings of the Royal Agricultural Society of England we find that not only were Tamworths shown, but that they held their own and won in good company. At Northampton, in 1847, Mr. Moses Cartwright, of Stanton Hill, Burton-on-Trent, took first prize, £10, for a Tamworth sow, in an open class of twenty entries, such well-known names as Earl Spencer, Fisher Hobbs, and Philip Pussey (the latter showing Berkshires) being exhibitors. In those days pigs had only two classes—"large" and "small"; nearly every county had its pig, the colors being white, black, red, and blue spotted. As time went on the breeders of the modern Berkshires, the small blacks (Fisher Hobbs's), and the whites—large and small—obtained classes under these names, and the "blue-spotted" pig of Cheshire, the "plum pudding" pig of Oxfordshire, and the Red Tamworth disappeared from the catalogues, and became, so far as the general public was concerned, extinct and unknown breeds, continuing to exist only in their own immediate districts, uncared for, and unfortunately, I think, unimproved. The Birmingham Christmas Show was the first, I believe, to again recognize the Tamworths, they being as it were, "Natives."

Culley, on "Live Stock," 1794, wrote: "The most numerous breed of pigs in this island is that generally known by the name of the 'Berkshire pig' now spread through almost every part of England and some places in Scotland. They are in general of a reddish color, with black spots upon them and large ears hanging over their eyes." This is a funny picture of our friend the "Berkshire." If an animal thus described by Mr. Culley were now to wander into the yards of any of our Berkshire breeders, I fear he would not be recognized as a "pig and a brother" by the present occupants.

I find the following in The Complete Grazier: "Sir William Curtis, exhibited at Lord Somerville's Cattle Show in 1807, some pigs which attracted universal admiration. They were of the Berkshire breed, the specific character of which is a sandy or white color, some of them are entirely sandy color, some with brown or black spots and the sides very broad. Although generally termed the Berkshire breed, having probably been originally reared in that county, yet they are now dispersed over the whole kingdom. Some of the best are bred in the neighborhood of Tamworth, in Staffordshire. The Yorkshires are similar in color to the Berkshires, but with longer ears and coarser hair. They have long legs, flat sides, and are coarse in the bone."

Such were our pigs in the early part of the century. All seem to have been about the same in character—large, coarse animals—but producing excellent bacon, fit to fill the bacon chamber in our old-fashioned chimneys. Locomotion was difficult; great stores of salted or cured meat, beef and pork, had to be prepared for winter use, and the big pigs served the purpose. Fresh pork, in the form of small porkers, was not in much demand, perhaps for want of a supply. Then came the Neapolitan and the Chinese pigs—black and white,

round, plump balls of fat. This must have been some fifty or sixty years ago, for I find a writer about that time saying, "Their flesh is rather too delicate for bacon, it is also deficient in lean meat; most of them have a great aptitude to fatten, and it is on this account that they have spread all over the kingdom. Perhaps this disposition to accumulate fat is, to a certain degree, an objection; they can rarely be used for the purpose of bacon, and they are often too much loaded with fat even for common purposes."

Mr. Parkinson, a most valuable writer on live stock, described a pig of this breed that obtained a prize at a Christmas show as being "a perfect bladder filled with hog's lard." The same writer goes on to say, "A pork butcher described him to be the worst pig he ever saw, and that the judges were deceived in supposing it to have little offal, for it was all offal." I read further that "many of the crosses of these (Chinese) pigs are, however, truly valuable, and there are few of our breeds that are not, to a greater or less degree, indebted to them for compactness of form, &c., &c."

From the foregoing we arrive at the conclusion that our original pig in this country was a strong useful animal, but coarse; his flesh was generally consumed cured or salted. Then "the heathen Chinese" appeared on the scene; his blacks, crossed with the old Sandy (the Tamworth) or spotted pig, made the modern Berkshire, and his whites, used to the old pigs of the whiter or lighter colors, produced our small and large whites.

As time went on, it was easy, in an animal that reproduces itself so rapidly, to encourage the worst element of the Chinese cross, and it is to be feared that other judges, besides those mentioned by the old writer, have for many years mistaken the plump, round, broad-backed, short-flanked animals as having little offal; whereas, as in the old days, they have been deceived; the offal, in the shape of useless grease was ever becoming greater; for what is offal but that part of an animal that is not food? and an excess of grease is quite as much offal as an excess of bone. This tendency in breeding, or rather, to put the saddle on the right horse, in judging, came to a climax about ten years ago. Twenty years back the showyard pig was a real good bacon hog. But year by year he got broader and broader in the back, thicker and thicker in the neck, and shorter in the head; nearer and nearer to his Chinese grandfather, and further away from the old English bacon pig. In 1878 Messrs. Harris, the great bacon-curers in Wiltshire, began to take a serious view of the increasing difficulties in obtaining a class of animal suited to their business and to the requirements of the public; although as far back as 1871, they had already issued circulars drawing "the attention of farmers and others to the public aversion to fat, and heavy (thick) bacon." they wrote:—

"We have found increasing difficulty year by year with fat bacon. The public are getting more and more averse to it, and feeders have been buying pigs more highly bred, and, as a consequence, they have been developing a larger quantity of fat and less lean. We think it an important point to bring out, that judges in awarding prizes, should be guided by the weight of flesh carried on the most valuable parts, and

in so doing to show that while a good broad back is a desirable point in cattle and sheep, it is by no means so in a pig, as the streaky or belly part of this animal is the most valuable, and consequently it should have broad deep sides. Thick big shoulders and neck are made great points of by judges; yet these parts of a pig are the least valuable, and do not command so high a price as sides and belly."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Devon Cattle vs. Scotch Shorthorns.

BY THOMAS CHICK, STRATTON, DORCHESTER, DORSET, ENGLAND.

I noticed Mr. Nicholson's paper in the April issue of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, and am waiting for the May issue for the conclusion of his paper. Mr. Nicholson evidently is deeply interested in some way in "Scotch" Shorthorns. He certainly knows very little, if anything, about "Devons."

The following, from the Live Stock Journal of May 2nd, 1890, proves his assertion as to "Devons" to be not founded on facts:—

"The calving season in the herd of dairy Devons belonging to Mr. Thos. Chick is now virtually over, there being one cow only to calve. Forty-one registered cows and heifers produced forty-two calves, two of which were born dead. Three favorite cows did not breed. They are, however, such excellent milkers that they are still in profit, and will continue to help to fill the pail until likely to produce a calf again. There has been a demand for well-bred Devon calves as steers, consequently all the bull-calves have been sold for this purpose, instead of keeping them longer. Of the heifer calves eighteen are being reared by hand on skim milk. Eight of these are sired by Unionist 2,167, seven by Lord Dorchester 2,435, and three by Alder 2,189. As the owner lets his herd of forty-two cows to a dairyman at a fixed rent every year (the rent this year is £12 per cow), it is imperative that every cow shall be up to a fair standard as a butter producer. That the Stratton herd is good in this point is evident, the rent paid being as high as for any Shorthorns or Crossbreds in the neighborhood. It is also a proof that Devons can be bred good for dairy purposes and flesh at the same time. The sires now in service are Lord Dorchester 2,435, bred by his owner from his old Pink tribe, a most valuable milking strain; Alder 2,189, of Mr. Wm. Perry's breeding; and a young bull Sir George, bred by Mr. John Risdon. The sire of this young animal is Whitehall 2,175, a pure Flitton blood, and his dam is Dolly's Darling 8,783, a full sister to the well-known bull Draughtsman 1,711. Amongst the recent sales have been the bull Unionist 2,167 and six young bulls; these have gone into West Dorset and East Somerset for service in dairy herds."

In my humble opinion one ounce of fact is worth more than an unlimited quantity of bare statements, unsupported by evidence of any kind. As the owner of the Devon herd mentioned in the enclosed cutting is a tenant farmer, deriving his living from his farm, and does not keep "Devons" for a fancy, but as the best cattle to make the rent of the farm, this is proof that in this part of the world, at any rate, Devons excel Scotch Shorthorns and all other breeds as the general purpose cow. If time permits after your May issue reaches me, I will try and send you a short article on Devon cattle. Canadians who visit England are invited to come and see my stock, viz., Dorset horn sheep and Devon cattle. My experience as a breeder reaches back to the year 1852, now 38 years ago.

Canadian Studs, Herds and Flocks.

"THE FIRS."

The horse loving public are fortunate who have the time and opportunity to inspect the stables at "The Firs," the residence of Mr. W. H. Millman, half a mile east of Woodstock. A few hours spent here impresses the visitor with the fact that the proprietor has more than ordinary fondness for the horse. Here are found goodly representatives from the ponderous Clyde and Shire to the diminutive Shetland, and all throughout the different breeds is to be found a uniformity of quality and good points that at once shows that a thorough judge has command of the situation, and backs up his judgment by a liberality that alone can bring together first-class specimens.

Dandy Dinmount, who, in point of breeding as an imported thoroughbred, deserves premier position, is a large horse that should be exactly the type to cross on the mares of the country to produce good saddle, road and carriage horses. He is a beautiful brown, with extra stylish makeup, and has a particularly neat way of going. He has extra large bone below the knee, the great requisite for crossing, and from his performances and royal breeding his produce from thoroughbred mares should be winners.

Walker Sprague, bred by General Bellfield Stanhope, Lexington, Ky., is a superbly bred horse, and unlike too many of our standard bred horses can back up his breeding by his own record. A horse like this, that is strong enough for labor, a grandly colored brown, perfectly sound, level-headed enough to breed to mares with the thoroughbred cross, who can show 2.30 at easy gait any day without any kind of training, should have plenty of value for breeders. Sired by Governor Sprague, dam by Captain Walker 2.27, his breeding should do.

The imported Yorkshire Coach stallion, Grove Accumulator, rising three years' old, is a colt of capital quality, with remarkably well muscled thigh and forearm, and thickness that at once dispels the theory that here lies a fault with the English Coacher. This horse has particularly good action, and is that beautiful whole-colored bay that no other horse, save the English Coach or Cleveland, can approach.

The Clyde horse, Warpath, is a large and good horse, with plenty of good clean bone, a nice way of going, and altogether a useful horse; so, too, is the Shire colt, The Firs Prince, who only requires time to develop into one of the best of the sort, as he is full of promise at this age.

The cob pony, Lord Mar, sired by Earl of Mar, so celebrated in England, is as perfect a horse in miniature as ever critic looked upon, and it occasions no surprise when we hear that he has never met his equal in the show ring.

Standard bred brood mares, saddle horses, and drivers of all descriptions are kept on hand, making up in all a fully equipped breeding establishment.

MR. JAMES CRERAR,

whose farms lie one and a-half miles north of Shakespeare station, on the old line of the G. T. R., has for many years been engaged in breeding Shorthorn cattle. Commencing with the cow Duchess, the sixth of the old Roan Duchess sort, purchased over twenty years since from Mr. R. R. Bown, Oxbow Farm, now better known as Bow Park. Mr. Crerar has gone steadily along, increasing his herd until, at the present time, something over

twenty-five pure-bred Shorthorns are in the herd. To the above he has not made any additions in females, but has, from time to time, selected such bulls as his herd required. Of Messrs R. & J. Hunter he purchased Kirklevington 3rd, and then again of the same firm he selected Sir James, by the Booth (Fame) imported Knight of Warlabby. Sir James' dam being one of the Queen of the Mays, well known in the Messrs. Hunter's herd. On the foundation thus laid, Mr. Crerar for the last four years has used Laird of Kinellar, of the Campbell Buchan Lassie family, and the result he has attained through the use of this bull has been highly satisfactory, as the grand young heifers he has left behind can testify. These heifers have the form and thickness of flesh that Shorthorn beef producers are seeking, and the lot of young things are of one type easily distinguished. Among these heifers are several that could be developed into show animals of a high order. The young roan bull, Nobleman, a little over a year old, has lately been placed at the head of the herd, bred by James Russell, Richmond Hill, of his far famed Isabella Tribe. The cow winning at the Centennial being one of his progenitors.

A. C. HALLMAN & CO.

Very conveniently situated for a fine stock breeding farm is that of Mr. A. C. Hallman, of the firm of A. C. Hallman & Co., just three miles south of the Petersburg Station, on the G. T. R. The farm is comparatively new, but the fields and barns, as well as the herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, show what can be attained by energy and judgment, and the whole of the breeding operations display a nicety of management that is evidently the outcome of much study combined with practical experience.

This firm was the first to enter into the breeding and importing of this breed of dairy cattle in this part of Ontario. Having a thorough belief in the utility of this sort, they have built up their business from a small importation in 1883, until at present the herd numbers some sixty head. The females are wonderfully uniform in appearance, and it seems to have been the study of the proprietors to match their cattle in their different quarters, thereby giving telling effect when visitors come around.

At the time of our visit, all were in nice breeding condition, the yearling heifers were an exceptionally good growthy lot, with quality and size nicely united, the cows showing the evidence of being the heavy milkers, which the champions of this dairy breed take a pride in showing. The bulls in use were Prairie Aaggie Prince, a bull of immense size and nice, even quality. This bull has been very successfully shown at the different exhibitions, viz., Toronto, London, etc., and has never been beaten, and the stock from him are also very choice; he is backed up by two other imported bulls, which are quite equal to him, being beautiful types of the breed, viz., Netherland Statesman's Cornelius, whose dam, Aaggie Cornelia 2nd, gave 14,610 lbs. of milk in one year, with 19 lbs. 6 ozs. of butter to her credit in seven days, and that without any grain being fed; another bull in use is quite up to either in appearance and breeding. This firm having a determination to excel all, are sparing neither expense nor pains in obtaining the best of blood, and by a judicious union of these good sorts thereby will doubtless breed up a herd of the best possible performers. Write them for their very descriptive catalogue.

NEIDPATH STOCK FARM.

Messrs. Thos. Ballantyne & Son, at their stock farm, Neidpath, near Stratford, began the present Shorthorn herd by importation of six cows and a bull. The latter, Methlic Hero, bred by Mr. Duthie, Collynie, Aberdeenshire, sired by the Cruickshank bull Cayhurst, is of the Missie family, well known in the north. Missie seventy-ninth, and Missie eighty-first, bred by W. Marr, Upper Mill, are of the same family. The latter is sired by the Cruickshank bull Bentick, dam by the Heir of Englishmen, which is acknowledged to have brought to notoriety the Upper Mill herd, as did Champion of England for that at Sittyton. Marchioness, by Cayhurst, was also purchased of Mr. Duthie. Monogram, bred and purchased of Mr. Scott, of Barclay, with two Waterloos, bred by Messrs. Evans, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England. The two Missies are capital types of what the Aberdeenshire Shorthorn of today is, large and heavily fleshed, with a quality and evenness that is bringing them more and more forward, so that the English breeders have now found out their merits. Built on practical lines, they are popular wherever they have been used to improve other sorts by their great substance. Methlic Hero has matched nicely with these cows, and was followed up by Prince Royal, bred by Edward Cruickshank, Lathenty, imported by John Dryden, M. P. P., also has proved himself a good getter. The present stock bull Indian Prince, bred by Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, is of the Campbell Nonpariel family, sired by the Cruickshank bull Indian Prince, and bids fair to equal either of his predecessors.

MAPLE GROVE FARM.

Messrs. H. & W. F. Bollert, Maple Grove Farm, Cassel, Ont., one of our strongest firms and greatest admirers of the Black and White's, were among the earliest to enlist in the breeding of this good dairy sort. Fully believing that the only road to success lies in purchasing the best, they have been particularly careful in the selections they have made, and, therefore, nothing but the best blood, as well as the most successful performers, have found a place in their herd. Like every other successful breeder of fine stock, they first made themselves master of the situation by reading all the literature attainable on Holstein-Friesian cattle before investing in them, which accounts for the lot of good bred ones they have got together. Their first purchases were made from the herd of B. B. Lord & Son, Sinclairville, N. Y., including several of the most famous specimens of the breed. At the head of the herd stands the silver medal winner, Barnton (3237), H. H. B., a bull of immense proportions, being very long, broad and deep, combined with much quality; his get following this characteristic in a remarkable degree. Sir Westwoud, also in use, is a bull of true Holstein type, with exceptionally good breeding. Lady Westwoud, his dam, having a record of 80½ lbs. per day; 18½ lbs. butter in seven days. Her dam, Genburine, gave 20,138½ lbs. of milk in ten consecutive months, and tested 21 lbs. of butter in seven days. Fifteen of Sir Westwoud's nearest female ancestors have an average milk record of 86 lbs. per day, and eight of them an average butter record of 19 lbs. 7½ ounces in seven days. Among the females is the matronly cow Trejntje, with wonderfully developed udder and milk veins. Although in a crippled condition, and in her eleventh year, she

gave 95 lbs. of milk in a day, and 18 lbs. 9 oz. of butter in seven days. She was a sweepstakes winner in her native country as a producer of the largest quantity of the best milk on exhibition. Gelderje, not so large, an equally great performer, record 84 lbs. per day, 19 lbs. of butter in seven days. Two exceptionally fine cows, first and second Provincial prize winners, also are large producers. Others in the herd showed the same quality as producers, their splendid udders showing their great performing capacity.

Those who take an interest in dairy cattle would find a few hours spent at "The Maple Grove" most interesting. The Messrs. Bollert Bros. have made their motto, "The best and the best only," and believe in making each department tell, and are making great efforts to grow feed on their farm of 100 acres to support a still larger herd, having already made arrangements for importing others. In order to economize feeding, last year they constructed a silo in one end of the barn, and they state they are highly pleased with the results during last season; and, notwithstanding last year was very unfavorable for the corn crop, speak very highly of the feed thus prepared.

SUNNYSIDE FARM,

the property of Mr. George Thomson, Bright, has of late years been the breeding ground of several varieties of fine stock. At one time Mr. Thomson was quite a breeder of Ayrshire cattle, which in his hands were prize winners in many a hard fought show ring. With these he also had a nice flock of Southdown sheep, which were greatly admired by those who had the pleasure of paying him a visit. In addition to these the proprietor has always been a fancier of a good horse, and whether of the road or thoroughbred variety, of the light legged sort, or the Clyde among the drafts, the best were none too good to find a place upon this farm, and some extra good specimens of each are now to be seen by an inspection of the stock at the present time.

The bay mare Kate, although rich in the blood of Royal George, old Clear Grit, Cadmus and other good ones, is very large, and big enough for any kind of farm work. Her colts, by Bookmaker (Burgess) and by the thoroughbred Aspinwall, are very promising. The imported Clyde mare Fickle Fortune, sire Windsor (2509), dam Balliewhurr Kate (3466), (page 47, Vol. VIII.), is also proving a nice breeder. Other Clyde fillies of nice quality are on hand, making in all quite a number. Of later years Shorthorns have found a place upon the farm, and some exceptionally good bred ones of the Scotch sorts were selected. The imported cow Clementina, bred at Kinellar and Mina 11th, of like breeding, were purchased of Frank R. Shore & Bros., of White Oak, with these the bull Cashier, by imp. Prince of Northumberland, dam imported Campbell cow. These made a good start, and by the lot of good things on hand show that they are fully keeping up to the standard. A beautiful young roan bull, twelve months old, sired by Imp. Earl of Marr, dam Imp. Clementina, is an extra good one, and should yet make his mark in the show ring. The Imp. Cruickshank bull Endymion is now at the head of the herd, and, by referring to the advertisement in another column, it will be found that he and the others are for sale.

Hard times will cause the most stupid to become intelligent enough to try and find out what the matter is.

Shorthorns and Holsteins.

The controversy on this subject, which has been carried on in the columns of the *ADVOCATE*, has doubtless been read with much interest by its readers. Much information has been adduced that is true, and some that is new; but unfortunately that which is true is not new, while that portion which is new is not true. In the latter category may be placed the item from the report on farm and dairy cattle, given by Messrs. Smith Bros., in which the statement is made that Holsteins were imported to England, and that the admixture of these, with the cattle of the country, soon asserted their superiority over all other races, and ends up with "such was the origin of the Shorthorn." In the same category may also be included the statement of Mr. Bollert, when he remarks that the English butcher had at the best only about three months time to form an opinion on the milking qualities of the Holsteins, as the English ports had been closed against them for nearly twenty years, and at the same time reflecting on his standing as a butcher, without any sure grounds. Let us refer back, and ascertain, if possible the true facts of the case. It is probably true enough that importation of Holsteins were made to England, and also that some experiments were made in crossing them with some of the cattle indigenous to the country, but there is not a particle of evidence that the result of these crosses were the origin of the present Shorthorn, and still less that the use of the Holsteins effected any improvement, on the contrary, the evidence is strongly against both these statements. It is an undisputed fact that a superior race of cattle had, from time immemorial existed in Holderness, in Yorkshire, and in the adjoining County of Durham, and a striking corroboration of this is afforded by a sculpture of a cow, which is almost a facsimile of a Shorthorn of the present day, on Durham Cathedral, which was built in the year 1093. As to the statement that the Holstein is the originator of the Shorthorn, it might, with equal force and truth, be maintained that the Shorthorn is the originator of the Holstein, for importations of Shorthorns were likewise made into Holland. Let us now take up Mr. Bollert's statement, that owing to the closure of the English ports, the butcher would only at best have had three months experience as to their milking qualities. Does Mr. B. not know that there are, and have been, Holsteins kept and bred in England for years, and that at almost every dairy show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, there has been representatives of this breed competing, none of whom, by the way, have been able to wrest the palm from the Shorthorn. Among these may be mentioned Messrs. Rumbal & Sons, in Essex, who have for over twenty years bred Holsteins, many of their animals being from the choicest tribes in Holland, and some being purchased in 1880 from the exhibit tent by the Netherlands Government, to the Islington Dairy Show. Does this look as if the ports had been absolutely closed for twenty years? Let us now refer to the alleged improvement effected by the Holstein on the Shorthorn. Culley, one of the oldest writers on live stock, who is regarded as being a tolerably reliable authority, mentions that some of the Shorthorns in the early part of the last century were "lyery," as the Teeswater breeders termed black fleshed cattle. The beef was all lean, as black as horse flesh, often grown

to great weight, but without a pound of fat inside or out, however long fed. Culley's opinion was that while in some instances the result of the cross was advantageous, yet the lyery or black-fleshed cattle were the offspring of bad crosses introduced from Holland. Coming to a later period, the following extract from an article in one of the leading English stock papers, gives additional weight to the statement as regards the color of the beef, made by the English butcher:—"In 1844 to 1850 we saw a good deal of Holsteins in a district previously occupied by Polled Suffolks, and were bound to say that in no one instance, either as a farmer's or cottager's cow, did we know them long to hold their ground, their milk though plentiful was poor in cream, and the laborers who used to purchase skim milk at a ruling rate of 2d. per gallon objected to the Holstein milk at this price. Anyhow the popular verdict went out against Holsteins, and they became unsaleable, except at greatly reduced prices, to those of home-bred stock. The heifer calves sired by Shorthorn bulls from Holstein cows grew up to enjoy a better reputation, but it was very rare to find in the second generation, an animal bred from an imported Holstein, that was black and white. The bull calves were even less popular, and it used to be said that the veal was not white, and that it had a poor taste." As far as the ordinary farmer is concerned, very little importance can be attached to tests. When one considers that while there are good and bad of all breeds, only the very best are naturally entered for competition, and none of these can be bought at a price that will pay the farmer who does not make a business of breeding pure-bred stock for sale. A test, were it possible, of the rank and file, would have a much stronger bearing on the point, while the experience of farmers who are not interested in pushing the breed, as well as butchers, shippers, &c., who have handled Holsteins, would have far greater weight than the statements of breeders who have naturally a partiality to their favorite breed. Holstein breeders should remember that the public have had no opportunity of judging the merits of even the best Holsteins in Canada. In the milking contests, the Holstein was conspicuous by her absence, while at fat stock shows the stalls of the Holsteins are also vacant, and they should also remember that to make good their claims as a general purpose cow, it is not sufficient for an animal to excel in milk alone, but it must also be possessed of good, quick fattening properties. As Prof. Robertson, in an interesting speech, remarked, "The cow that was most profitable to a farmer, was an animal that most successfully produced, 1st, calves; 2nd, milk, and 3rd, beef. Experience has proven that as to the first and third items, the Shorthorn and its grades are eminently adapted, while their milking qualities are up to if not above the average, not only in England but in other countries, for example, in France the Shorthorn is fast displacing the native breed, notwithstanding the fact that Holland is adjacent, and one of the native French breeds partakes of much of the characters of the Holsteins. In conclusion, were tests in another country any criterion, it would be easy to quote cases where Shorthorns were considerably above Holsteins in milking points. For instance, the 1889 dairy show, where the prize Shorthorn scored 110.3 points, while the Holstein only scored 72, but as I said before, what profits the ordinary farmer that the choicest cows score high, if, perchance, the rank and file are below the average."

OBSERVER.

Southdown Sheep—The Sheep that Produces the Best Quality in Paying Quantities.

BY MR. JOHN JACKSON, ABINGDON, ONT.

(Continued from June issue.)

What others say of the Southdowns:—

We quote from the Field of July 6th, 1889, p. 22, a paper looked upon as high authority on all such matters. In commenting on the show of sheep at the Royal Show at Windsor, it says:—"Down breeds—Southdown—of these it may be said that if they be not entitled to precedence among the breeds called Downs, it would be difficult to say what gives a right to priority of place. Southdown or Sussex is one of the oldest British types, certainly the best of all the Down types. They are also in more repute than any for the excellence of their mutton; and it is shrewdly suspected that every other breed which claims the name of Down at all, owes its claim to a bygone alliance with the flocks of Sussex."

In a recent report of the Dominion Government agent at Liverpool, Mr. J. Dyke, he says: "The price of sheep has been fully maintained, and the primest Down sheep readily realized 20c. per lb.; and that with care and attention and the introduction of Down sheep into the Dominion, breeders will find a profitable market for all the sheep that can be exported to Great Britain, despite the increase in the frozen mutton trade." This is from one unbiased toward any particular breed.

Ald. Frankland, of Toronto (and we have no better authority in Canada, with his large experience both in the home and foreign trade), stated very emphatically before the Sheep Breeders' Association in Toronto a few weeks ago, "that mutton to command the top price, either for the home or foreign trade, should weigh about 65 lbs. to the carcass, and must not exceed 80 lbs." There is no sheep can fill this bill better than a Southdown. The secret of success is in producing just what is wanted.

In one account given in the London Live Stock Journal of the market value of mutton, it says: "Southdown mutton sold for 6s. 6d. per stone (8 lbs.), other sheep making but 4s. 6d." Now, this great difference in price may have induced unprincipled dealers to palm off legs of Cotswold mutton (with the shanks colored) on unsuspecting customers; but that they "smacked their lips and praised its quality" is a mere freak of imagination.

The question is often asked, why the breeders of Southdown sheep in England keep so much larger flocks than those of other breeds? The reason is, simply because they can keep that many more on the same quantity of land. Again, it is asked, do they sell for as high prices per head as other breeds in England? They do, and higher; only last summer, at a public sale, from one flock twenty-three rams, from two to six years old, made the very high average of £41 (nearly \$200) per head; can anything nearly as good be said of any other breed, and at the same sale nearly \$1,100 was paid for a single sheep, and nearly \$1,000 for another; twelve rams averaged 100 guineas each.

Now, if smaller sheep will bring as much per head as larger ones, it certainly pays better to raise them: it's turning the feed into more money is where the quality counts. It has been proven by actual tests in England that three Southdowns

can be kept on the same amount of food required by two of the larger sheep, and some tests have shown that two to one can be kept and do just as well. Our markets in everything we export are largely controlled by the English demand. Our butchers and dealers will and do pay more for prime quality, all that may be said to the contrary notwithstanding.

The aspect of the sheep business has changed very much since about twenty years ago. I sold coarse wool in 1872 for 59c. per lb.; wool then was an object. It paid to keep sheep that would clip a heavy fleece, while mutton then was much lower than now, and little or no attention paid to its quality; but now wool don't bring half that price. Although Down wool will bring considerable more than coarse wool, and never having "a third off" for cotted or matted fleeces, so common with coarse wool, mutton now sells much higher than it did twenty years ago, and quality is considered; hence, mutton is the primary object in a sheep to-day, and should be well considered in establishing a flock.

Champion prizes—What the Southdowns have done in the show rings against all comers.—I believe I am correct in saying that, at the "Smithfield, the greatest fat stock show in England," out of the last nine years the Southdowns have carried off the champion prize six times for the best pen of sheep any age or breed in the show—once with a pen of lambs, whose average weight was 187 lbs., and a pen of shearlings that won averaged 251 lbs.; the other breeds that won during the same period were: Hampshires once, Oxfords once, and Shropshires once. What stronger evidence could be asked for to put beyond a doubt the superiority of the Southdowns?

Only a few of the summer shows in England offer a champion prize. At the Royal Counties Show (one of the largest shows in England, barring the Royal), when I was there in 1883, held that year at Winchester, the champion prize for best ram any breed was won by a Southdown. Again, when I was over in 1888, this show was held at Bournemouth, and the champion prize for best ram any breed was again carried off by a Southdown.

Last year at the World's Fair in Paris, the grand prize of honor for best flock of any breed was awarded to Southdowns. At the Smithfield Show in 1884, the comparative average weights of lambs for three of the leading breeds were as follows, viz.: Leicesters, 129 lbs; Shropshires, 153 lbs., and for the (little) Southdowns, 161 lbs.

At the Fat Stock Show in Chicago (the Smithfield of America) in 1884, the prize for best carcass wether under a year, was won by a Southdown, and at the same show the champion prize for wether any age or breed, showing the greatest gain per day from birth, was won by a Southdown; also at the same show in 1885, the sweepstake prize for best pen any age or breed was carried off by Southdowns.

Only three years ago the special prize offered at London, Canada, for best flock of any breed was won by Southdowns. At the Industrial Fair, Toronto, in 1883, there was a special prize given for best pen any breed, and was won by Southdowns. At the Provincial Show, same year, at Guelph, the special prize for best pen of middle wools was won by Southdowns.

During the last ten years, I have shown my Southdowns a great many times for flock prizes,

either open to all breeds, or all middle wool breeds, including the largest shows in America, viz., Toronto Industrial, Buffalo International, Provincial, Hamilton, Collingwood, etc., and with one exception never had another breed placed before them. Who has done better? Can as much be said of any other breed? This evidence of the superiority of the Southdown sheep is not the whims of a few individuals, but they are the stubborn facts as shown by the awards of the judges of the great shows of England, France, the United States and Canada, "the greatest shows on earth."

Hear what an unbiased witness says of the Southdowns. Mr. Thos. Chick, of Dorset, England, in his letter to the ADVOCATE on "Dorset Horn Sheep," where, in a very able and reasonable way, he presents the claims of this breed of sheep to public favor, he says:—"The mutton of Dorset Horns is not excelled by any breed of sheep except the Southdown, to which all other breeds must give place for quality of mutton." This is from one well qualified to judge of the English breeds of sheep.

Messrs. Smith's Reply to Stockman.

You will please allow us a little space in your paper to answer Stockman's queries. From the way the questions are asked, it will be necessary for us to give our own experience. Stockman says:—"Tell us how much your milk costs you." We will tell Mr. S. with pleasure: Our whole herd averaged 3,378 lbs. of milk from January 1st to April 1st—ninety days—which brought us in cash a little over \$42, and we fed them on an average \$18 worth of feed, thus leaving a balance to each cow of \$24; in other words \$42 worth of milk cost \$18. We have not taken into consideration the man's hire, or the value of the manure. No. 2—"How many spoiled bags there are."—We have never lost a bag or a teat, and anyone who has doubt can come and examine all our stock and see. No. 3—"How much milk fever you have."—We have never had any milk fever or parturient apoplexy since the death of the grade Shorthorn we spoke of in a previous letter, which was more than two and a-half years ago, and neither our herdsmen nor ourselves have ever remained up a single night for a sick animal. No. 4—"What per cent. of water does their milk contain?"—We have tested only five of our cows, and will give the result of the test and Stockman can then judge how much water is in the milk:—

Name of Cow.	Milk Yield in a	Butter Yield in a	Pounds of Milk required to make a pound of butter.
	Week.	Week.	
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Cornelia Tensen	480	19	25.26
Hilke 2nd	424	18	23.55
Onetta	389	14 1/2	26.28
Marion	382	19	20.10
Siepkje 4th	250 1/2	13 1/2	18.90
Average	1825 1/2	83 1/2	108.09
	365	16 7-10	21.61 4-5

Mr. Stockman refers to Holsteins as being "uncontrollable." We have never had either cows or bulls that were "uncontrollable" in any sense of the word. What we have said of our own herd we believe will apply equally well to most of the herds in Canada, as these qualities apply not only to individual herds but more especially to the breed in general.

Chatty Letter from the States.

[From our Chicago Correspondent.]

The heavy overmarketing of American cattle in Great Britain resulted in a reaction greater than ever before experienced. Best States steers sold down from 13½@14c. to 9@9¼c. per pound dressed weight in less than a month. Values are recovering some of the loss under a smaller volume of exports. The exporters were so greedy in engaging all of the vessel room, however, that they will not give the market much chance to improve.

The hog market is very low for this season, being fifty cents per 100 pounds lower than it has been in June for ten years. Receipts of hogs are liberal, and the quality is good. The buyers are banking on heavy receipts for the future, but it is a noticeable fact that young hogs are being marketed as closely as possible, and for some time past they have come to market a month earlier than in ordinary years.

Mr. J. S. Robinson, of Neponset, Ill., proposes to try the beef cross of Shorthorns and Galloways. Mr. R. was formerly quite a grade bull raiser, but for two years past he has castrated all of his bulls, pure-bred as well as grade. That beef pays better, being sold to British capitalists, is true; but the present management will continue for the period of twenty-five years. There is an improving tone in the market for fine cattle. Western range cattle securities are again in demand, and there is a more active trading in range properties this summer than for several years past. There is a surprising degree of strength in the demand for store sheep or "stockers and feeders." Ordinarily the market at this season would be well supplied with thin range sheep from the Far West, but that source of supply has been cut off by the eagerness of sheep feeders, who went into the Western States and Territories two or three months ago, and contracted for all the available stock. So great has been the demand for feeding sheep lately, that buyers are taking thousands of Texas sheep which three years ago would not have been considered of sufficiently good quality. Texas stock sheep are selling here now at \$3.50 to \$4.85, for poor to fairly good, averaging 65 to 80 lbs. The sheep market is very good. The demand for choice mutton exceeds the supply. Recently a lot of 110 lb. shorn Illinois Shropshires sold at \$5.90, and screening-fed western sheep, averaging 110 to 130 lbs., sold at \$5.25 to \$5.60. Native lambs have sold at \$5.50 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

There has not been a spring in years where there was so much life in the Chicago horse market as there has been for a few months past. Prices have ruled much higher than expected, and there has been something of a boom in the trade, whereas dealers generally looked for a dull trade, after the glutted condition of the horse markets everywhere last winter. Prices for horses here are as follows:—

Description	Poor to Fair	Good to Choice
Draught horses.....	\$125 @ 150	\$170 @ 250
Streeters.....	90 @ 110	115 @ 125
Drivers.....	110 @ 130	150 @ 220
General use.....	90 @ 120	140 @ 170
Carriage teams.....	25 @ 375	425 @ 550
Saddlers.....	125 @ 170	190 @ 290
Plugs and rangers.....	25 @ 50	60 @ 75

The Union Stock Yard and Transit Co. is putting up an extensive amphitheatre in Dexter Park for holding auction sales of horses.

The report that the Chicago Union Stock Yards had much interest in being taken in the proposed live stock exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. There may be some difficulty in getting room enough, especially if the grounds are centrally located. One question is, shall

allowance, and cannot disturb another calf by sucking or bunting, and is a great saving in time and feed. The plan is so simple that any person can put up a feeding pen for a lot of calves in a few hours.

Adopt this plan; the ladies will thank you, and the saving of time, milk and thrift of the calves will make this worth many times the price of the ADVOCATE to every one of you. There is no patent on this plan; if there was, perhaps it would be adopted quicker by it costing you something.

American Southdown Breeders' Association.

The Board of Directors reported that in accordance with instructions given by the Association at the meeting held in Chicago, Nov. 15, 1889, arrangements had been made for offering prizes for Southdown sheep in 1890 at the Detroit, Mich., Fair, and at the Illinois State Fair, as follows:—

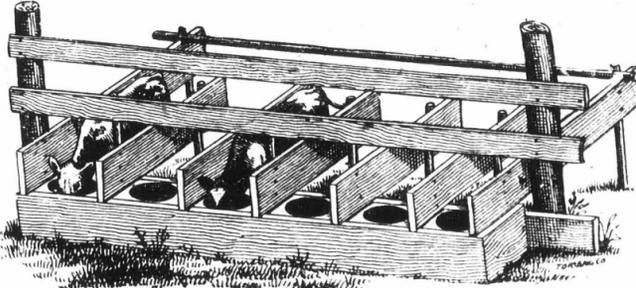
1. A medal of pure coin silver to the owner of the best recorded Southdown ram, and a like medal to the owner of the best recorded Southdown ewe. All competing animals to have been bred by their respective exhibitors and to be recorded in the American Southdown Record.

2. A silver cup valued at \$30.00 for the best pen of recorded Southdown sheep consisting of one ram and two ewes. All competing animals to have been owned by their respective exhibitors not less than thirty days prior to the time of showing, and to be recorded in the American Southdown Record.

Conditions applicable to the above offers:— Each exhibitor shall furnish at the time of entry a written statement, over his own signature, showing the breeder, owner, pedigree, age, weight and other important facts connected with

the animals entered for the foregoing prizes. Competition for the above prizes shall be opened to all who comply with the conditions named, but no award shall be made except where there are two or more competitors for the same prize. The awards must be determined by the authorized committee, judge or judges of the fair, where the animals are shown. The prizes will be paid on the presentation to the American Southdown Association of the certificate of the Secretary of the Fair, giving the names and record numbers of the winning animals accompanied with the written statement filed by the owner at the time of entry, and the names and record numbers of the competing animals.

The following special prize is also offered at the American Fat Stock Show in 1890. A silver cup costing \$50.00 for the best Southdown wether. All competing animals to have been bred by, and at the time of the exhibition to be the property of the exhibitor, to be one and under two years old, their sires and dams to have been recorded in the American Southdown Record. The same conditions to govern as in the other above prizes. The committee appointed in November last to confer with the breeders of Southdown sheep in England regarding the founding in England of a public record of their sheep, reported correspondence had with parties in England, showing a determination among breeders there to begin a public record of their sheep.

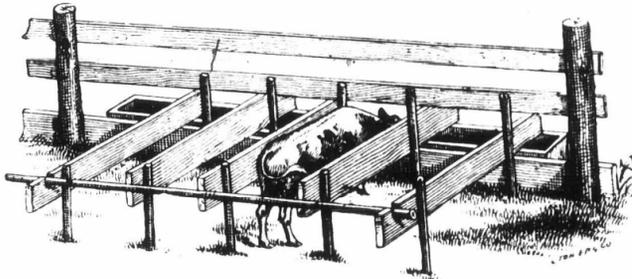


FRONT VIEW OF FEEDING PEN FOR CALVES.

breeders keep their herds on exhibition during the entire six months.

The Best Plan to Feed Calves.

We now give you two illustrations of the best plan we have yet seen for feeding calves; it was devised by a son of the editor and proprietor of the ADVOCATE, who lives on the homestead, Westwell Farm. This device answers its purpose admirably; it consists of an opening being made in a fence sufficiently large to admit of a calf putting its head through; a wooden



REAR VIEW OF FEEDING PEN FOR CALVES.

box is placed in front of the calves, on which small boards having a small part of them cut away are nailed at sufficient distance to admit of the pail being placed in the box or trough. The part cut away from the slats holds the pail in its proper position, preventing the possibility of the calf from pushing about or tipping it over. Small stakes are driven into the ground in front of the trough, also in the field in which the calves are. To these stakes are nailed narrow boards about twelve inches in width, making stalls of sufficient length and breadth to admit a calf. As soon as the calves are in, a pole is placed at the back of them so that they cannot get out. By this means every calf gets its proper

The Dairy.

Butter-Making.

By Jas. W. Robertson, Dairy Commissioner.

FAT GLOBULES IN MILK.

While her milk is being elaborated by a cow, the ends of the cells which line the inside of the milk-ducts and vesicles in her udder seem to enlarge. Each one forms a small globule, and when that is perfected it drops off into the serum of the milk. Each bud or globule, so formed, is a globule of fat; from them is made all the butter from cows' milk. These tiny buds of fat seem to grow on the surface of the cells, partly by the destruction of the cells, and partly by conversion of some of the substance of the blood into fat. They trickle down in and with the milk, and are held in suspension not in solution as are the other solids in it. They mostly come during the latter part of the milking, probably because they do not move so quickly or easily as the liquid part of the milk. The fore-milk is thinner than the strippings, because the globules of fat do not free themselves from the internal linings of the milk ducts so quickly as the liquid of the milk. If one finds, in sending milk to a cheese factory, a man who is so modest and retiring a disposition that he will not keep at home for table use a quantity of the average milk given by the cow, but always and only the last quart, his modesty should not be respected or trusted too far; such modesty may not be found compatible with honesty. The condition of the cow's blood and her nervous system very largely affect the quality of the milk she gives. Bad feeding, foul water or the absence of salt will induce in the cow a condition in which she will not yield good milk; a similar condition, with its consequent effects, may be caused by neglect, exposure, abuse or excitement. A cow has a peculiarly delicate organization, and must be handled with kindness, and any man who abuses a cow beats out the profit, for she will pay him back by giving less milk, and that of a poorer quality. The globules of fat, before mentioned, are so numerous that in a thimbleful of milk there will be found millions of them. It is estimated that there are at least one thousand millions of them in every cubic inch of milk. From these specks of fat the butter is made.

CREAM SEPARATION.

To get them out of the milk is the task of the butter maker; they are too small to be strained out with the finest sieve; fifteen hundred of the largest of them placed side by side, like a row of marbles, would not measure more than one inch. If milk be left at rest they will rise to the top because they are lighter than the liquid in which they float. The heavier parts of the milk are drawn down by the force of gravitation, and as the serum of the milk, composed of water, caseine, sugar, albumen, etc., moves downward, it displaces the cream globules and forces them towards the top. There are two methods of separating these fat globules from the milk; a natural method and a mechanical method. In the natural method, the power of gravitation is used to pull the heavier portion of the milk down, with the effect that the lighter part, the fat globules, are pushed upward. In the mechanical method, centrifugal force is applied to retain a like result. When a quantity of milk is put into a rapidly revolving vessel or cylinder, the heavier parts will be forced outwards against its resisting side or inner surface with sufficient pressure to push the lighter particles, the globules of fat, towards the centre of revolution. In that way the water, caseine, albumen and the other heavier constituents of milk, find their way to the outside of the quantity being treated in a

revolving cylinder, while the globules of fat are collected in concentric form on the inside surface of the quantity being treated. This is the law, that the cream, mainly composed of fat globules, travels in a direction opposite to that of the force exerted upon the milk, whether the force be centrifugal or centripetal.

EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE.

If ordinary milk in a deep-setting pail be left at a temperature of 60° Fahr., it would take these small specks from three to six days to get to the top at the rate at which they would move. They can be helped to move faster. The milk at a temperature between 90° and 98° is slightly enlarged in bulk, and by putting it into deep-setting pails at a higher temperature (90° to 98°), the advantage of a falling temperature from above 90° to 40° or 45° may be gained. That treatment will expedite and facilitate the upward movement of the globules of fat. The rapid cooling of the milk is also believed to prevent the formation of a delicate mesh of lacto-fibrine in the milk, which would hinder the globules from rising freely.

CREAM.

The cream itself is only the part of the milk into which the globules of fat have been gathered in large numbers. Cream has no regular or constant per cent. of fat; the range is from 8 per cent. to 75 per cent. In one hundred pounds of cream there may be only eight pounds of butter, or there may be seventy-five pounds according to its quality of richness. The globules of fat have no skin or organic coverings distinct in constitution from their own substance. Like drops of quicksilver that have separated from each other, they have no pellicles. But sometimes the serum of the milk becomes so viscous that a quantity of it will adhere to the surface of the globules and like a coating of gum will prevent their movement upwards when the milk is set, or their movement inward when the milk is treated in a centrifugal machine. If a quart of warm water be stirred into every pailful of milk when it reaches the dairy room from the stable, the separation of the cream will be facilitated. The water may be at a temperature anywhere between 150° and 180° Fahr., and should be warm enough to raise the temperature of the milk to above 90°.

CHURNING.

In the winter season especially, difficulty is experienced sometimes in churning the cream. The addition of water at a temperature of 70° to the cream, while it is still sweet, to the extent of 25 per cent. of its bulk, will cause it to yield its butter in less time and more completely. The water should be added before the cream is sour and at least 20 hours before the churning is commenced. The next treatment required is the development of lactic acid. If a quantity of *sweet cream* be churned and an equal quantity of *sour cream* of the same quality as to composition be also churned, there will be obtained on the average from the sweet cream only 77 pounds of butter out of every possible 100 pounds, while there may be obtained from the sour cream 97 pounds of every possible 100 pounds. There are thousands of pounds of butter lost in the Dominion annually from the churning of two qualities of cream in the same churn at one churning. The only safe plan is to have all the cream for each churning thoroughly mixed from twelve to twenty hours before the operation begins. It should be kept at a temperature of from 60° to 70° Fahr. according to the season of the year, to permit it to become sour. The higher temperature is required during the winter season and for cream from centrifugal separators during the summer season also. The churning is performed for the purpose of causing the globules of fat to strike on to each other and by impaction to unite. If two globules strike each other at a suitable temperature they will stick together; when large numbers of them unite in that way, it is said that the butter has "come," and the particles may be washed and removed. All that is required in the churning of cream is that the serum or medium shall be properly treated: (1) by the addition of water if required, as already described, (2) by the development of acid, (3) by the temperature being kept at from 57° to 59° in the summer time or from 62° to 66°

in winter. It is imperative that a thermometer should be used to reveal the temperature.

GRANULAR BUTTER.

When butter particles are half as large as clover seed, 10 per cent. of cold water may be added to the contents of the churn. After they are gathered to be half as large as wheat grains, the churning may be stopped. The buttermilk may be removed and replaced by pure water at a temperature of from 50° to 55° Fahr. It may thus be washed in the granular state. When the water runs off free from a milky appearance, the granular butter should be left in the churn for half an hour to drain.

SALTING.

It may then be salted in the churn or removed to the butter worker for that purpose. Pure salt of fine velvety grain only should be used. The rate of salting should be regulated to suit the taste and requirements of the customers. From three-quarters of an ounce to one ounce per pound will be found acceptable to most of those who purchase Canadian butter. The preparation for the market should be made with a view to giving the butter an attractive appearance, whether it be packed in tubs or firkins, or finished in prints or molds.

PREPARATION OF MILK FOR CREAMERIES.

Thorough airing of the milk for a few minutes by dipping, pouring or stirring will improve the flavor of the butter. When set for the rising of the cream, milk should be at a temperature above 90° Fahr. When deep-setting pails are used, the water in the tank should be kept below or as near 45° Fahr. as possible. The tank should be shaded from the sun. When a flowing spring is not available, the cooling power of the fresh water may be used more economically, if it be carried to the bottom of the tank and the warmed water be caused to run off from the top. If water be scarce, the overflow may be carried into a watering-trough for the stock of the farm.

QUALITIES OF CREAM.

Since managers of creameries have adopted the plan of paying for cream according to its butter-making qualities, some dissatisfaction has been caused among the patrons by the differences which comparisons have made evident. In most cases the trouble arises from an erroneous idea that the richest cream is the best for butter-making and the most profitable to the patron. It is not the patron who supplies the cream which yields the greatest number of ounces of butter per inch, who always obtains the largest returns from the milk which has been set. Milk which has been set in deep pails at a high temperature and has not been cooled below 60° Fahr., will yield a cream very rich in butter-making quality; but there will be a smaller quantity of cream obtained from the milk and a less quantity of butter, than where the milk is cooled as low as 45° Fahr. The longer the time cream stands on milk after practically all of it has come to the top, the less space will it occupy. As it shrinks in bulk it becomes richer per inch, but the total quantity of cream from the milk will not yield any more butter than it would have made before it became compact by long standing. (A creamery inch of cream is equal to 113 cubic inches, or to one inch in depth of a cylindrical vessel 12 inches in diameter.) When the milk is skimmed every 12 hours, the cream will not yield as many ounces of butter per inch as when it has been set for 24 hours or longer, but the extra quantity of cream that may be obtained by 12 hours setting in ice water will permit as much of butter to be made from the milk as by setting it for a longer period.

Skimming should not be delayed longer than 24 hours after the milk is set. Cream should be removed from the milk before it is sour. Its value to a creamery for butter-making depends not alone upon its richness in butter-fat; purity, sweetness and fine flavor are qualities it should possess.

THE OIL-TEST CHURN.

The oil-test churn is used to determine the quantity of churnable fat in each supply of every patron's cream. The requirements for its successful use are:—

(a) Careful sampling of the cream, which

should be poured at least twice from one vessel to another before the sample is taken for the test tube;

- (b). Accurate measuring;
- (c). Souring of the cream;—(to ensure a uniform degree of acidity in all the samples of cream, they should be warmed to 70° Fahr. and kept at that temperature for 25 hours before they are churned);
- (d). Heating of the samples to a temperature of 135° Fahr. after they have been churned;
- (e). Subsequent cooling to 65° or 70° Fahr.
- (f). Churning, reheating and cooling.

In a case where butter-oil on any sample does not separate to show a clear line of demarcation between itself and the other constituents of the cream, the cooling to 70°, the churning and reheating should be repeated.

BUTTER-MAKING IN DAIRIES AND CREAMERIES.

When shallow open pans are used for setting, the surrounding air should be pure; a damp musty cellar is no fit place for milk.

The cream for each churning should all be gathered into one vessel and kept cool and sweet. A good practice for fall and winter is to mix 25 per cent. of pure water with the cream before it has become sour. The whole of it should be well stirred every time fresh cream is added and half-a-dozen times a day besides.

Two days before the churning is to be done, about one quart of cream for every four pailsful to be churned—(or a quantity equal to two per cent.) should be set apart and kept as warm as 70° Fahr. One day before the churning, that small quantity of cream, called a fermentation starter, which will then be sour, should be added to the quantity which is intended for churning and be mixed therewith. It should afterwards be kept at a temperature of 60° Fahr. During the summer the best churning temperature is 57° or 58°; during the late fall and winter 62° to 64° are found to be preferable. The agitation of churning should be kept up till the butter comes into particles larger than clover seed. The buttermilk should then be drawn off and pure water at 55° added in its place. By churning this for a minute or two the butter will be washed free from milk while it is still in a granular state. The milky water may then be drawn off and replaced by a weak brine at the same temperature. After a minute's churning, the butter may be left to drain in the churn for half an hour before it is removed to be pressed and salted. Pure salt of medium fineness and with a body velvety to the touch should be used. Three-quarters of an ounce to the pound will be the right quantity for most markets for immediate consumption, and one ounce to the pound for packed butter. The butter should be kept cool during the working and also during the few hours while it may be left for the salt to dissolve. As soon as the salt is dissolved, the butter may be worked the second time to correct any streakiness which the first mixing of salt may have caused. It should then be put up neatly and tastefully with *as little* crimping and beautifying as feminine fondness for these will permit.

STORE-BUTTER.

Butter is susceptible to odors or flavors in the surrounding air; it should be kept in a place where the air is pure. If it is to be forwarded to the consumers' market in rolls, it should be handled as little as possible; every handling adds "mussiness" to the appearance and consequently depreciates its value. Each roll should be wrapped in a clean butter-cloth, which has been soaked in a strong brine made up from 16 parts of salt and one part each of white sugar, salt-petre and borax, dissolved in water.

PACKING BUTTER IN STORES.

Butter which is being collected for packing may be kept in fair condition in a clean box; a better plan is to have it immersed in pure, strong brine. In assorting it, more regard should be paid to similarity of body and flavor than to likeness in the shade of color. The mixing table, or butter-worker, needs to be kept particularly clean; after it has been thoroughly washed with borax water, it should be scalded and then cooled with cold water. The butter should be worked at a temperature which will prevent it from becoming greasy. The temper-

ature at which it is worked or mixed has more effect on the grain and the body of the butter than the movements to which it is subjected can have. The cool atmosphere of early morning and a supply of cold water in which to float the butter will meet the needs of the case. Only such packages as have a clean, neat appearance should be used. The top of the butter should be covered with a clean butter-cloth, prepared in the same way as that for the wrapping of roll-butter. A covering plaster made of wet salt should be put over the cloth, to a thickness of half an inch or more.

Butter in tubs and kegs should be brined frequently; the salt-covering should not be allowed to become quite dry; a brine similar to that which has been mentioned for use on butter-cloths, may be used freely with good results.

Storekeepers and others may obtain copies of this Bulletin for distribution, by applying to the Dairy Commissioner, Experimental Farm, Ottawa. They will be furnished free in English and French.—[Bulletin No. 3 somewhat abridged.]

Mr. Thos. Guy Replies to Various Correspondents.

(Continued from June issue.)

We are sorry your lady correspondent should take such umbrage at what was said about her Stoke Pogis bull. We meant nothing derogatory to that famous animal, when we simply hinted that it was not pedigree the public in general were after. We wish also to say that in noticing the way the animals were fed during the test, we did not intend to throw any "slur" on this lady's foreman, Mr. Browne, or in the least way hint that he was "dishonest or incompetent." This is an imaginative conclusion drawn by herself, for, according to the rules, every one had a perfect right to feed their animals as they thought proper, without let or hindrance. However, though we meant no discredit to any one, if need be we have plenty of evidence behind to establish what I said in this particular. I myself saw that their mangers were empty a good part of the time, and a number of others noticed this also, and I have been told since that Mr. B. himself said at the time that he was starving his cows. But I never for a moment thought there was anything particularly wrong about it. I only looked upon it as a matter of policy, and, as such, I presume, it may be considered as a pretty well managed affair. We are pleased to have this lady's testimony as to the amount of product these cows are capable of producing, making from each from twelve to twenty pounds per week of hard, sweet, yellow butter, and this, too, without having a mouthful of grain, nothing but grass and bran. No one can fail to see what profitable cows these are. But this, of course, was at Benhulle, and in their own stables. Although we do not wish to dispute the truthfulness of these statements, yet at the same time it seems somewhat strange that whilst each gave such large yields at home, the whole lot combined at London failed to give as much as one at home. Some excuse may be made for this, and supposing it is all correct, it is certainly a great compliment to the Ayrshires when they were brought in contact with those renowned butter-makers. Had their product been valued according to what is generally acknowledged to be a just and equitable standard they would have been the winners.

This lady also says (when speaking of the product of her Jerseys), "it is quite possible Mr. Guy has Ayrshires which can do as well, but I do not know of it." No! we never yet got into this way of booming our cattle, and the Ayrshire men in general seem to be a modest, unassuming lot. They appear to prefer that their animals should sound their own trumpets.

The Farm.

How to Keep Up the Fertility of Our Farms by Breeding Cattle and Sheep, and Feeding for Profit.

(Continued from June issue.)

The method of winter feeding I would recommend is: Steers or heifers should be started on grass, being fed a few ears of corn, or two or three pounds of meal per day; tie them up as soon as the nights are frosty; let them out through the day; be careful do not allow them to be out through the cold fall rains. If possible, get them gaining before you finally tie them in. Then feed first thing in the morning with a ration of a mixture of ground meal and cut feed, say five pounds of meal put on the cut feed dry, or damped a little, and at nine or ten o'clock a ration of 25 lbs. of roots and a handful of hay or oat straw; let them out for exercise and water at noon unless it is stormy; feed at one o'clock cut feed with 2 lbs. of meal; let them rest until three or four o'clock; feed 25 lbs. of roots, then feed for night a ration of cut feed and 3 lbs. of meal. Many advocate the method of feeding three times per day. My experience is that the cattle eat their feed better, and waste less by the above method. The ration, under this system, would be 10 lbs. of a mixture of meal, cut feed, hay straw, or straw and corn-stalks with a handful of hay, and 50 lbs. of roots per day. This can be furnished for 20 cents per day.

I believe the skilled breeders and feeders, who make quality their special study, can show a balance on the right side for each year, or for an average of a number of years, not mentioning that valuable asset, viz., manure.

There is another method of preparing cattle for export which has been very profitable for the grazers, but not for the shippers: Cattle that are fed on the grass for July or August market should be well wintered, and fed 5 or 6 lbs. of meal per day on the grass until they are shipped. Cattle that are grazing for the October market should have sufficient grass, and should average 400 lbs. gain without meal. A grazer can make money if he gets 4½ to 5c. for the July and August cattle, and 4½ for the October cattle. Bear in mind you must have the cattle finished for the prices mentioned. I stated that the shippers of grass cattle had not, as a general rule, done well. I will try and explain some of the reasons: First, there has been a large number of cattle dealers operating who never have calculated for the business, others who had no judgment and could not learn the business, and we have a class that would like to monopolize the whole trade, space included, by buying up every thing regardless of quality. Grazers and feeders of cattle are too anxious to get rid of their cattle before they are finished, sometimes selling them for future delivery, and forgetting to give their cattle the feed, care and attention they should have. These, I consider, are the causes of very many of the discouraging reports. I also realize the dangerous ground I am standing on in mentioning those reasons. I cannot come to any other conclusion after a number of years experience.

CATTLE IN TRANSIT.

This branch has not improved as the trade deserves, especially at Montreal. In fact, a large number of our cattle get no care from the

men in charge, and often producers shrink the cattle \$1 or \$2 per head driving his cattle eight or ten miles to the place of delivery. Then the dealer will mix up a lot of cattle in a small yard where they cannot get rest, which is most essential after their morning walk. In many cases, they are shrunk \$2 and \$3 per head before they are loaded on the cars, and in this pitiable condition they are sent through to Montreal without feed or water. And this is not the last shrink; they get a reasonable chance in the yards at Montreal, then they are driven to the docks and loaded on the steamships. To speak mildly, their treatment here is simply inhuman in many cases. I feel confident that a great many cattle are reduced in value at least \$4 per head by the time they are tied in their stalls on board ship, and often the shrinkage continues the whole voyage, caused by unskilled caretakers and feeders. For a remedy, we want born cattlemen, and such in charge from the time the cattle leave their homes until they are sold, and, if possible, men that have their own hard earnings invested in the cattle they are in charge of. Men who are doing business simply because they have a bank credit, or because some one employs them, is the great cause of so many failures.

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Fish Refuse as a Manure.

Sir,—Do you know of an analysis of fish offal? If so, what is its value? I can get a considerable quantity of the offal of codfish for hauling. The only way I have used it, without the loss of much of its fertilizing qualities, is by composting with clay, but this means very much labor, while I have never seen any benefit to the second crop. I would like to know if the offal could be cut with acid, or salted and dried and ground, and then sowed upon the land? If so, could you say what would be sufficient for an acre? Would a covered drain do where water runs across the farm in considerable quantities during the rainy season? Would like to connect laterals to drain low land adjoining.

T. S. ROBERTSON, Red Point, P. E. I.

Answered by Mr. Frank Shutt, chemist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Ont.

I would refer your correspondent for an analysis of fish refuse, to our last report (1889), a copy of which is sent free on application, in which, on page 51, will be found the results of an analysis of a sample from the canning factories of Ladner's Landing, B. C. Materials of this nature vary very much in their composition, as might naturally be expected, but I think that these figures would not be very far away from the average of those of good samples of fish refuse. The fertilizing constituents of such substances are, more or less, in a soluble condition, and easily available and assimilable by plants, and, therefore, the chief benefit to the crop would be obtained the first year of application. In view of this, I would advise that it be put on the fields in the spring, rather than in the autumn, and should say that as a top dressing, or harrowed in, it would yield the best results, especially if fermentation has been allowed to proceed for any length of time. Treatment with sulphuric acid would certainly make the phosphoric acid more soluble, but I do not think, in ordinary practice, that such a method could be satisfactorily worked, as special appliances and skill are needed. I should say that from one-half ton to one ton, according to nature of soil, etc., would be about the average dressing for an acre. If the volume of water is not too great a covered drain would be found valuable. Tiles six or eight inches in diameter should be used, the latter will be found best.

Mr. Beaven Criticises Mr. Graham's Article.

Sir,—I am often instructed, but also often very much amused, by the articles that appear in your journal. The writers also seem to start out with the idea that whatever suits their locality must be suited to all parts of the province; and, as they seem to be mostly western men, their plan and estimates would too often be altogether useless in this section. Few, however, have caused me as much surprise as one in your May issue, by Mr. Jas. Graham. I refer especially to his figures relating to pea culture, and with your permission would like to make a few remarks on the subject with a view of obtaining more information thereon.

To begin with the plowing, he reckons the cost at \$7.50. But, sulky plows are little used here; and, supposing we use one, we cannot get a man, young or old, at 75c. a day. Besides, what about the team, to say nothing about a third horse on the sulky, and a man and team here cost from \$2.50 to \$3.00 a day? Then, he says nothing about seed, the largest item of all, nor threshing. I know nothing about how the Tolton harvester works, not having seen one, but it takes two good men all and more than they can do to clear the tract for a mower. I suppose the harvester makes a difference, so would only change his boys into men, as I should be sorry to trust a fifty-cent boy with a sixty-dollar machine, and also insert a team to draw the machine. Now, my calculation is as follows:—

Plowing.....	10 days at \$2.50=	\$ 25.00
Harrowing, etc.....	3½ " 2.51=	8.75
Seed.....	60 bush. at .65=	39.00
Cutting.....	3 days at 2.50=	7.50
Man and team.....	3 " 1.00=	3.00
Man to throw back.....	3 " 1.00=	3.00
Drawing in.....	3 " 2.50=	7.50
Two men and two teams.....	3 " 2.50=	15.00
Four men loading, etc.....		12.00
Threshing.....	1 day	7.00
Machine.....	1 day at 1.00=	6.00
Six men.....		
Total.....		\$123.25

This will bring the cost per bushel to twenty-two cents instead of six cents, as Mr. Graham makes it. As a matter of fact, I believe the actual cost would be rather higher than I have put it.

In the first part of his letter Mr. Graham refers to the duty on corn for feed, and these I can agree with him, as the prices of grain are low enough and free corn would not raise them. I think, however, that corn for seed, and in fact all seeds and plants, should be free, as they are the farmer's raw material to be used in manufacturing the food of the country. In reading the debates at Ottawa on the subject of duties on plants, I did not see an argument of any weight in their favor. If Canadian growers want the trade let them lower their prices, and send as good stock as reliable American growers. They don't fill the first condition, and I doubt their filling the second. The matter is made none the better by placing greenhouse plants, things of luxury, on the free list. I should like to see the opinion of others on this subject.

C. W. BEAVEN, Prescott.

The sawdust and glue paste for filling holes in wood into which nails or screws are to be put with safe firmness may prove a useful hint to many. Knives or hoes may be fastened in the handles by this means, if not to be exposed long to soaking wet. We have found sawdust and lime more firm and durable than plastering made as usual, with sand and hair, but not quite so easily applied.

Mr. Graham's Reply.

Sir,—In reference to the article over the signature of Mr. C. W. Beaven, asking for more information on figures given on pea culture, in an article which appeared in your issue of May last, under the heading "The Corn Question." In that article, the intention of the writer was to show that peas could be grown as cheaply here as corn in the Western States, and in order to do so selected for comparison the principle adopted by the late John D. Gillett, Ill., a man whose reputation for shrewd business ability was unsurpassed. He had his corn delivered in the crib for 15 cents per bushel if the grower furnished every thing but the land, but if Mr. Gillett furnished seed, teams, implements, and every thing but the manual labor, the price paid was 10 cents per bushel; this was in the ear and not shelled corn, as the price of corn varies one year from another. And, as we had no exact knowledge what these teams, implements, etc., brought the furnisher, further than that he had one-third off, we did not make the contract for 15 cents per bushel the bases for comparison, but selected instead the contract for 10 cents per bushel, it being the allowance for the manual labor only. In submitting the figures, I have allowed more time than is actually necessary for the performance of the work, and should not by any means exceed the amount given, which is as follows:—

Plowing.....	10 days at \$.75=	\$ 7.50
Drilling.....	1½ " .75=	1.12
Harrowing.....	1 " .75=	.75
Rolling.....	1 " .75=	.75
Cutting.....	3 " 1.00=	3.00
Pitching back.....	3 " 1.00=	3.00
Drawing in, six men.....	3 " 1.00=	3.00
Total cost.....		\$34.12

If 560 bushels cost \$34.12, what will one bushel cost? Say six cents, we allow nothing for threshing, on the ground that peas in the mow stands about equal with corn in the crib.

Now, Mr. Editor, as I have occupied more of your valuable space than this subject is entitled to, I feel somewhat delicate in trespassing further on good nature; however, with your permission, I will give my views as to the total cost of men, seed and teams, etc., for the production of, say 20 acres of peas on the same principle Mr. Beaven puts it, although we know farmers don't expect such wages for their teams. In the first place, we will give you the principle on which we find an ordinary day's work of a machine: It is a fact well known that a plow, turning a furrow of one foot wide, requires no great rate of speed to turn two acres per day; a seed drill, six feet wide, at the same rate of speed covers 12 acres per day, or take a self-binder, six feet wide, the same rate of speed will cut 12 acres per day, but on these they can increase the rate of speed, hence they often cover more ground. Take the Tolton pea harvester, which is frequently attached to the common mowing machine, four feet six inches wide, hence we get nine acres per day, but as cutting peas is a much lighter draft than grass, we get a faster rate of speed, hence it is not too much to expect ten acres per day; therefore, I will deduct from Mr. Beaven's figures, for cutting, \$3.50. His seed charge is too high by 15 cents per bushel, and the quantity for small peas too great by 10 bushels. Take from this item of seed \$14.00, also \$3.00 from pitching, as one man is quite sufficient to pitch 20 acres of peas in three days. So we deduct from Mr. Beaven's figures in all \$20.50, so that his figures should stand \$102.75, instead of \$123.25. This will make the cost per bushel 18 cents from his own standpoint. I will, for the present, leave Mr. Beaven to study up this subject, and I am sure he will come to the conclusion that his bases of calculation on pea culture are wrong.

Application of Chemistry and Geology to Agriculture.

BY JAMES MILLER.

(Continued from June issue.)

The land is exhausted by frequent cropping. What language more familiar in Canada? What statement more true than this? Yet how few understand what exhaustion implies. How few can explain either how it takes place, by what means it can be remedied, or how, if left to herself, nature at length does apply a remedy? Have your readers any doubt in regard to the prevailing ignorance on this subject? To be satisfied you have only to look with an experienced eye on the agricultural practices of Canada. Are there not thousands of acres in this country which exhibit a degree of unproductiveness not natural to the soil, which have been overcropped, and worn out and impoverished? A soil comparatively fertile by nature has been rendered infertile by art. That which was naturally good has been rendered as unproductive and unprofitable as that which was naturally bad. Has this state of things arisen from ignorance, from design, or from necessity? By whichever of these it has been immediately caused, it is clear that the requisite degree of knowledge on the part of the owners of the soil would have retarded if not wholly prevented it. The same knowledge will also enable the agriculturist to reclaim these lands again, and, considering that the different changes which the soil undergoes are chemical changes, gradually to restore them to a more fertile condition, either in the relative quantities which its substances contain, or in the state of combination in which they exist.

The art of culture is almost entirely a chemical art, since nearly all its processes are to be explained on chemical principles. If you add any fertilizers to your land you introduce new chemical agents. If you irrigate your meadows you must demand a reason from your chemist for the luxuriant growth of grass which follows. You all know the result upon meadows by a good coating of manure. Does a mixture of animal and vegetable manure prepare the land best for certain kinds of grain? Do you supply salt, or gypsum, or saltpetre, or nitrate of soda with advantage? In all of these chemical changes are noticed. The greatest light has been thrown upon the art of culture by the researches of organic chemistry within the last fifty years; every day is adding to the value and importance of its discoveries. I might also speak of the mechanical operations of ploughing (whether common or subsoil), of fallowing, draining, weeding, and many others, as being only so many methods by which chemical action is induced or facilitated to the growth of plants. I might also show how the feeding of cattle and the raising and management of dairy produce are not beyond the province of chemistry.

But I will not dwell on each of these subjects, as they will all come up in their proper order, and will, I hope, afford me an opportunity of laying before you many important facts as well as practical deductions and observations. I advance to the special objects of these chapters, and I shall first present you with a rapid outline of the method I intend to follow in a concise and simple form as possible, each step clearing the way for the succeeding one, without any chance of the illustrations being difficult to comprehend. I propose, therefore, to bring before your readers:—

1st.—The different kinds of vegetable substances, with the properties of the elementary and compound bodies which either enter into the

substances of plants or contribute to their growth and nourishment.

2nd.—The general structure and functions of the several parts of plants, their mode of growth and the manner in which plant food is absorbed, changed and converted into parts of their substance.

3rd.—The origin, nature and principal differences of soils, with the circumstances on which their relative fertility depends, or upon which it is modified.

4th.—The nature and differences of manures and their modes of action, whether directly in supplying plant food, or indirectly in hastening and increasing their growth.

5th.—The nature and different kinds of food raised as the result of culture, especially in their powers in supporting animal life. Under this head the feeding of cattle and the variations in the quantity and quality of dairy produce.

These different branches, I believe, comprehend the whole subject of chemical agriculture. In regard to all of them we shall derive, either from chemistry or geology, much important information.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Food for Boys.

BY R. GIBSON, DELAWARE, ONT.

(Continued from June issue.)

It lies within ourselves if we are to be a power in the land. The country is not troubling itself with what is called "equal rights." Our Catholic fellow citizens are supposed to hold the balance of power, and that they are able to get whatever they want; if one party won't give it to them the other will. Now, I say the farmers of this province ought to occupy that position. We hold not the balance of the power, but the power itself. Then, let us prepare ourselves and our sons, having that end in view. Let us study, and think, and work. The long winter evenings that are supposed to be such a drawback are all in our favor, and may be converted into a blessing. Our climate is considered cold and severe—if it is cold, it is bracing, healthy, and invigorating, instead of enervating.

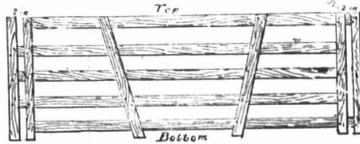
We must ever remember this is the first and foremost agricultural country, and it is upon the coming farmers of Canada that the success or decay, the prosperity or failure, of our country depends, whether we shall rank amongst the great nations of the world, or be merely hangers-on, dependants of some other power.

Our sons and grandsons will be the historians of the future, and how that history will be written depends upon the examples set; upon the daily truths inculcated by parents, guardians and school teachers. Above all things teach them to be truthful, to be self-reliant, to be manly, and to fully realize the great responsibility that rests upon them, and so prepare them for the future, when they will be the law-makers and occupy high offices in the Legislature, in the courts, and in the pulpit, or, as expressed at one of the Institute meetings in Wisconsin last year, So shall we turn again to the country for the statesman, the soldier, the philosopher, even as we did in the early days of the republic before the fields of the east had been worn out by carelessness; before the plantations of the south had been ruined by shiftlessness, and before the magnetic attractions of cities had drawn the best blood of the farms. We shall turn again to the country to find there an educated, conservative, loyal constituency which will be the balance wheel of the country.

To conclude, such confidence have I in the sterling, sound common-sense of our people, such abiding faith in our country and its soil, and its climate, that I foresee a grand future for Canada and its farmers, and I long for the time when the name agriculturist will be synonymous with everything that is bright, and honest, and prosperous.

A Movable Fence.

Mr. E. D. Sabin, Hudson, Mich., sends us the following:—"I saw that a subscriber asked in the May number of the ADVOCATE for description of a movable board fence: enclosed find illustration of panel for fence used here. It is handy for fencing stacks, etc. Take boards 3/4 x 4 in. 12 ft. long, put five boards on floor with distance between to suit, then shove top and bottom boards lengthwise six inches, put two standards on each end, with space of two inches between, which will let panels lock together. In putting up, put them at right angles, and then carry end around until locked solid. It is a worm fence, the same as rail, but is far ahead of a straight fence with brackets. Put one or two



A panel of Mr. Sabin's movable fence.

standards in centre of panel. When not in use it can be piled up, and so does not take up much room."

This is a very good movable fence, and where lumber is cheap it is inexpensive. It is liable to be blown over by a heavy wind if not anchored at intervals of say two to four rods according to exposure. This may be done by driving stakes, or by the device shown on page 79 of our March number. A good many farmers are now using two strands of barbed wire, with posts two rods apart, all of which are driven for a movable fence. It seems to answer very well for horses and cattle, but there always is the danger of the animals being injured by running against or through the wire.

Lang Sides,

the farm of Mr. Robert Ballantyne, Sebringville, is situated three miles south of Sebringville, on the Buffalo and Goderich line of the G. T. R. The farm, of which the proprietor holds the patent deed, has been carved from the forest through his own direction, and by his own labor, and those that are in search of a breeding farm for fine stock will have to travel far and wide before they get anything so finished. The house and buildings are all new, and no expense has been spared to make each compartment as perfect as money, united with thoughtful, can accomplish. The house is a ten-room brick structure, with slated roof, and is a model of compactness. The barns are ample enough for the most productive season, with basements of the best stone masonry, and most durable fittings that can be constructed. The farm, having been used for fine stock breeding and feeding, and dairying for many years, is in a highly productive state of fertility. The land is thoroughly tile drained, and water is plentiful in the driest season, and arranged so that it is accessible in all the fields. Fifteen acres of uncultivated bush is all the unimproved land in the 150 acres that comprises this beautiful and compact farm.

Through an accident Mr. Ballantyne lost his only son, and he himself, having passed the allotted age of threescore years and ten, wishes to dispose of his beautiful farm and home that he may not be worried with business cares through his remaining years.

Being conveniently situated by having a first class gravel road run through the property, mail and telegraph office quite close, makes this a most desirable centre for a fine stock farm.

Garden and Orchard.

Parasitic Plants—The Farmer's Microscopic Foes.

J. HOYES PANTON, M. A., F. G. S.

(Continued from May issue.)

DOWNY MILDEW—*Peronospora viticola*.

This fungus affects the grape, and is closely allied to that which causes the potato rot. It attacks all green portions—leaves, young shoots and berries. The vegetative part (mycelium) grows like that in the potato, between the cells, and feeds much in the same way by the aid of little suckers (haustoria, see cut 7). But the fruit-bearing part, instead of sending up one stalk through the openings in the leaf, sends up several, about the 1/16th of an inch in length (see cut 1).

The disease first shows itself by pale green or yellowish spots upon the upper side of the leaves. Opposite these, on the lower surface, white patches are soon seen; these are the spore-bearing structures. As the disease advances the yellowish spots become brown, and dead tissue results; finally the leaf becomes dried and shrivelled and the vitality of the plant seriously injured. The effect upon the shoots leads also to the destruction of tissue; on the young berries growth is stopped and they seldom get beyond the size of peas usually not wrinkled, but turn brown or grey—the latter when the fungus fruits, and hence the terms "brown rot" or "grey rot" applied.

Reproduction here is much the same as in the potato rot—asexual (see cut 1) and the sexual (see cut 6); the former, ovoid and thin walled, are produced in great numbers on the outside (conidia), the latter inside (oospores). Heat and moisture are required for its development, in fact water requires to be present in drops of rain or dew. A mature conidium falling upon a drop of water soon develops spores (zoospores); even in an hour the change occurs under favorable conditions. Dry air, and especially dry wind, is destructive. As the fungus is in the leaf we try to prevent the germination of the spores.

Remedies—Spray every week or ten days from the time the leaves appear until late in July with the following:—

1. Dissolve six pounds copper sulphate in sixteen gallons of water, in another vessel four pounds fresh lime in six gallons of water; when the latter cools pour slowly into the copper solution and mix thoroughly. Prepare some time before using.
2. Dissolve one pound of copper sulphate in two gallons of water; in another vessel dissolve one pound of sodium carbonate; mix, and as soon as the chemical action ceases add one and a-half pints of ammonia. Dilute this to twenty-two gallons and apply.

ERGOT OF RYE—*Claviceps purpurea*.

We now come to the consideration of a group of fungi that are in many respects widely separated from the preceding. Here we find such forms as the ergot of rye, blackknot of the plum, powdery mildew of the grape, and the common mildew of the gooseberry.

This fungus is not confined to rye, but is sometimes found on other members of the grass family—timothy, blue grass and even wheat. Moisture seems to be favorable for its growth, hence more common in Europe than

here. It affects the flower of the plant, and when it reaches maturity shows itself as an unnatural condition of the seed. In the case of rye you observe a grain about four times the proper size, and of a purplish-black color (see cut A and B). This is the so-called ergot, purple-black on the outside, but the interior white, somewhat



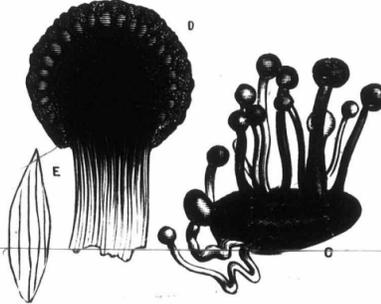
Rye (*Secale cereale* Linn.), bearing several Ergots.



Timothy Grass (*Phleum pratense*)

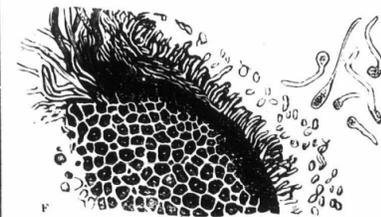
purplish, and of a dense uniform structure, composed of roundish cells largely charged with an oily fluid. Ergotted grains, when eaten, have a powerful effect upon the animal economy, especially in causing a muscular contraction of the uterus; it also in some cases produces the disease known as *ergotism*, in which parts of the affected animals rot and drop off. In order to understand the life history of this fungus, let us start by presuming that one of these dark colored grains has fallen to the ground and that

favorable conditions are present for its development. This may occur in spring. We soon notice upon it little stalks more or less twisted, with a round body at the top. (See cut C). If



C. Ergot germinating. D. One of the heads magnified to show the cavities containing the spores. E. An ascus with spores.

one of these is cut through and examined we will see that it contains a series of cavities (perithecia) around the border. (See cut D). In each of these structures (asci), filled with long



needle-like bodies (ascospores), are seen. (Cut E). This ends one period in the life of the fungus. The needle-like spores (ascospores) are ripe and in the air (for they are exceedingly small) about the time rye is in bloom; they gain access to the flower, either by the action of the wind or rain, where they germinate at the

base of the pistil; rapid growth follows, and the affected kernel shows increase of size in a few days. The vegetative portion of the fungus (mycelium) now begins to grow, and rapidly replaces the seed, and even the pistil of which it is a part.

A section of the seed (see cut F) at this time will show threads of the fungus, and upon the ends of them conidia (spores), which are dropping continually off these, reach other rye in flower, and produce the early stages of ergot. Old ergot will not grow. Ergotted seeds, ground with others that may be good, are very dangerous. If such get among flour it is very injurious to human beings, and several instances are on record in which people have died from eating bread made from flour into which ergotted grain had been ground. Great care should be taken to not feed it to animals. Such grain is readily recognized by its size and color.

- Remedy—1. Burn any heads of plants with ergotted grain.
2. Never sow seed containing grains of ergot.
3. Thorough examination of seed will detect this, as well as many other seeds that should not be sown.

Poisoning from Eating Fungi.

BY J. DEARNESS, LONDON.

The report was recently circulated in the newspapers that a case of fatal poisoning had occurred in the Township of Malahide, due to the eating of a species of fungus. The statement, as made in the St. Thomas Journal, was to the effect that Mr. John Bradley gathered some mushrooms, and, with his family, used them on Sunday. In the night he took sick, but did not attribute his illness to the mushrooms. On the



HELVELLA ESCULENTA (Fries).

following Tuesday evening and Wednesday noon, the families of Messrs. Wm. Blake and Lewis Johnson ate the same kind; they were all taken ill, but recovered, except Mrs. Blake, whose death ensued on the following Friday. Mr. Blake has written me a circumstantial account of the case from which the following statement is condensed:—

One rainy day early in May, Mr. Johnson invited him to go with him and gather mushrooms at a place where he knew two other families had been collecting them, saying: "If they won't hurt them they won't hurt us." The fungi were brought home, and at Mr. Blake's house for Tuesday's supper about two quarts (when fresh) of the tops and clean part of the stems were cooked by frying them in butter with pepper and salt and served to a company of five adults. On Wednesday, for dinner, a quart and a-half were cooked and eaten by three persons,—Mr. Blake, his wife and sister. That night between nine and ten they were all seized with violent vomiting, and felt a burning sensation in the stomach, but no other pain. Miss Blake drank cream and new milk, and speedily recovered. The doctors were called to the others, but, so far as Mrs. Blake was concerned, without avail. "My wife," writes Mr. Blake, "slept all day on Friday, and died at 8 p. m. She moaned as if in pain: yet, it seemed impossible for us to

rouse her. I cannot say whether it was the poison of the fungus, or the medicine that made her so sleepy." Mrs. Johnson was also very ill for a day or two.

I have been sent two lots of the fungus, with the assurance that no other kind was eaten or mixed with them. The illustration was drawn from the largest specimen sent. It was six and a-half inches tall, including the stem, and four and a-half inches across the head. The stem is of a cream color; the head is light brown, externally, and much convoluted like the surface of a brain. The brown surface—the hymenium—contains, or rather consists of, its millions of microscopic seed or spore-sacs. Each sac contains eight spores, half of a sac with four of its two-nucleate spores much magnified are shown in the illustration. Botanically, the plant is known as *Helvella* (or *Gyromitra*) *esculenta*. The specimens sent me grew on the flats of a creek under pine trees.

What gives the case under notice special interest, is the fact that this very species has a reputation for edibility. Berkeley says in "Cryptogamic Botany," p. 292: "One or two species of *Helvella*, especially *H. esculenta*, are considered excellent food." Gilbert Burnett says none of the *Helvelline* are noxious, and that the *H. esculenta* is commonly eaten in Sweden and Germany for the true morel. In fact, the *helvellaceae* comprise some of the best of the edible fungi, for it is in this order we find the delicious morels and cyttarias, the latter being a staple article of food in Southern South America.

Julius Palmer, in his "Mushrooms of America," says that mushrooms may be noxious in three ways: 1. They may disagree with the system by reason of their toughness, indigestibility, or state of decomposition. 2. They may be slimy, acrid, or otherwise nauseous. 3. They may contain a subtle poison, but that, "so far as known, there are no cases of death by the use of mushrooms, except from one family—the *Amanita*." The antidote for amanita poisoning is found in the skillful use of the alkaloids of the deadly nightshade, especially in the sub-cutaneous injection of atropine. Atropine is a powerful drug (one grain of the pure crystal is enough to make from 50 to 200 doses), and while it would be the right thing to administer in case of poisoning from *agaricus muscarius* for example, it would be the wrong thing in many other cases of inconvenience from eating unwholesome toadstools.

The fact that different fungi have different qualities and differences of toxic principles, makes it important that the physician be shown the toadstool that has caused the poisoning, so that he may select the most suitable remedy. For ordinary derangements caused by eating disagreeable fungi the use of sweet oil and whisky in equal proportions is recommended on good authority.

While the experience of the Malahide people does not prove that *Helvella esculenta*, as growing there, is a fatally poisonous plant, (for Mrs. Blake's death may have been partly due to other complications), yet, it shows that this species is not safe to eat since persons in at least three, if not in four, different families were similarly sickened by its use. The oft-repeated lesson is again taught that fungi should be cooked while fresh. Most kinds, unless when properly dried, are subject to rapid decomposition, and, like putrid meat or vegetables, they become unwholesome after decay commences.

It is to be much regretted that accidents, such as that now related, do occasionally happen, because they prevent people from wishing to learn to distinguish and use the species of fungi that are really wholesome and delicious. Julius Palmer, above quoted, says: "No country is richer in mushroom food than America." Were the poorer classes of Russia, Germany, Italy, or France, to see our forests during the autumn rains, they would feast on the rich food there going to waste. The economic value of mushroom diet ranks second to meat alone. With bread and mushrooms, properly gathered and prepared, a person might neglect the butcher during the summer months."

Insecticides.

By Prof. A. J. Cook, Michigan Agricultural College.

THE ARSENITES.

As I have treated this subject fully before, I will only state conclusions at this time: As London purple is much cheaper than Paris green, costing only fifteen cents per lb., and is just as effective in practical use, it should always be used when it can be had, unless on very tender foliage, like that of the peach, when only Paris green should be made use of. It is still a question if the arsenites should be used on the peach.

London purple may be used either dry, mixed with land plaster—one lb. of the poison to eighty or one hundred of the plaster—or mixed with water—one lb. to two hundred gallons of water.

It is not the strength of the mixture, but the force and thoroughness with which it is applied, that secures success. The water mixture which will usually be most satisfactory, should be kept well stirred, that the heavy mineral poison may not settle. Should never be applied to fruit trees till the blossoms fall from the trees. Should be applied to apple trees but once, except in case of very heavy rains, when it should be repeated two or three weeks after the first application; should be used two of three times at intervals of ten days or two weeks on the plums, and after every heavy rain; may be used to defend against the potato beetle, and all leaf or bud eating insects that defoliate our fruit trees early in the season, and on our shade trees for such insects at any time. Force pumps are excellent to apply the water mixture to potato vines and to fruit and shade trees. By use of a barrel or tank mounted high on a wagon, we can treat potato vines and low shrubs, etc., by aid of gravity very easily and cheaply. Our experiments last season prove conclusively that if the arsenites are properly applied, there is no danger in pasturing under fruit trees at once. That is if we use one pound of the poison to two hundred gallons of water.

In the apple orchard, the use of London purple is so valuable that no one can afford to neglect its practice. Used just after the blossoms of the latest blooming varieties like the Northern Spy, have fallen, this substance destroys the Codling Moth, Tent Caterpillar, Canker worm, and several minute leaf rollers; all of which are serious pests and often do great damage. Here then is a case where the orchardist can kill several birds with a single stone.

THE BORDEAUX MIXTURE.

This valuable fungicide is prepared as follows: Six pounds of sulphate of copper are dissolved in six gallons of hot water; in another vessel four pounds of fresh lime are slaked in six gallons of cold water. After the latter solution has cooled slowly turn it into the other solution and add ten gallons of water. This when all is thoroughly mixed is ready for use.

Prof. C. M. Weed, of the Ohio Experiment Station, has shown that when this is used to spray plum trees, the plum rot is wholly kept in check. Prof. Weed recommends that in spraying for the curculio, we use this Bordeaux mixture instead of water; that is we add one pound of London purple to two hundred gallons of the Bordeaux mixture. Thus we may not only defend against the curculio but the rot as well. Those

troubled with the plum rot may well act upon this suggestion.

CARBOLIZED PLASTER.

This is simply common land plaster—gypsum mixed with crude carbolic acid. I get the acid of good strength and mix it with plaster—one pint of the liquid to 50 lbs. of the mineral. The lumps should be crushed and all thoroughly mixed, when the plaster will be much as before, except that it will smell very strongly of the acid. It will still be a powder and can be thrown even better than clear plaster as it is a little more damp, and heavier, and so less affected by the wind. Mr. J. N. Stearns, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has used this very successfully for years in fighting the plum curculio. He replaces the plaster, however, by lime. I like the plaster better as it is not so light, and one can sow it better, especially if there is any wind. I think too that the plaster is more valuable as a fertilizer. I feel quite certain that I have used this with excellent results to ward off the ravages of the plum curculio, and think I have used it with success against the Codling Moth, though this latter needs confirmation. To use this we throw it onto the tree as soon as the blossoms fall, and twice after at intervals of ten to fifteen days. In case of heavy rains it should be thrown on again as soon after, as the rains wash it off. By use of a step-ladder it is easily applied. In case of a few trees, it is easier to do this than to spray, as the material is very inexpensive and there is no apparatus to purchase. If it simply drives the insects off, as some argue, what would occur if all of us used it? If it disguises the tree so that the insects do not find it, then surely it has everything to recommend it, in case it is as effective as experiments so far seem to prove. In seasons of very frequent and severe rains, it would not prove entirely satisfactory.

KEROSENE EMULSION.

Probably next to the arsenites—London purple and Paris green—no single insecticide equals in value the kerosene and soap mixture, called kerosene emulsion. The great value of this substance, rests in the fact that it kills by contact, and thus insects that suck, like lice and true bugs, are killed by its use. In 1880 Dr. C. V. Riley recommended the kerosene and milk emulsion. The way I prepared this kerosene and soap emulsion is as follows: I mix one quart of soft soap, or one fourth lb. of hard soap with one or two quarts of boiling water, as soon as the soap is all dissolved I stir in, while all is yet hot, one pint of kerosene oil. This is now violently stirred till it is permanently mixed—that is till upon standing the oil will not rise to the top but will remain incorporated with the liquid. This stirring is best done by use of a force pump—pumping back into the vessel containing the liquid. When we are ready to use this stir in enough water to make fifteen pints in all—that is one fifteenth of the liquid applied would be kerosene oil.

If used as above suggested, this insecticide will injure no foliage so far as I have tried it, and I have used it very extensively, but will destroy many of the sucking insects like the plant lice, more effectually than anything I have tried. Many have complained of a lack of success in the use of kerosene emulsion. In such cases I presume the explanation lies in the manner of making the application. We must bear in mind that the lice are well concealed and

protected by the thousand leaves, from which they are sucking the life and a livelihood. Often the leaves curl up and thus make the protection more sure. But we must strike every louse or insect with the liquid. We can not then turn or sprinkle on the liquid gently, we must dash it on with force, that every insect may be struck; then there will be no complaint of ill success. Thus the kerosene emulsion should always be applied with a good force pump. It is doubtless better to throw all liquid insecticides with force in spraying for injurious insects; with the kerosene emulsion it is absolutely essential to success. The kerosene emulsion is superior to any other insecticide, so far as I have experimented, in destroying plant lice, scale or bark lice, many of the bugs, and not a few caterpillars, grubs and slugs. Its great value lies in its excellence as a specific against aphides or plant lice. Even the eggs can be killed by its use early in the spring just before they hatch. In such cases as the snowball plant louse, which causes the leaves to curl up around it, it is more important to spray the plants before the eggs hatch, or very soon thereafter. Prof. C. P. Gillette, of the Iowa Experiment Station, reports that by spraying lousy swine, with the kerosene emulsion, throwing it on with a force pump, all the vermin were destroyed. For swine with their coarse sparse hair, I see no objection to this practice, and have no doubt of its success. For lice on other stock I think there is a better plan.

BUHACH OR CALIFORNIA PYRETHRUM.

This much named powder is the home grown and home manufactured "Pyrethrum," "Insect Powder," "Persian Insect Powder," "Dalmatian Insect Powder," etc., etc. Buhach is the trade name of the California or American produced product. If the powder is not reasonably fresh it is likely to be worthless, it is well to encourage our druggists to get the Buhach, and to purchase in rather small quantities so that it shall be used soon after it is produced. If kept, it should be in air tight jars. This insecticide is simply the powdered flowers and stems of certain species of the genus of plants known as Pyrethrum. Like the arsenites, this may be used as a powder, sifting it onto the plants, or mixed with water, a heaping tablespoonful to two gallons of the liquid. I have usually found the liquid more effective than the powder, only I think, as by dashing it onto the plants, it strikes more of the insects. This insecticide also kills by contact and not by being eaten. This powder is to be recommended in that it is entirely non-poisonous to man and the higher animals. It is to be regretted that it is not always fatal to all insects. Thus I have found that many bugs and beetles are entirely uninjured, to all appearances, by its use. I know of nothing better for the cabbage caterpillar—"worm"—the green larva which has become so destructive in our gardens. I have been surprised at our success with this powder in ridding our cabbages of these caterpillars. I have found that I could destroy more of the insects by use of the liquid mixture than by use of the powder. Of course there is no danger in its use. This insecticide is also excellent to kill house flies. We tempt the flies to the kitchen as far as possible, in the late afternoon, close this room as tightly as possible in the evening, and by use of a cheap, small hand bellows throw a little of the dust into the room. Early in the morning the flies now prostrate on the floor should be swept up, and cremated in the kitchen stove, else some of them may come to life again.

This powder will kill the pear and cherry tree slugs, the rose slug, etc. Mr. E. Carman of the Rural New Yorker, says that it will exterminate if used thoroughly and frequently, that most abominable insect pest, the "rose chafer" or "rose bug." Buhach can also be used with success to destroy plant lice, and the parasitic lice that infest poultry and other domestic animals; but for the former the kerosene emulsion is more satisfactory, and for the latter I think there is a better substance as will appear.

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Poultry.

Poultry Notes.

BY JAMES ANDERSON.

In raising young turkeys be careful that they do not get wet. Give hard-boiled eggs, with a few bread-crumbs soaked in milk for the first ten days, with a little pepper dusted into it after. Chopped corn scalded, with dandelion leaves or onion tops chopped up fine and mixed together, I find good and palatable food for a month or so, then small wheat. See that no lice gets on them or it is certain death; a little sulphur or insect powder dusted over them is good, give the old bird a good dusting also. Be sure they are brought home every night, as I have lost fifteen in one night from neglect to house them. I generally feed them well at night, and in a short time they will come home of their own accord for their evening meal. Turkeys are very fond of milk, and it is very good for them, in fact I feed all my fowls all the milk I can get for them.

Young ducks should not be allowed much water for the first fortnight, just enough for drinking purposes. They enjoy a feed of scalded chopped corn, and are exceedingly fond of earth worms. When I am digging in the garden I have the ducklings running all around me picking the worms up. I often feed several handtuls at a time to young ducks a few days old, and it is amusing to see them. One gets hold of one end and another the other end of the worm, each pulling for all it is worth, until the poor worm gets devoured by the stronger of the two. Ducks are very useful in a garden for picking up grubs, snails, etc., and as a rule do very little harm when young. There is great profit in raising young ducks for the early market, and they are easily fattened.

Young chickens should be kept for the first few days where they are hatched out. The first twenty-four hours they require nothing to eat. I then confine the mother in a coop, where the chicks have free egress and ingress. Give them bread soaked in milk at first, then a little oatmeal and millet, and when a month old they can be fed small wheat. Be sure and give all fowls when in confinement plenty of sand and gravel, as it is indispensable for the healthy digestion of their food. Lice are very apt to be on chickens as well as turkeys. I always dust the hen with sulphur when setting her and before leaving the nest, which generally is successful in keeping the chicks free of vermin.

I see by the last Poultry Review that the experiments made at the Government Experimental Farm, Ottawa, corroborated my views exactly in my essay on "Poultry Culture," that the Plymouth Rock and Light Brahma are the two best fowls for a farmer's use, both as egg producers and as table fowls, "considering the comparative rate of progress per month." The weight of the Plymouth Rock eggs each was 2½ oz.—1 lb. 11 oz. per doz.—the same exactly as the Brahmas. The Black Minorcas were the same, but as I said before the birds "were much more tender," having such a large comb and not such a good table bird. These experiments, conducted, as they seem to be, in a most intelligent way, will do a great deal of good, and will assist the farmer in choosing the kind of fowls to keep for either egg production or table use, and will also help the amateur and professional poultry keeper as well. I hope they will be published regularly in our O. P. Journal, and in fact in all the farmer's papers in the country.

The Apiary.

The Bees—The Weather, and the Foul Brood Bill.

BY ALLEN PRINGLE, SELBY, ONT.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, the bees came out of winter quarters this spring in the east in only fair condition. Those wintered outside, properly protected, fared somewhat better. The winter having been exceptionally mild, those wintered in cellars and other frost-proof repositories, were subjected to too high a temperature. Hence, an increased consumption of food, resulting in premature and unusual brood-rearing, followed in confinement by bee-diarrhea. This affection was very prevalent, but not so bad in its effects as it usually is when due to cold and bad food. The mice also made considerable havoc amongst the bees in cellars the past winter. These nuisances have been greatly increasing in numbers for a year or two in the barns, houses, fields, and other places where they are not wanted.

The spring has been unfavorable so far. The weather has been so cold and wet that but comparatively little pollen has been yet gathered and less honey. The consequence is, that brood-rearing progresses slowly, and I apprehend the clover-flow of honey will find many colonies ill-prepared to take full advantage of it.

THE FOUL BROOD BILL.

It may not be known to the apian readers of the ADVOCATE that an "Act for the suppression of Foul Brood-rearing Bees" was passed at the last Session of the Ontario Legislature, and is now in full force in the Province of Ontario. Under this Act an inspector and sub-inspector have been appointed, whose duty it is to go wherever directed by the President of the D. B. K. As., and examine suspected apiaries to ascertain whether foul brood exists in them or not. Whenever he finds it present he must take immediate steps for its suppression, either by cremation where the disease is advanced and malignant, or by treatment where it is of mild type and can be readily cured. To obstruct the inspector in his duty is an offence, under the Act, punishable with fine and imprisonment. To conceal the fact that foul brood is present in one's apiary, or to sell bees or fixtures known to be affected, or to leave affected honey, comb, or other things exposed to robber bees, or to sell bees or fixtures after having been treated for the disease, and before being authorized so to do by the inspector, these all become offences under the Act, punishable as above. It will, therefore, be wise on the part of all Ontario bee-keepers to post themselves in regard both to this Act and the disease which rendered it necessary. A pamphlet will soon be sent to all Ontario bee-keepers whose names and addresses can be obtained, treating of foul brood, its cause and cure, and including a copy of the Act referred to.

A writer in the Canadian Poultry, says:—Leave newly hatched chickens alone with their mothers and do not fuss with them. The first meal to be of coarse oatmeal, with milk to drink. As soon as they can pick give them millet seed; if the weather is cold and bleak, a little bread soaked in oil will keep them from catching cold. Put a few drops of tincture of iron in the water. When I have a hen which is determined to sit, and I do not wish her to do so, I shut her in a coop and feed her plentifully on buckwheat, and give her a dose of five grains of jalap once a day for four or five days; at the expiration of this time I find the sitting desire has entirely left her.

Essex Agricultural Show held at Chelmsford, County of Kent, England, in 1890.

BY MR. HENRY WADE, SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

This is a large county show, most of it being open to the United Kingdom. It was fully as good as the Bath and West of England, and on the first day it was opened by the Prince of Wales, who was also quite a large exhibitor. They took in at the gates on the first day £1000, which was certainly very good. The second day it poured with rain; in spite of that it was well attended, and, as at Rochester, there were no amusements inside, only a legitimate agricultural show. Outside, all the way down the town, everything of that sort was going on, from Punch and Judy shows to merry-go-rounds, seascides and swings, as well as the sale of everything of a curious nature. A penny goes a long way. Inside the grounds they have a ring and a grand stand for which they charge sixpence, and the prize animals are frequently brought out; also a lot of hurdle jumping is done. A dog show and a horticultural show was also going on with an extra sixpence charged. The show of horses here far surpassed the one at Rochester, as Essex is a famous horse breeding county as well as hunting county; as at the Rochester show all the buildings are covered with canvas, and more than that the ground is all fenced in with canvas fastened on to posts in long lengths. I wonder if it would turn the average Canadian boy? There are no expensive buildings, everything is shown in the buildings covered with canvas, and, after the show, are carefully packed away for the next year, and they appear to answer the purpose very well, at a modicum of cost. True, at this time of the year, they do not have any agricultural products to show, only live stock and implements. The show of implements was very large, lots of reapers, self-binding mowers, horse rakes, all built after the American pattern but with somewhat heavier frames. It was very amusing to see hay rakes of one-man power to rake hay in the fields along side of an old revolving wooden rake and a much heavier tree rake than we use. Their wagons also are very large, some with two pairs of shafts along side of each other. The traction engines were very fine, also their threshing machines, driven by steam, were very powerful and quite different from ours, but, perhaps, as good. I was surprised at the number of manufacturers from all parts of England that exhibit. There was also a large show of pottery and of greenhouse and hotbed sashes, which are not shown with us. A great interest is taken in anything pertaining to flowers. The dairy show was good, also the apiary. A professor was lecturing on bees nearly all the time.

As to stock, the horse show was very fine. Commencing with Suffolks there were 31 entries of stallions and 21 of mares. They were a splendid lot of serviceable horses. Of Shires there were 33 males and 69 females, a very extra lot, of fine bone and action. There were six thoroughbred stallions of a very strong kind calculated to breed hunters, as this is a hunting country. There were also 22 working stallions of a serviceable sort. I now come to a novel class to us that always drive the horses, a class for hunters, five years old and upwards, up to not less than 14 stone, and must have been regularly

hunted during the last season in Essex. There were 31 entries of these, and a splendid lot of saddle horses they were. We have nothing like them. Any of them would carry my weight. There was also a class for tenant farmers, up to 13 stone, and 15 entries. There were also 111 more entries of hunters, geldings and brood mares of a lighter weight. I never saw such a show of hunters in my life before, and the stalls were crowded all the time by fine fresh looking Englishmen, who seemed much interested in them, from the county man to the tenant farmers. Prizes were also given for the best appointed turnout, which brought to the front something we never see at home of any account, the four-in-hand drags and tandems of the country gentlemen, and shows the wealth of the gentlemen of England. Prizes were also given for leapers over hurdles, water, etc.

The show of Shorthorn cattle, numbering in all 68, was very fine—a few from a distance, but mostly from the neighborhood. They looked well marching round the ring and were in good order. There were a few red Polled cattle of a good quality. The show of Jerseys and Guernseys was also very large and good, and the cattle showed marks of good breeding.

The show of sheep was also very fair—not near as many though as at Rochester. The Southdowns were the most in number. There was also a fair show of Suffolk sheep.

There was also a good show of pigs of all kinds.

Chelmsford is 30 miles from London and is the county town of Essex. The ride there from London is very interesting, as you pass several fine towns, and as you get into Essex the farms are good. I have not as yet seen any very good yielding fields of hay. The meadows are literally yellow with buttercups, which the cattle do not seem to care for while green. I believe they eat them when cured with the hay.

I also visited the horse show at Islington (where John Gilpin took his famous ride.) I wish we had such a building in Toronto. It is like an immense drill shed, with galleries and a large ring in the centre for riding and driving. The show of horses consisted of hunters, hackneys, ponies and driving horses. The Prince of Wales and his family were there. The show continued over several days and was well attended. One shilling admittance and from five to one shilling extra for seats in the galleries to suit the different classes of people. What strikes you most in this lovely country is the immense age of everything in the shape of churches, buildings and farm houses and their solid appearance.

The Hon. F. P. Root, says:—"If high speed could be reliably bred, and would bear up fancy prices, there would doubtless be largest profit in breeding for speed, but the speedy horse is practically an accident, only one in many bred from the same strain will come up to the standard."

Speaking of shipping cattle, a western dealer of twenty-five years' experience, said:—"Cattle with small, narrow, light-colored or cupping hoofs are liable to become footsore either on the range or in shipping, and whenever an animal suffers from any cause his owner's pocket suffers. Chicago dealers look out for good feet, too, in cattle they are to ship to New York or to Europe. It makes a great difference in the shrinkage. In judging fine cattle at fairs he would give to the foot at least 10 points in a scale of 100. Not that he would consider it so important in the animals themselves, kept for the show-ring, but for their grades who must rustle among the rocks on the open ranges."

Family Circle.

What do You Think?

BY KATHERINE H. TERRY.

Could we straighten each loop, and each tangle,
That time interweaves in Life's skein;
Could we garner each long-vanished moment,
And live our lives over again,—
Would we sail in an ocean unruffled,
And never be stranded or sink,
Or lurched 'gainst the rocks in our blindness?
How would it be? What do you think?

We might pilot ourselves by the ledges
That once almost shattered our boat,
Avoiding the dangerous waters
Where once we were tempted to float;
But taking another direction
And leaving each perilous brink,
Would we pass each breaker in safety?
How would it be? What do you think?

Life's ocean is strewn with the flotsam
Thrown overboard out of her ships,
And never a pilot so skillful
But sometime, the figure-head dips
In the spray dashing over the breakers;
And strange if he hears not the clink
Of the prow breaking in on the ledges.
How many escape, do you think?

HER ONE TALENT.

A STORY FOR GIRLS.

BY FAY HUNTINGTON.

Dark days had come to the Chesters; not swiftly, not as the thunder caps roll up suddenly with a bursting, blinding storm and peels that seem to rend the air, but slowly the clouds had gathered, as on a bright summer day a shadow crosses the sunlight, almost unnoticed at first, but growing heavier and darker; the clouds gather on this side and on that until the whole sky is overcast; perhaps the storm does not burst at all, yet the whole after part of the day we walk in the shadows, the sun quite hidden from our view.

And so for months, even for years, the Chesters had been living in the gathering shadows, conscious all the while that their pathway was becoming more and more obscured, until they seemed to have well-nigh lost their way in the darkness of doubt and perplexity.

Mr. Chester had been in earlier days a prosperous man, but an unfortunate speculation had been the starting point of their misfortunes. And as the mercantile world, whether in the physical, the moral or the growing worse and worse, until it seemed that the worst could not be far off. They were sometimes forced in secret thought to consider what this would be to them. It would be to give up their home, the home of their ancestors! It would be having to work for their daily bread! Well, this might not be so bad if only they could find work to do, and strength for the task. Mrs. Chester had long been an invalid and now the strong man had bowed beneath the weight of his sorrows, and there was no one to take up the burden of care and responsibility, unless indeed it could be lifted and borne by the daughters.

Mr. Chester had never once in all these years acknowledged that his affairs were desperate; he was ever on the point of some brilliant success; ever entering upon some new speculation by which he was to retrieve his fortunes, and ending by plunging deeper into the wilderness of debt and perplexity.

One morning the girls were in Maud's room. Maud sat at her easel putting finishing touches upon a panel of roses. Louise stood leaning against the dresser, looking in silent wonder at Margaret, the eldest of the trio, who had just burst out with the exclamation:

"It seems as if the Lord has forsaken us utterly!" And then she bowed her beautiful head in a rush of tears. It was not often that Margaret Chester gave way to tears, and it was no wonder that the sisters were amazed. When the violence of her grief had spent itself and she had grown calmer, Louise said: "I cannot think so. I do not believe that, as you say, the Lord has forsaken us! I know the way is dark; it does seem as if we could not go much farther. Turn whichever way we will the path is hedged across. Yet there must be a way out! Margaret, did you ever think that from the depths of the darkest, dankest Indian jungle that ever was, there is a line that reaches straight out into the open day, and that God knows and sees that line? And I believe that out of this wilderness of trouble in which we have lost ourselves, there is a path that leads to more prosperous times, and God knows the way that leads into the sunlight; and more than that, I do not believe that He means to leave us in this narrow, cramped, darksome place!"

Margaret lifted her head and replied hopelessly: "Well, I don't know; we have waited long for help!"

"Perhaps He is waiting for us to take hold and help ourselves."

"Why, Louise! I am sure we have tried to do that, Maud and I. You know I would be only too glad to teach music if I could get pupils. And Maud fills all the orders for pictures that she can secure."

"I know you and Maud do all you can; but, perhaps, there may be other work for some of us."

There is one single word that has come down to us, which covers a great deal of ground, and I believe it just applies to folks situated as we are. When I was lazy at school Miss Porter used to say, 'Louise, whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' I always applied the latter part of the injunction, as she intended I should; but lately I have been thinking that the first word is the one to emphasize; and I am going to look for my 'whatsoever'.

Louise Chester had always been considered as the one member of the family who had no special talent. Margaret was pronounced a very capable girl; she was a fine musician and skillful in needlework, and this she had of late been able to turn to account in the line of the family sewing. Maud was the family artist, and receiving now and then an order she was able to replenish, to a limited extent, their depleted family treasury. But neither of the sisters had thus far been very successful in finding ways to turn their talents into money. Louise was the youngest of the trio and little was expected of her. She made up bouquets, kept the rooms in exquisite order, doing numberless little things about the home which would have been missed if left undone, but which seemed of little account when the question of ways and means came up.

Matters had reached a crisis; their home was left to them; nothing more, and even upon this there rested a mortgage. Louise had announced that the flour barrel was empty, and Margaret handed her a purse, saying, "There are ten dollars, and it is every cent we have in the world. When that is gone we may as well make up our minds to starve!"

"We won't make up our minds to that until it is gone!" said Louise, laughing; then, she added more seriously, "I am going to find a way to earn some money!"

"My dear child, there isn't an earthly thing you can do!" said Margaret. The brave, strong-hearted girl, upon whom they all leaned, seemed that morning to have lost the spring out of her voice and all the courage out of her heart. And no wonder that Louise, scarcely out of her girlhood, felt that she must come to the front.

"I wish I had been born with a talent for something!" she said.

"You have a talent for making sunshine, and that is all we ask of you, darling!" said Maud, consolingly.

"But one cannot eat or wear sunshine! And it is a commodity not much called for in the markets! I would like to be able to make something marketable." And, with this, Louise turned to go out, stopping however to straighten a picture which hung awry upon the wall; then she moved a chair or two pushed back a blue ottoman and brought forward a red one, saying, "I don't understand how your artistic eye submits to that want of harmony!"

Maud laughed and said, "I believe that if Louise were dying she would find out something to put to rights."

"Pity I couldn't turn my propensity for setting things to rights to some account!" Then she went down the hall singing a bit of a song. In her own room she sat down to think matters over. "They all say I am good for nothing," she said to herself.

"But I can make a room look pretty. However, I suppose they would consider it more respectable to all starve together, as Margaret says, than for me to occupy a position in some family where my special gift would be appreciated and paid for. But if that should be the *whatsoever* I will do it with my might! I must watch for the 'leading' as Deacon Fisk says in prayer meeting."

Presently, glancing out, Louise saw Mrs. Harding in her pony phaeton stopping before the house, and went out to meet her. Mrs. Harding was young, beautiful, wealthy, and a favorite in society; she was one of the few school friends of Margaret Chester who, now that the Chesters had fallen out of "society," still kept up the intimacy. That morning Louise was obliged to present Margaret's excuses. Her friend's red and swollen eyes would have been a surprise to Mrs. Harding, who accepted the headache apology quite as a matter of course.

"Then you come with me!" she said. "I am going out on Browning avenue to call at the Hunts. I promised Mrs. Hunt to bring you out sometime. You know she never makes any calls because of her lameness; but she is very fond of young people and I always take some one with me when I go out for a bit of a visit. So put on your wraps and come with me!"

Mrs. Hunt received her guests with sweet cordiality. Evidently Mrs. Harding was much at home in the Hunt mansion. She commented freely upon some changes in the parlors since her last visit, and Mrs. Hunt said she had been trying to find a place for a large picture which had just been sent home. And the ladies entered upon an animated discussion of the picture and the place where it should be hung. At length Mrs. Harding appealed to Louise, "Miss Lou here is a genius in the line of arranging things in a room; she can tell at a glance where it ought to go."

Louise hesitated about expressing her opinion, but Mrs. Hunt said, "Do tell us where you think it should hang."

"If you will excuse the liberty, I think it should not be in this room at all. The subject is too heavy for a room where you sit much and where you receive your friends. There should be only bright, sunny pieces, subjects to rest the eye and brain. I would hang it in the back parlor and bring the landscape in here; then the picture over the mantle ought to be farther away; if it were hung at the end of the other room the effect, as you enter from the hall, would be much better."

Here Louise stopped, confused, as she thought

how much she was saying about the parlors of a stranger; but Mrs. Hunt was interested and exclaimed.

"I think you are right! I wish you were my daughter, I would put the matter in your hands and see what you would make of these rooms. I wonder if your mother would lend you to me for a day or two? Do you think she would?"

"Of course she would!" said Mrs. Harding, pleased with the impression which Louise was making upon the somewhat critical old lady, for Mrs. Hunt was a white-haired old woman, in a black satin dress and white neckkerchief.

"Well, she may come out and spend the day with me and show me how to make a place fit to live in! I will send a note of invitation to your mother and send the carriage for you. When shall it be?"

Mrs. Hunt was in earnest and the arrangement was completed.

"Mamma!" said Louise upon reaching home. "Mrs. Judge Hunt wants to borrow me! Will you lend me?"

"Wants to borrow you!"

"Yes, she has invited me to spend the day with her next Thursday; she wants to use my taste. And I am just wild to set my hands upon the furnishings of those rooms. I know I can make things look better. You'll let me go, won't you, mamma?"

Thursday morning Mrs. Hunt's carriage came promptly to the door of the Chesters, and with great ceremony the footman called for "Miss Louise," and with as much deference as though she had been the queen, handed her to the carriage.

Louise settled herself among the luxurious cushions and smiled, then pinched herself to make sure that she was awake, or was it a dream that little Lou Chester was going to spend the day with the most aristocratic family in all the city!

Mrs. Hunt welcomed her warmly and said again and again, "How good of you to take pity on a lonely old woman for a whole day. It is so long since I have had the society of a young girl that I fear that I shall not know how to entertain you. Since Dell has been so much away I have had no young people about me."

Perhaps Mrs. Hunt observed an enquiring look upon Louise's face, for she added, "You do not know Dell? That is my sister's only child who has lived with me since her death, seventeen years ago. Now we will have luncheon, and afterwards we will return to the parlors and you shall work your own sweet will there, or rather the servants shall work for you. You will see that I meant just what I said about the parlors. I want you to make your taste tell for my benefit."

After a dainty luncheon, which painfully suggested the almost empty larder at home, Louise found herself making a study of those crowded rooms. Presently she said—

"Mrs. Hunt, please tell me what *must* stay here? I shall want to take out something; there may be articles which you would not like to have moved."

Mrs. Hunt mused a few moments. "Well there is that large vase which Dell brought from Dresden; and the bust of Shakespeare, Dell is fond of that. My own chair and table must stay here; then Dell would never forgive me if I sent away that old piece of tapestry. Those are all the things I care particularly about."

As Mrs. Hunt watched the young girl going about, changing the position of this article or that, perhaps only moving a chair a trifle, tying a ribbon here, knotting a scarf about an easel, putting a single spray of flowers in place of a solidly massed bouquet, bringing in to relight his ornament and pushing back that, putting little touches here and there which seemed trifling but which helped to make up the harmonious whole, she said—

"How do you do it?"

"Do what, Mrs. Hunt?"

"Why, find out where to put things?"

"I don't find out; I know."

"When you came in here the other day with Mrs. Harding, did you notice that things were not in good taste?" asked Mrs. Hunt.

"Why do you try to make me say a rude thing?" asked Louise, her brown eyes laughing. "I will confess that I just longed to get my hands upon these ornaments and pictures!"

At length the young girl stopped and taking a survey of the rooms, said, "I believe that is all I want to do here."

Mrs. Hunt was charmed with the result of the day's experiment.

"Why, child!" she said, "you have made a new world for me! Since the accident which made me a cripple, I very seldom go beyond these rooms on the lower floor, and it is refreshing to have something new to look at!"

And the things which she had taken away will be new when you wish to make a change," said Louise. "The trouble here was, the rooms were too full; they gave one a sense of suffocation."

"Exactly, Miss Louise, you are a witch! My child, do you know that you are a genius? If ever you need to earn money, you have your fortune in your eyes and finger tips!"

What was it that came to Louise with that remark of her new friend? Was it inspiration? Did the quiet, father, to whom she had prayed, give her this thought in answer to her pleading?

"Dear Mrs. Hunt," she said, her voice quivering with excitement, "do you suppose anybody would pay me for doing such things? Do they ever pay people for doing this kind of work?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

We want all of our old subscribers to send in some new subscribers and get some of our premiums.

Minnie May's Dep't.

Reserve.

(From the French.)

Something should remain unseen,
All the will should not appear;
For light thoughts will intervene,
And light words to danger veer.

Sometimes on the verge of speech,
Better not be over-bold,
But little pausing caution teach,
What to say and what withhold.

Idle talk is ever free,
And with riches soon runs o'er;
Reason should the treasurer be,
And still something keep in store.

MY DEAR NIECES:—

Because some old time fanciful writer has said, "Women must weep," it does not follow that we should do it. It is a bad habit to indulge in, and a crying woman is a nuisance. Tears never won a battle yet, and should never be resorted to when intelligent thought and action will carry us through any difficulty. It is well in this high pressure life that none of those specimens of womanhood live, whom "Moore" wrote about, one who would "smile when he praised her," and "weep when he blamed." No, the woman of to-day is a better constituted specimen, and should keep her tears for real heart sorrows, and what poor mortal has not enough of those. A crying habit can be overcome by a persistent effort and watchfulness, even the habit in children should be discouraged, for it has a lowering tone, and induces nervousness, besides being injurious to the eyesight. What is more objectionable than a crying child. In infants it can be tolerated, but after one year old there is no excuse for it, and as it is often pleaded by mothers that it is exercise for the lungs, exercise with the arms can be substituted. When any of my nieces feel inclined for a "good cry," it is a symptom of over fatigue or over wrought nerves. So if you will go into the open air for a few minutes, do not wait to put on a hat or lie down on your back on bed or sofa, and the nervous, strained feeling will soon pass away, and you will feel as relieved as if you had made your eyes red and upset yourself for the rest of the day, for crying does not improve one's physical condition. It should be the study of every woman to keep the emotional part of her nature under control, she will be better able to surmount the small worries as they rise, and can meet the greater ones with steadier nerves. MINNIE MAY.

Discontent is the want of self-reliance: it is infirmity of will.

Men are content to be laughed at for their wit, but not for their folly.

We might take lessons from childhood in that enviable art of being easily made happy.

Perfect valor consists in doing without witnesses, all we should be capable of doing before the world.

Heliotropes and geraniums are greedy feeders, and will grow and flourish if watered with soap-suds. All the water used for domestic purposes, except salty water, can be used on the flower or vegetable garden, and can be saved in a barrel or tub until sundown, when flowers or vegetables may become the grateful recipients. But never water the leaves with it, as soda or soap are almost always used in it, and would surely injure them. It is much better to utilize the waste water in this way than throw it in one spot, to make a disfiguring spot in the yard, and offend both eyes and nose by the effluvia it emits.

Fashion Notes.

A great number of grey dresses are seen this season, some finished with darker grey, others with check, while many have a panel, vest, cuffs and collar of contrasting material.

Cotton dresses are made up very handsomely with finishings of sateen, or even China silk. They are, in many cases, as rich and dainty in effect, and made up with as much skill, as a summer silk.

In many cases, this season, the shoes exactly match the dress, but this mode is within the reach of only the very wealthy.

Yokes of all kinds are worn on wraps, gowns, and blouses. Some of the pretty cotton dresses

A Summer Scene.

All is quiet save the music of falling water, the singing of the birds and the buzzing bees. But these sounds of nature disturb not, nor is there discord in the melody.

"To him who in the love of Nature holds communion with her visible forms she speaks a various language; for his gayer hours she has a voice of gladness and a smile and eloquence of beauty; and she glides into his darker musings with a mild and gentle sympathy that steals away their sharpness ere he is aware."

The sky is veiled with fleecy clouds, the morning breeze stirs the leaves, the diamond dew sparkles on plant and flower. Man too has been

sweetest in the wide world. And even in after years is not the remembrance of a mother's hand ever the softest, and a mother's love the most unselfish. Happy, happy mother and little ones. Under your eye and care now, little ones to be moulded for Him who said "Suffer the children to come unto me." It is in these early days you do your most important work, which when done aright and carried through, leaves no room for asking "Where is my wandering boy to-night?" in the years to come. KATE ROBERTSON.

Sachet Bag.

Take four pieces of different colored two-inch ribbon, each one-half yard in length. Now sew



SUMMER SCENE.

for hot weather have their yokes in embroidery stuff, or of a pretty contrast to the dress.

There is no fashionable color this season. Any color that suits the wearer should be worn by her.

Little jackets are worn by young girls, made of a bright colored cloth trimmed with lace turned back on the edge. Some have made their appearance constructed of wide lace flouncing, with deep vandyke edges, and they can be fitted to the figure with little trouble. They look well over dark waists.

Flowers still continue to be the favorite trimming for hats and bonnets.

No species of slavery is worse than the "credit system."

here, for his hand has mapped the watercourse. But the water sparkles just as beautiful and runs as free as if coursing down the hillside in its natural beauty.

The scene is changed. A dog—man's faithful friend—comes bounding and barking as it leads the way for others to follow. Another picture is added to the scene. The young mother with her children does not detract from but beautifies and gives life to the whole. The walk has wearied her and she sits down to rest with her baby in her arms. The curly haired, dimpled three-year-old, with baby features, lisps his thoughts with the innocence and perfect trust only children know. In playful mood his arms are about his mother's neck and he steals a kiss from his mother's cheek—to him the dearest, the

the four strips together, leaving five inches open at each end. You now have a piece of silk or satin, whichever your ribbon may be, in shape like a half-sheet of note paper, with five inches on each end not fastened together. Now fold your silk over so that it forms a three-cornered bag, with eight ends of ribbon loose. Make a row of stitching down the one side just above the ends. Now place a layer of cotton within, and a small packet of sachet powder. Sew up the other side the same as you did the first. Lastly, ravel those eight ends all the way until you come to the stitching. Buy a rod such as is used for banners, and tack the top of the bag to the little rings of the rod. Try it, and you will find it will not give much trouble in making and will be a beautiful ornament.—[Mrs. C. H.]

Reformed Dress.

There is a great deal of discussion of the dress question nowadays, and many queries as to where dress reform will be likely to lead,—and what the outcome will be. Will it, is asked, land us just where men are? Shall we finally be restricted to an absolutely useful and uniform dress of the coat and trousers pattern? These queries usually receive an emphatic "No" for reply, and though this doubtless represents the individual opinion of the person addressed, it may also be considered as voicing the feeling of the average woman, who, whatever her troubles and difficulties with her clothes, would rather wear them than rid herself of them.

There are reasons, however, in the nature of things why the woman's dress should always differ, and be more varied, more-sided, than that of the man. The woman herself is more complex, her relations to the social world more exacting, her duties more diversified. These create a nature which demands variety for its expression, and the development of many forms of beauty for its fulfilment.

The skirt, the train, and the shaped bodice, will probably never disappear from the dress of women. On the other hand, it is not likely that the exaggerated hooped skirt will reappear in our day, or the trained dress be allowed to sweep the streets. Sense and fitness have so far prevailed that the question is not now so frequently asked: "What is the fashion?" as "What is best for such or such a purpose?"

Successful new departures are always on the line of the best that has preceded them, and no revolutionary movement, or effort to change the character of the dress of women has ever succeeded. The one garment we owe to the dress reform movement is the combination underwear, which was found on trial simple, healthful and practical. The ingeniously divided skirt which originated with Lady Harberton in England, and has since been propagated in this country by Mrs. Jenness Miller can never be a universal dress. It is, however, well adapted to some purposes, and has undoubtedly found a place which it will retain in the general economy of women's clothing.

The great difficulty in regard to it is the special method and artistic adjustment of its outer covering or drapery. A well-made divided gown cannot be distinguished from a well-shaped princess dress. But if it is badly made, it is very bad indeed.

It has been said that the tailor-made dress was disappearing—that it has been superseded by the Empire style. Nothing could be further from the truth. The tailor-made dress came to stay. Its distinctive features were improved cut, solid material and good workmanship. These characteristics have raised the standard of general dress among women, and established it upon a firm foundation. No wardrobe is now complete without a couple of neat cloth dresses, a tailor-made jacket and useful walking hat, and with the majority of young women this sort of costume has become a uniform for the street. The constantly increasing opportunities for out-door life among women makes a useful out-door dress a necessity.

The growth of these activities among women has been accompanied by a demand for adequate clothing, which, not until recently, was properly supplied. We have now an abundance of cloths suited to such clothing, and in colors that can

be worn upon the streets. We have water-proof chevots, "resisting" serges, rain-proof tweeds, and finished cloths equal to the finest made for men. We have complete underwear and we are growing into a complete outside dress. We have it now, but it is not yet understood or universally accepted.

Recipes.**STEAMED HOMINY.**

One pint of hominy soaked over night in one quart of water; next morning turn into a mould or deep tin dish and steam for two hours. If sweet milk is plentiful it may be used instead of water.

OMELETTE.

Five eggs, whites and yolks beaten separately, and half a cup of milk; a pinch of salt, and one of pepper. Heat a frying-pan; drop in a piece of butter the size of a nut; shake until all the pan is covered with the butter; pour in the yolks, then the whites, and lastly the milk, salt and pepper. Let it cook slowly on the back of the stove. When it looks firm on top turn one half on top of the other; set in the oven for a few minutes, and when ready to serve, slip on a hot dish; send to table with a few sprigs of green parsley or parsnip tops around.

WHEAT FLOUR GEMS.

Two cups flour; one cup milk; one tablespoonful melted butter; two eggs; a saltspoon of salt. Beat the eggs light, stir in the milk, butter and salt; sift in the flour, and stir briskly. Bake in gem pans in a hot oven.

PANCAKES.

One pint sweet milk; flour enough to make a thin batter; half a cup of melted butter, and a teaspoonful of baking powder; bake in a hot pan, after rubbing well with butter or lard. Keep covered close until ready to serve.

RICE PANCAKES.

One teacup of boiled rice mixed with one pint of milk; four eggs, well beaten; a tablespoonful of brown sugar, and flour enough to make a thin batter. Serve with brown sugar and powdered cinnamon.

RHUBARB STEAMED.

Peel and cut in two inch lengths; place in an agate saucepan with enough sugar to sweeten. Put the saucepan in the steamer, cover close, and steam until all the juice is extracted. Lift the rhubarb out with a skimmer; place the syrup over the fire and boil until thick; return the pieces of rhubarb, boil for a minute and set away to cool. This is a more appetizing way of serving it than putting over the fire and stewing until all is reduced to a pulp.

Labor, though it was at first inflicted as a curse, seems to be the gentlest of all punishments, and is fruitful of a thousand blessings.

Time and its measurers, clocks and watches, tick off the seconds, minutes and hours, and the days go by ere we realize it. Can we not make this summer more than a passing memory, by trying to secure to ourselves more leisure, by systemizing our labors so we will not be always at work. We know the food has to be prepared for the family, but our gardens now furnish such an abundant supply of fruits and vegetables, that no extra labor need be expended on baking pies and cakes, and a wholesome dinner can be furnished with little labor, and healthy appetites such as fresh air and exercise produces are to be found to relish it.

Uncle Tom's Department.

MY DEAR NIECES AND NEPHEWS:—

July is here again with its haying and its ripening harvest, calling to mind that promise made away down the ages, that "while the earth remaineth seedtime and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

Every boy and girl has an interest in this month, for isn't it ushered in by the "first"—that day in which picnics and fun and general rejoicing hold sway, when flags wave and cannon boom and drums are beaten and bands play? Confederation day! Of all the holidays we as Canadians keep, this one should be indeed *ours*. Was it not on that day in 1867 we became one united Dominion, stretching from ocean to ocean—washed on the one side by the Atlantic and on the other by the far-reaching Pacific? There is, too, the Arctic on the north, holding that "secret of the sea," the North Pole, within its grasp.

One poet has beautifully described a part of our scenery, but only a part, in the following lines:—

"O'er the Western World looks forth
Quebec, gray fortress of the north;
Where old St. Lawrence sings and smiles,
Round blue Ontario's 'Thousand Isles';
Where the young queen of inland seas,
Toronto, woos the forest breeze;
Where the everlasting spray cloud floats
High o'er Niagara's thunder notes;
Where Erie spreads his water fair,
And white sails gleam on soft St. Clair.
Where the Great Spirit's islands rest
Far off on Huron's sunlit breast
Where tempests wake Superior's sleep" &c.

He might have gone farther, as my nieces and nephews can well understand; their farm homes by mountain, stream and sea have each their share of grace and beauty, scattered as they are over this Dominion. Over the distant Western prairies, which Bryant calls the "gardens of the desert," over the rocky barriers at the West, beside which European scenery grows tame. But a Canadian poetess has almost put the words in our mouth for us, so we shall quote again:—

"We love, we love our Canada
From fair Ontario's vines,
From fogs and mists of Acadie,
Columbia's giant pines.
We love, we love our Canada
From Abrams glorious height,
To far-off Northwest's fertile belt,
What fairer sweeter sight!"

In another letter Uncle Tom may say more on this subject. Canada has carried him away, and his reasons for you all liking July are not yet given. Well, vacation is here, that is one good reason. Tired of a warm school-room, with lessons and examinations all done, school books laid aside and the prospect of a long rest from them in view. Then, is July not called after your hero Julius Caesar, whom you know so well, and in whom each of you is interested. When you grow older I hope you will each read what Shakespeare has to say regarding him. What does it matter, I hear some of you say, who it was called after? It has hot days and long hours for farmer boys and girls, with only short nights of rest. Yes, short, but they are sweet and very restful, and the harvest time has its pleasures. What can please my nephews better than with a good team, a good mower and a good field of clover, they start out on their day's work, with straw hat, and in their shirt sleeves, singing

blithely as the birds around them for very gladness and innocence. Or my nieces with shining tins and transparent fruit jars and plenty of milk and berries and work, yes, and flowers and music and beauty and pleasant company. O, envy not any one, ye yourselves are happy.

"Enjoy your youth, it will not stay." Improve the passing moments. Find your joy in your work. "Enthusiasm lightens labor," so go to it

"Not like the quarry slave at night scourged to his dungeon,"

but determined to do your part well whatever it may be; face the duties of life boldly. "Be strong and of good courage" and other boys and girls seeing you will themselves go forward to all that is true and manly or womanly, all that is worthy and all that is noble.

Your loving UNCLE TOM.

Puzzles.

1—JULY, 1890.

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- ACROSS.—1. Affirms with confidence.
2. A company of travelers.
3. Medial.
4. Withdrawn from fellowship.
5. A vestige.
- DOWN.—1. To throw.
2. To assert.
3. A genus of plants.
4. Incinerated sea-weed.
5. To slip away.
6. To storm.
7. To snathe.

FAIR BROTHER.

2—CHARADE.
Bon jour, Sir Fair Brother; I hear
You have at length got home,
And again COMPLETE a farmer's boy—
No more to idly roam.

LAST, LAST, you'll find it useless is,
The longest day you live.
To seek in Uncle Sam's domain
What Canada cannot give.

Yet, to disparage Uncle Sam
Far from me, let it ONE;
I think he is a jolly chap,
And good for lots of fun.

But Canada's my place of birth,
The tie that most endears,
Then let us for our native land
Give three good hearty cheers.

ADA ARMAND.

3—ENIGMA.
In the Salvation army you'll find me,
I'm in business every day;
I love to bask in the sunshine,
In England I carry full sway;
I fight at the head of her navy,
I reign with the Queen on her throne;
I'm at home with all generals and colonels,
Though never with soldiers am known.

I've crossed the wide blue Atlantic,
And lived on Canadian soil;
But, to tell the bare truth sincerely,
From her brother the States I recoil;
Although I honor the President,
And his Cabinet too I may say,
I'd rather be born down at Cape Horn,
Than dwell in his Republic a day.

FAIR BROTHER.

4—CHARADE.
While in a town not long ago (its name begins with A)
Into SECOND FINAL'S office one eve I chanced to stray;
And gazing at the papers (this puzzle's strictly true)
Our worthy friend, the "Advocate," FIRST my astonished view.
"Oh! Maggie, here's the puzzles," unto my friend I said;
Just then into the office Sir FINAL thrust his head.
Said he, "You've got the 'Advocate,'" and then, oh! awful caper
"Are you the Armand girl who sends the puzzles to that paper?"
Unto that query, "yes," I said; but then he asked another:
"Where does that Henry Reeve come from, and who is this Fair Brother?"
And then he stood and criticised before my very face

About our styles of metre, and what was out of place.

Now, we are not all TOTALS, and cannot perfect be,
But we'd do without being criticised by learned men like he.

Now, FINALS oft empirics are, (I'll not say that of him)

For he had a kindly manner though he sometimes did look grim.

But, if not well, one murmur do not let him hear you make.

Or he'll give you pills and powders and "nasty stuff" to take.

Next time he wants to talk like that he'd better leave a care

To let no puzzlers hear him or they'll lynch him then and there.

ADA ARMAND.

5—ANAGRAM.

There's no mistake about it, for vexed I really am.
Pray do not think all angels are who hail from Pakenham.

I wish 'twere time for snowbirds, or our next parliament.

Did we but on ourselves rely we might be more content.

"An awful tease" again I say, no wonder I would pout,

Now as a last alternative OH! MOSES, QUIT, I shout.

6—CHARADE.

Two little boys on mischief bent
One night ('twas Hallow-ene),
While on a lark the deacon's hens
Their little eyes had seen.

We'll have FIRST fun the eldest said:
"Let's catch the deacon's rooster
And take two hens apiece, and tie
Them in the deacon's pew, sir."

No quicker said than done, alas
And they, the church adorning,
Did tie them where the deacon sat
Upon the Sabbath morning.

I'm told those hens the deacon meant
For a Thanksgiving dinner,
But found on rising in the morn
His hen-roost TOTAL thinner.

To tell you LAST the deacon said,
When he found them in his pew,
After they had died for want of breath,
I surely can't tell you.

SNOW BALL.

7—ILLUSTRATED REBUS.



8—ANAGRAM.

To you my cousins, blithe and young,
I'll tell of pleasures gay;
I hope that you'll partake of some,
And spare TIME, PASS in play.

The picnic season's now at hand,
And ice cream has full sway;
The lacrosse and the cricket grounds
Are dressed in neat array.

Upon the lawn we often see
The gents and ladies too,
With croquet ball and bat in hand,
A gay and happy crew.

The foot-ball boys advance, retreat,
Eleven on a side;
See now! one side have made a goal,
Alas? It went outside.

Upon the diamond serene,
In uniforms most bright,
You'll find the sturdy base ball nine
All ready for the fight.

On holidays the boys and girls
Doth on a frolic go,
And ever and anon we see
The swings move to and fro.

And oft upon a moon-light night,
On lakes and rivers too,
You'll see excursion parties
And boating two by two.

FAIR BROTHER.

9—CHARADE TO FAIR BROTHER.

Oh! thou sarcastic punster,
Give us a rest for awhile
From your old chestnut, the learned Reeve,
For it has ceased to raise a smile.

You labor under a grand mistake
When you add the handle to our name,
Please take the nom de plume to thyself,
No other has such a just or mighty claim.

That what Cousin Howkins says is true,
You'll agree with me I'm sure;
That "The FARMER'S ADVOCATE we'd greatly miss,"
Is a statement unadulterated and pure.

Minnie May, as May Queen, fully fills the bill,
And fair Ada could not of chosen better;
And I am sure Miss Snowbird, away out west,
Will enjoy with the rest of her nieces her spicy letters.

For what thou can't do thyself,
Rely not on another;

I advise the men of parliament can take
As easy as the thrifty farmer.

A figure one we class you,
Among our puzzling band,
And prime with pleasure
For some puzzles from your hand.

'Tis true that fame and honor
From no condition rise;
Take excelsior for your TOTAL,
There all the honor lies.

Not a LAST of this is fancy,
And I write not to give you fame;
But, I write this line to fill up with,
And thus inscribe my name.

HENRY REEVE.

Answers to June Puzzles.

- 1—CARACAL 2—Mistake.
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EL 4—The "Farmer's Advocate."
5—Snowbird. 7—Minnie May.
6—Parliament. 9—Wag-tail.
8—Fifteen geese.

Names of those who have Sent Correct Answers to June Puzzles.

Lucy Cunningham, Elinor Moore, Dorothy Fox, Ed. A. Fairbrother, Morley T. Boss, Henry Reeve, A. Howkins, A. R. Boss, Drusilla A. Fairbrother, Marv E. Woodworth, I. Irvine Devitt, Geo. W. Hagle, Clara Rhance, Arthur Woods, H. R. Ferguson, Edith L. Morrison, Gus Graham, A. C. Hill.

Hot Weather Health Hints.

Dangerous colds may be contracted by cooling off suddenly after exertion. Farmers would save much ill-health if they more generally wore flannel shirts, or wash-flannels, which prevent rapid cooling. In the cool evenings, when sitting in the open air, a coat should always be put on, or thrown over the shoulders. If you are subject to rheumatism, keep out of draughts, even in the warmest weather.

Clothing light in color is much cooler, when working in the sun, than dark clothing; in the shade, for the same weight and quality, there is no difference.

When working in the sun, if the perspiration ceases to flow, and the head becomes hot and reels, the person should at once stop working and go into the shade, for sunstroke is threatened. So long as the perspiration flows freely and the head is clear, there is little danger of sunstroke. When it is threatened, go into the shade, and bathe hands, arms, chest and head freely in cold water—icewater if you have it.

As preventives of malaria keep the premises scrupulously clean; and have pure drinking water (it is often impure on farms).

Fruits, if ripe and fresh, do no harm, even to children. It is unripe, overripe and stale fruits which cause mischief in summer. Even cucumbers, if fresh and properly prepared, are cooling and healthful.

Where the sun cannot enter, the doctor probably will, and it is better to have faded carpets than faded children. Thoroughly clean, white-wash and subject the cellar to thorough ventilation the whole summer. Too much shade about the house produces dampness and causes loss of vigor in families of growing children. Rather than trim the trees, cut out some of them.

Eat less meat in summer than during the cold months; meat heats the blood, and indirectly causes disease when eaten in excess in warm weather. An abundance of vegetables are better and cheaper than drugs.—[Dr. G. G. Groff.

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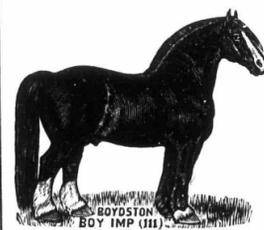
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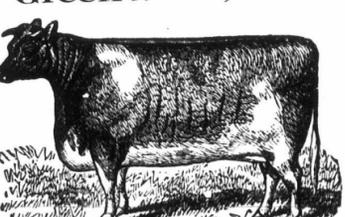
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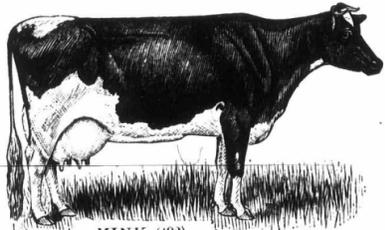
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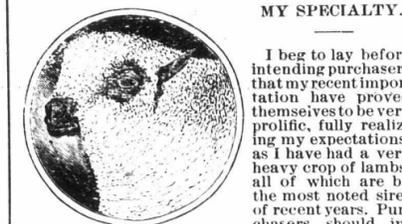
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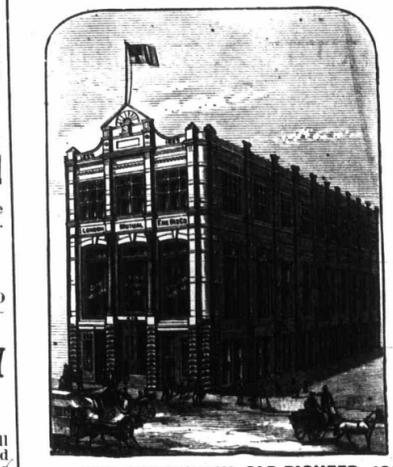
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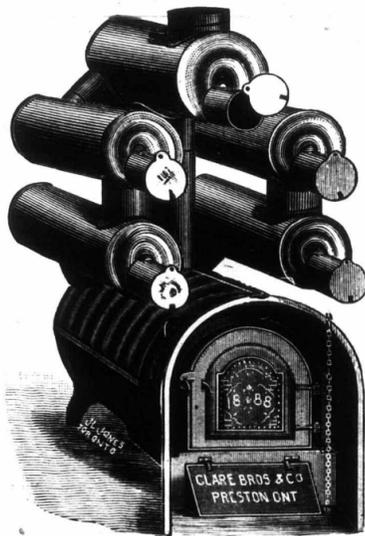
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STOCK GOSSIP.

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Public sales held this spring show that Jerseys have recently increased in value from 30 to 35 per cent.

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Mr. Cecil French, Truro, N. S., reports the sale of three improved Yorkshire boars and two sows to Andrew Gilmore, and one boar to Edward Blanchard, of Truro, and further, says he is expecting some pigs from England daily.

Mr. Charles Groat, Brooklin, writes that all his stock are in a flourishing condition, has an extra fine foal from his imported mare Velvet, by Granite City, and at the date of writing was expecting others. Cotswold sheep were more than ordinarily prolific and Shorthorn cattle were doing well.

A. & G. Rice, Holstein breeders, Currie's Crossing, sold recently to A. Ramey, Esq., Brant Co., near Harrisburg, the Holstein yearling McGinty, dam Duchess of Hollowell. A large joint stock cheese factory has been started this spring in that locality, and Mr. Ramey shows considerable enterprise in introducing such superior milkers as the Holsteins, and only good results can follow such action. The demand for Holsteins is very active. Messrs. Rice have sold all their last year's crop and have many inquiries. They have now some great youngsters from the superior bull Jewel III. Daisy Netherland, a grandson of that famous cow Jewel, the handsomest and greatest prize winner of a great breed from 1883 to 1889. Jewel was also winner of sweepstakes milk prize of 1888 at Buffalo, besides winning numerous butter prizes at various exhibitions in 1889, in all of which tests she had been in milk six months. Her record is 100 lbs. of milk per day; 31 lbs. of butter in seven days. Jewel III. record is 2,387 lbs. of milk in thirty days at four years of age. Both are in the Advanced Registry. Jewel II. also stood well in public milk and butter tests of 1889, showing this to be a remarkable family, which combined with the "Netherlands" makes a grand combination of performers. Of such is the pedigree of Jewel III. Daisy Netherland at the head of the herd of A. & G. Rice.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted at the last meeting of the directors of the American Southdown Breeders' Association:—
Resolved—That the American Southdown Association learn with pleasure that the leading breeders of Southdown sheep in England have taken steps for the founding of a public record of their sheep.
Resolved—That this Association will gladly co-operate with a like association of reputable breeders in England for the continued improvement and dissemination of Southdown sheep.
Resolved—That the animals recorded in the British Southdown Record shall be eligible to registry in the American Southdown Record, at the same rates charged for American bred animals, upon the receipt of pedigrees officially certified by the said British Record as correct and admitted to the said British Record. J. H. Potts, Jacksonville, Ill., was elected President, S. E. Prather, Springfield, Ill., Secretary, and D. W. Smith, Bates, Ill., Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The Board of Directors is as follows:—T. W. Harvey, Turlington, Neb.; J. H. Potts, Jacksonville, Ill.; G. J. Hagerty, Hanover, Ohio; C. M. Clay, White Hall, Ky.; John Jackson, Abingdon, Ont.; Saml. P. Barr, Rhinecliff, N. Y.; D. W. Smith, Bates, Ill.; Phil. M. Springer, Springfield, Ill.; C. F. Mills, Springfield, Ill. Letters were read from a number of members not present, all expressive of the highest confidence in the future of Southdown sheep.

Messrs. Ormsby & Chapman, Springfield-on-the-Credit, write us as follows:—Our stock has come through the winter in good order. We find the demand for Improved Large Yorkshires increasing to such an extent that we have decided on making another importation. Mr. G. S. Chapman sailed for England on the 20th, and we expect him back with some good ones before show time. Among our sales this winter were the following:—Shires—To Mr. Wm. Yake, Cedarville, Ont., the imported stallion Leake Royal George, a dark bay three-year-old, got by the famous sire Royal George 2nd. Leake Royal George won second at the Provincial Show at London last fall, and should make a thick heavy horse. To Mr. Wm. Bessey, Hillsburg, Ont., the brown three-year-old stallion Packington 2nd, a son of John Barr's famous old Big Ben, and out of a mare by the almost equally famous Appleby Champion. Packington 2nd is a colt of much promise, and will, we think, be heard of again. Mr. Wm. Mullin, of the same place, takes the imported filly Leake Polly, a nice smooth bay rising four years old and in foal to Gamecock 2nd, a V. H. C. colt at London last February. The lowest blocky colt, Leake Rover, by The Orphan, goes to Michigan, Mr. John Strutt, of Grand Rapids, being the purchaser, and in Leake Rover he gets a typical cart horse. The imported filly Leake Lovely goes to Messrs. John Fothergill & Son, Burlington. Leake Lovely is a mare of wonderful substance, and should make a grand brood mare. Yorkshires—To Mr. G. Stegall, Streetsville, one sow; to Mr. D. Haragan, Kinkora, one pair; to Mr. D. Kennedy, Kinkora, one sow; to Mr. Wm. Mullin, Hillsburg, one boar and two sows; to Mr. J. M. Hurley, Belleville, one boar; to Mr. L. E. Richardson, Warden, P. Q., one boar; to Mr. Rd. Hampson, Mt. Forest, one sow, besides many others that we have not time to enumerate.

STOCK GOSSIP.

Messrs. F. Bach & Son, of Onibury, Craven Arms, Salop, England, write us advertising through your medium has brought us, this month, several Canadian and American buyers, besides many letters of enquiry. Mr. W. S. Hawkshaw, of Glanworth, Ont., has been among the purchasers and has taken thirty-two choice shearing Shropshire ewes and one fine shearing ram named Wool Merchant. Our flock last year won 1st and 2nd at the Royal A. S. of England for wool, and numerous other prizes at all the leading shows."

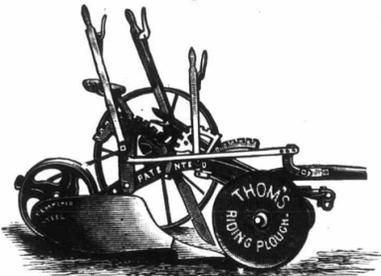
Messrs. D. Morton & Sons, of Hamilton, report the sale of their yearling Ayrshire bull, White Prince 2nd, to Mr. Wm. Stewart, Jr., of Menie, Ont. This bull was imported in dam Red Rose (5510), sired by White Prince (1364), of the well known prize-winning herd of John Caldwell, Esq., Bogside, Dundonald, Scotland. White Prince (1364) took first prize in 1889 as a two-year-old and again first this spring in the three-year-old class at the Dundonald Cattle Show. If this youngster does not give a good account of himself under Mr. Stewart's care, we will be disappointed.

R. S. Stevenson, Ancaster, writes us that his Holsteins are doing finely this summer, and inquiries for stock are numerous. We sold recently a very fine pair of yearling heifers to Messrs. Kearns Bros., of Ou'Appelle, N.W.T., also a cow and young bull to Samuel Lemon, Esq., of Lynden. We recently purchased three very fine cows, which are now in quarantine. They are all in the Advanced Registry, and are with calf to Aaggie 3rds Prince, one of the best bred bulls in America, being a son of the Prince of Wayne the 5th and Aaggie 3rd, and combining the two great families of Holsteins, viz.: the Aaggie and Wayne.

Two or three weeks ago Mr. Sanders Spencer, of Holywell Manor, near St. Ives, Hunts., wrote that a boom in his Improved Yorkshires was being experienced in Canada. From what we now learn this extraordinary demand is not confined to Canada, nor to any one foreign country in particular, as on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Mr. Spencer received an order from one of the chief bacon-curers in Denmark for no fewer than twenty-five boars—previous purchases of the Holywell Improved Yorkshires have proved such a success. This brings the total of boars and yelts sold by Mr. Spencer since Jan. 1st to 166, or over fourteen breeding pigs per week since the new year. We think this is an unprecedented record, particularly if we remember that in the winter the demand for breeding pigs is not usually so keen as later in the year.

Wm. Stewart, Seymore, Ont., Menie Stock Yards, reports the following sales of Ayrshire cattle:—One cow, Anne Lyle, and yearling bull, Macduff, to Mr. Adam Humphries, Westwood, Ont.; one yearling heifer, Hether Bell, and heifer calf to Mr. Henry Humphries, Westwood, Ont.; one bull calf, Duke of Menie 2nd, to Mr. John Eastwood, Rowdon, Ont.; one bull calf, Sandy, to Mr. Michael Dunham, Rowdon, Ont.; two heifer calves to Mr. W. W. Draup, Rowdon, Ont.; one Berkshire sow to Mr. B. Maby-front, of Sidney, Ont.; two boar pigs to Mr. C. Clark, Plainfield, Ont.; one sow and boar to Mr. Kelliher, Belleville, Ont.; one sow and boar to Mr. Woodcock, Belleville, Ont. Mr. Stewart has bought the imported bull White Prince from Mr. D. Morton & Sons, Hamilton, Ont. This is a bull of many good points, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the Menie yards. Stock are doing splendid. He has some fine calves yet left for sale.

Messrs. Green Bros., of Innerkip, write us that their importation of Improved Large Yorkshires have arrived home safely, notwithstanding the rough passage they encountered. It consisted of breeding sows selected from the most noted herds in England, among which were five very promising young sows for the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, all carrying their first litters. As to their breeding, those from the prize herd of Mr. Joseph Ashforth were some of them sired by The Don (369), winner of the first prize at the Royal at Preston, and the others by Donald (495), also a first prize Royal winner at Norwich, while the dams of several of them are sired by the celebrated boar Yorkshireman, winner of nineteen prizes as well as first prize at the Royal at Shrewsbury. Some of the sows are carrying litters to Duke of Windsor, winner of first at the Royal at Windsor last year. From the well-known herd of Mr. Geo. Charnock were sows sired by Worsley General IV. (1134), while the far-famed herd of Mr. Sanders Spencer is represented by Holywell Lass, of the Holywell Dame family, which is so raised for its prolificness, and sired by Holywell Howard (Vol. VI.) By the addition of their present importation to their previous one, which was entirely from the herd of Mr. F. Walker-Jones, specially selected by him for them, it will be seen that Messrs. Green Bros. now possess representatives from most of the best herds in England. Their recent sales of Improved Large Yorkshires are:—Boar to Alex. Leeson, Burnbrae; boar and sow to R. & T. Hepburn, Port Stanley; boar to T. G. Smith, Rosemont; boar to F. Crookshank, Lion's Head; pair of sows to J. G. Clarke, Ottawa; boar to Geo. Reeder, Ridgetown; boar to Wm. Werry, Solina; boar and two sows to W. G. Pearce, Morpeth; sow to A. J. Dolsen, Chatham; sow to H. A. Wilcox, Chatham; sow to H. C. Gibson, Newcastle; and boar to P. Hefferman, Barret. Also the following sales of Short-horns:—The red yearling bull Paragon, by the Earl of Mar (1755), out of the imported cow Proud Duchess, to Mr. H. Jervis, Ingersoll; and the red yearling bull Count, also sired by the Earl of Mar and out of imported Clara 4th of the old Shethin family, to Mr. Thos. Baird, of Blandford.

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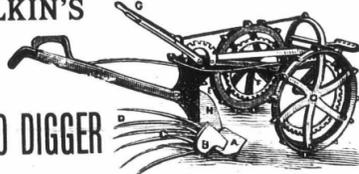
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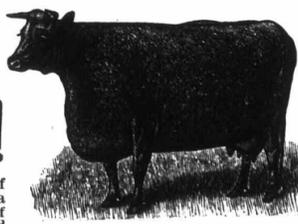
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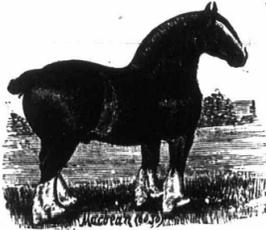
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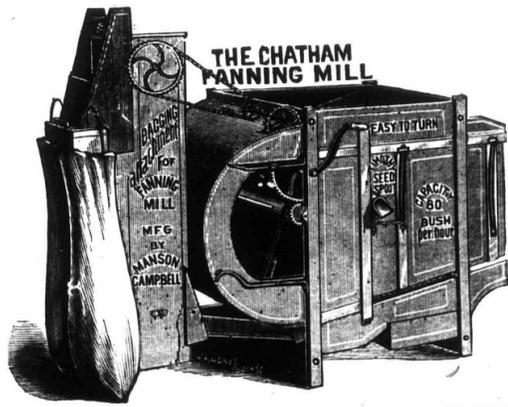
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STOCK GOSSIP.

The following stock was sold at Ferriss' stables Portage la Prairie, on Thursday, June 20th, under power of sale by chattel mortgage:—British Tom (Shire), to J. J. McRobbie and Roger Bell, for \$1,200; Suffolk Hero (Suffolk), to Chas. Fox, Wainside, \$485; Victor (Suffolk), to A. H. Ferriss, Burnside, \$500; Shorthorn bull, Lord Percival, to John McMahon, Portage la Prairie, \$398.

Mr. William Wilson, of Edmonton, has purchased from Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, the very promising young bull Crimson Warfare, of Mr. Johnston's well-known Crimson Flower tribe—the family from which spring the Messrs. Currie's Provincial sweepstakes bull, at London in 1889—besides many other equally successful show animals, including the first prize cow at the Provincial Exhibition in 1883. Crimson Warfare, though not in show condition, is a very heavy fleshed, even, smooth bull, with the very best back quarters and thighs, good shoulders and good neck.

Savage & Farnum, of Island Home Stock Farm write us that their sale season has opened up very satisfactorily, and the correspondence promises a good business during the next few weeks. A notable feature of the correspondence is this, that it indicates a better class of farmers and breeders going into the horse business in the near future, than we have had in the past. The very best farmers and many business men in towns and cities are engaging in the draft horse industry for a simple reason that there is always a ready market and at good prices for their product. With all the attention that has been given during the past ten years to breeding large horses, it is still impossible to supply the demand. A good big horse always finds a ready sale at a fair price. Messrs. Savage & Farnum have a large number of good ones on hand, including their prize winners at the great shows last fall, among which might be mentioned: Agricultor 7848 (5247). They imported this horse in 1887, as a two year old. He has developed into a magnificent animal, weighing now nearly two thousand pounds. He is a horse of great style and courage, and his colts are uniformly large, and give promise of future greatness. This horse took first prize in his class at the Buffalo and Detroit Fairs last fall. One of his colts, Ajax 10549, coming a year old May 26th, 1890, was sold to J. L. Hale, of Keth's, Noble County, Ohio, last week. Horace 7884 (8911) is another grand good one, weighing at the present time 2650 pounds. He took first prize in his class at Buffalo two years ago over a very large competition, and second prize in Detroit last fall, first prize going to Agricultor, above mentioned. Albert le Grand 7849 (11674), a dark grey, imported by his dam's side in 1887, has developed finely, and took first prize in his class wherever shown last fall. Pluviose 3755 (683), standing at the head of this stud, has never been beaten when shown with his get. He took first prize at Toledo two years ago, first prize at the Ohio Centennial in 1888, great prize at Buffalo in 1888 and 1889, and first prize at Detroit in 1889. He attracted a great deal of attention at all these shows, and all day long a crowd of women and children were gathered about his stall, admiring him and a little Shetland pony, Tom Thumb, that for the last two years has lived in the same box with him. Tom was sold to go to West Virginia a few days ago, and Pluviose is very lonesome without him, but the best of friends must suffer, and it is to be hoped that Pluviose will transfer his affections elsewhere. Among other prize winners, and good ones, may be mentioned Primus 5705, by Pluviose, dam Isid 1774, who was awarded gold medal by the Percheron Society of America last fall for the best American Bred Percheron Stallion; Biolo 7915 (8354); Xenophon 7333 (7929), all prize winners in their classes. The firm have on hand at the present writing seventy-eight stallions, comprising all the various ages, weights and colors. They are prepared to make close prices, sell on easy terms, give liberal time to buyers, and guarantee their horses breeders. They also have a large number of grade stallions, which they do not catalogue. These horses weigh from fourteen to seventeen hundred pounds, and sell at from \$250.00 to \$500.00 a piece. Among their pure bred Percheron mares might be mentioned the following, all being prize winners in their respective classes within the last year:—Abeille 6740 (8883) a dark grey, weighing 1800 pounds, imported in 1887. Abeille now has a filly foal at foot by Pluviose. Babette 4398, a dark grey, winner of first prize in her class at Detroit last fall. Coquette 7871 (2281), a grand good mare, imported in '87 with Albert le Grand by her side. Coquette is the dam of Ajax, mentioned in this article, and a grand good mother she is. Fanchon 4399, Juliet 5710, both born and bred at Island Home, attract a good deal of attention wherever shown. One is a dark grey, and the other a bay. Fanchon has raised two colts and Juliet one. Juliet is the daughter of the famous Percheron stallion Jupiter, sold by Savage & Farnum two years ago to D. H. Wilder, of North Bloomfield, Ohio. Jupiter was painted in France by Rosa Bonheur, the most famous animal painter living, and afterwards presented to the Percheron Society of France. Savage & Farnum bought the colt at a very long price. Space will not permit us to go through the entire number of their good ones. Suffice to say, they have on hand forty-one Percheron mares at the present time, which they offer intending purchasers to select from. Savage & Farnum will be glad to mail their catalogue free, showing extended pedigrees of their horses, view of "Island Home," and portraits of many of their best animals. We would advise intending purchasers not to make a selection until they have seen what Savage & Farnum have to offer. Address them, Savage & Farnum, Campau Building, Detroit, Michigan.

STOCK GOSSIP.

In the August number we intend to publish a list of the dates of holding the various exhibitions and fairs throughout the Dominion. Secretaries kindly send along the desired information.

In a business letter received from Mr. James Russell, Richmond Hill, he adds that "I have sold eleven bulls this winter, and twenty-five Cotswolds to an Ohio breeder last fall, besides several Cotswolds through Ontario."

Sir,—Please accept thanks for the beautiful engraving, "Canada's Pride." It surpasses anything of the kind I have ever seen. I am proud to know such a work of art can be executed in Canada.—John Jackson, breeder and importer of Southdown Sheep, Abingdor, Ont.

NOTICES.

In another column appears the advertisement of J. C. Millson, of Glanworth, who has a number of very fine Shropshire sheep.

We direct our readers' attention to Rigby & Burleigh's advertisement of potato digger. This digger appears to be very highly spoken of, but we have not had the pleasure of seeing it at work.

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