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To Our Agents.

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The large annual exhibitions, fall fairs and agricultural shows generally will soon be taking place, and promise to be as well, if not more largely attended than ever. In the past, many of our agents have been most successful at these gatherings, and we would again remind them to be prepared for the opportunity. Let us know what fairs you wish to attend, so that we can assign them to you, and have you supplied with the necessary outfit. We will supply the FARMER'S ADVOCATE from now till December 31st, 1894, for 35 cents. We prefer our present subscribers, their sons, or those heretofore acting, to undertake the work of securing subscribers. We are prepared to offer liberal inducements. Please write us at once for terms and sample copies.

In England a Royal Commission has been several years investigating the subject of bovine tuberculosis, but their report has not yet made its appearance.

Sixty delegates from various parts of England waited upon Mr. Gardner, President of the Board of Agriculture, asking for more stringent regulations in the effort to stamp out swine fever. He promised them a new Order.

The Russian Government proposes to hold an International Exposition of Fruit Culture and Products at St. Petersburg, under the auspices of His Majesty the Czar, beginning September 22nd, and closing November 12th, 1894.

The total attendance at the late Royal Show, Cambridge, for the six days was 111,658, the largest turnout being 63,981, on Thursday. The gate money amounted to £8,306 7s. A loss was expected, but according to our latest advices, a substantial profit was counted on. The previous show at Chester netted a profit of £3,000.

Elsewhere in this issue appears a very thoughtful communication from Mr. J. C. Snell, upon an important subject, viz., the purpose and management of fall shows—a topic dealt with by Mr. R. E. King, in the ADVOCATE for June 15th. In vigorous terms Mr. King charged that our agricultural shows are a failure as "educators" and do not supply the needs of the times. He contended that it was not enough to show the results of the labor of the grain grower, or breeder : the fair should teach how the results were attained. To what extent is it practicable to embrace in the functions of a fair the work of a farmers' institute? Substantially, that is the reform for which Mr. King asks. Our columns are still open for the discussion

Our front page illustration (reproduced from the London (England) Live Stock Journal) represents Dowager III., a Shorthorn dairy cow. She was bred by and is the property of Mr. C. A. Pratt, Rushford, Evesham, England; calved February, 1887. She was winner of the first prize at the shows of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, at Warwick, in 1892, and at Chester, in 1893, as best Shorthorn dairy cow by actual test. She has also taken many prizes at other exhibitions. Her last year's performance at the "Royal" was 44 lbs. 9 ozs. of milk in one day, from which 1 lb. 101 ozs. of butter was made. This is the type of cow the Canadian farmer is in need of at the present day, and if care is given to breeding and training, there is no reason why we should not see many herds of them throughout the country. Almost every Shorthorn herd has some excellent milkers, and if these are developed and given the attention which strictly dairy breeds have received, what may we not expect as a result? Heretofore the ideal in the mind of breeders, as a rule, has been the show ring or beef types. Few Shorthorn breeders have given the dairy qualities of their herds the attention due them, yet we occassionally find a cow of that breed comparing favorably with even the best of special purpose dairy cattle. It certainly becomes every Shorthorn breeder to give due attention to this matter. As experienced a breeder and as conservative an authority as Wm. Warfield puts this subject as follows, in his standard work on "Cattle Breeding ":-

"Now, it is a matter of common observation that a special shape of the whole beast is typical of the two kinds of cattle. The beef type is the blocky, square-framed animal; the milk type, on the other hand, is wedge-shaped, with the base to the rear, and tends to angularity. In these types are to be seen well-marked types of correlation. But it does not follow-and here was the fallacy of the old theory that because an animal bred for milk alone would gradually assume one type, and one bred for beef alone, another - that the two qualities could not be compositely produced in a single animal; least of all, that the organs of nutrition were appositely correlated with the organs of beef and milk production, which was the thesis sought to be maintained. On the contrary, it its obvious that both milk and beef production are co-ordinate functions of the animal body, and that while one may be abnormally developed at the expense of the other, the natural state is one of balance."

To our mind, the conclusion of the whole matter seems to be this: That every man, according to his conditions, must decide for himself whether his herd shall be special purpose dairy cattle, special purpose beef cattle, or the much abused general purpose cattle in which, as Warfield put it, the milk and beef producing functions are in a "state of balance." Another Turn of the Screw.

The British embargo against foreign live cattle being pretty firmly established, another agitation is now under way. A deputation has been before Mr. Gardner, President of the Board of Agriculture, urging the Government to assume the function of detecting and prosecuting cases of selling foreign dressed meat as of home production; but the herculean nature of the task evidently staggers the Minister. The country is doubtless being flooded with foreign dressed beef. The FARMER'S ADVOCATE has repeatedly pointed out that shutting off live beef would be playing into the hands of the dressed meat magnates. The free trade beef eater of Britain is, however, not specially concerned about the source of his meat supply, but he wants it good, and, of course. cheap. Neither does he care where his wheat comes from. It is all one to him-whether grown by the paupers of India, the Russian serfs, the people of the Argentine, or the loyal colonists of Canada. It is just about the same with regard to his meat. However, it is not the consumer who is now worrying about "foreign meat," but the British beef cattle producer. This new agitation is, therefore, a very natural sequel to the scheduling order. A demand is now being made for a repeal of the fourth paragraph of the Fifth Schedule of the Act of 1878, which directed that when the Board of Agriculture was satisfied, "with respect to any foreign country, that the laws thereof relating to the importation and exportation of animals, and to the prevention of the introduction or spreading of disease, and the general sanitary condition of animals therein, are such as to afford reasonable security against the importation therefrom of diseased animals, then, from time to time, the Board of Agriculture, by general or special order, shall allow animals brought from that country to be landed without being subject to slaughter or to quarantine." To abrogate this clause means the unmistakable and permanent shutting out of Canadian cattle, except for slaughter or quarantine.

Our Scottish letter, which appears in another column, brings the intelligence for the breeders and feeders of Canada that the English experts have discovered three more "lungs" affected with pleuro-pneumonia, in their late special investigation of Canadian cattle landed there. It is also alleged that the animals out of which these affected lungs were taken came from "Woodstock, Ont." Had they hunted Canada over, they probably could not have secured their "cases" from a more unlikely quarter than the County of Oxford. Were it not for the seriousness of the slander, it would doubtless amuse the breeders and feeders of that grand agricultural county. But it does seem most extraordinary that one never hears, until our beeves reach Britain, of such an alarmingly contagious and deadly malady as pleuro-pneumonia, in Oxford or elsewhere in this country, nor in the course of shipment, no matter how many or how closely the animals are associated. And, then, strange to say, two of these wonderful cases turn up at Liverpool and one at Glasgow; but all the rest miraculously escape contagion! Dr. McClure, V. S., whose energetic protest appears elsewhere in the ADVOCATE, may well express surprise that, notwithstanding over ten years' intimate acquaintance with the herds of that district, this greatlydreaded pneumonia contagiosa had eluded his observation, escaping to England "unbeknownst" to everybody. The Doctor also deals with other aspects of this subject in a manner that will cause his communication to be read with a great deal of interest, notably the rational explanation he gives of the "discoveries" alleged to have been made by the British experts in their diagnosis. THE

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of this timely subject.

That the abnormal growth of city populations, at the expense of the country, contains an element of peril to the State and individual life was painfully illustrated by the recent great strike in Chicago. Not to mention the perils of bloodshed, accident, conflagrations, etc., the paralysis of the railway service of a city may in a few hours cut short the food supply and means of substance of millions of people. The centralization of the monopolistic dressed meat trade at one or two points resulted in hundreds of cities and town throughout the States depending for their daily supply of meat on Chicago, and with the railways all tied up, the supply was unexpectedly and suddenly cut off. There is greater safety to the State in a large population devoted to some form of husbandry.

The conditions under which farming can be made to pay have altered, but too many have not readjusted their methods to the new order of things, consequently their returns have grown less, but habits of living, etc., have become more expensive. Hence the mortgage remains a burden, and instead of being paid off, is renewed, probably at a heavy rate of interest. Tremendous efforts are being made in the direction of securing legislation that will insure the farmer fair play, but let not the other side be neglected. As the Ohio Farmer very aptly put it recently, one thing can be done, and that is " to meet the reduction of income by a corresponding reduction of outgo, and this must apply to cost of production as well as habit of living. When the 'good time coming' gets here we can again take up our discarded luxuries and expensive methods."

Judging Fruit by Points.

The Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture has established a scale of points for judging vegetables. Pamphlet forms, containing cuts and scale of points for two or three of the finest varieties of all the different vegetables, are being issued for the use of the Incorporated Agricultural Societies. This is one advance needed by all agricultural societies, as very often men are appointed to judge at shows who differ very widely in their ideal of a perfect specimen, and by having an authorized scale of points to guide them, much less unjust decision will often be given. As an example of their plan, we give scale of points given for "Beauty of Hebron" potatoes and tomatoes :—

Size—Should be $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide for perfection—30 points.

Form—Should be according to engraving, as given in pamphlet—30 points.

Smoothness—Free from deep pits, warts or excrescences—30 points.

Quality—Fresh appearance, treedom from coarseness and bright color—10 points.

Total—100 points.

The following is the scale of points for tomatoes:-Form-Should be according to engraving-40 points.

Color—Should be bright red or purplish pink, according to variety—30 points.

Size—Should be not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches and not more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter—15 points.

Quality—Firmness, ripeness and freedom from green spots or cracks—15 points. Total—100 points.

Wheat As a Stock Food.

In view of the continued low price of wheat, large quantities of it will doubtless be fed during the coming fall and winter. The note which appears it our "Questions and Answers" department indicates this, and should bring out a good many practical replies from our readers, on the value of wheat as a food for horses, cattle, hogs, etc.; preparation and methods of feeding, quantities that may with safety be used, and any precautions that should be observed in its use. The lessons learned in actual experience will be most helpful in writing upon this important feeder's topic.

"To the young man or woman, fairly well educated, who will add some technical knowledge of our special schools of agriculture to their requirements, there is no more promising field of enterprise than farming ; but to insure that satisfaction in its prosecution which makes any occupation enjoyable, business spirit must be put into it, and toil must be sweetened by an appreciation of the attributes which make rural life attractive."—Chas. W Garfield, in American Cheesemaker. AUGUST 1, 1894

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which will be permitted to pass folded or enclosed

within the newspaper sent by them to their sub-scribers), or encloses a letter or any writing intended

to serve the purpose of a letter or post-card, in any mail matter sent by post, not being a letter, shall

incur a penalty not exceeding forty dollars, and not

The exception made in respect to the accounts

receipts and subscription circulars of newspaper

publishers will be very generally appreciated, as it obviates a great deal of needless work, and is a

matter of convenience not only to the subscribers of

these publications, but to the Post Office service as

trouble and mistakes saved simply by allowing the sending of printed envelopes to subscribers ad-dressed to the publishers of newspapers. The de-

partment is to be commended for incorporating this

tions regarding enclosing any letter or writing intended to serve the purpose of a letter, however short, in newspapers or parcels. Unthinkingly, or

in ignorance of the law, some may incur the penalty

of a heavy fine for such offences, hence our reason

department will see its way clear to bring the letter

postage down to a two cent rate, as the increasing

volume of correspondence encouraged thereby

would doubtless soon more than recoup the department for any falling off in revenue that might be

Ensilage and Tuberculosis.

ought to know better, and could, if they devoted a

little rational attention to the subject, have been

indulging in a lot of excited and reckless talk re-

garding tuberculosis in cattle, and its causes. In

garding coordinates in caute, and its causes. In learned and sweeping terms we have heard it con-nected directly with the use of ensilage as a food. It will be remembered that, when an Agricultural Experiment Station director in the Western States,

Prof. J. W. Sanborn earned a reputation as an

original worker, and he was nothing if not outspoken in expressing his views. For the West, at least, he

favored dry corn fodder and the "capacious loft,"

as against ensilage and the silo. We now notice, by

the Mirror and Farmer, that he is equally frank in

dealing with those who have been ascribing con-

"We draw radical conclusions on insufficient data.

sumption to the silo. He says :

Some daily newspaper writers and others, who

We trust the time is not far distant when the

for calling attention to this matter.

Persons would do well to note the strict regula-

Very few would imagine the amount of

less then ten dollars in each case.

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The Fall Show. BY J. C. SNELL,

mons was one emanating from the Postal Depart-The article in a recent number of the ADVOCATE, ment, amending the Post Office Act by repealing by R. E. King, on the above subject, presents food section 93 and substituting the following therefor : for serious thought, and calls attention to a very interesting theme. There is, no doubt, good reason for his complaint that our agricultural shows fail to give the practical education which "93 Every one who encloses a letter or letters, or any writing intended to serve the purpose of a letter or post-card, in a parcel posted for the parcel they should do as a return for the public money expended upon them. All thoughtful people deplore the tendency in these times to make the post, or in a packet of samples or patterns posted to post, or in a packet of samples of patterns posted to pass at the rate of postage applicable to samples and patterns, or encloses a letter or post-card, or any writing to serve the purose of a letter or post-card, or encloses any other thing, in a newspaper posted agricultural fair a mere holiday occasion, in which special attractions of a light and frivolous nature distract the attention of the people from the useto pass as a newspaper at the rate of postage applicable to newspapers (except in the case of the ful and the practical. accounts and receipts of newspaper publishers, and

We confess we are not without hope that this will in time, to a great extent, work its own cure; that the people will gradually be brought to see the mistake they have fallen into, and will seek for better things; but in order to bring about such change without loss of valuable time, thoughtful minds should be at work seeking to devise the best means of remedying the evil as soon as possible.

The time was, in this country, when the people patronized a purely agricultural show in sufficient numbers to make the gate receipts pay expenses. The old Provincial Exhibitions brought represen-tative farmers from all sections of the Province, and the agricultural productions displayed received and the agricultural productions displayed received the undivided attention of all classes of people the undivided attention of an classes of people attending the fair. The Royal and other leading agricultural exhibitions in England are yet largely attended by the people who go to see a purely agricultural show, and there influential people manifest a real interest in the success of the fair. This is seen in the fact that amongst the aphibitors This is seen in the fact that amongst the exhibitors at the Royal Show this year, in the live stock classes, were the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and Lord Roseberry, the Premier. But even in Eng-land very little has been done in connection with these exhibitions in the direction which Mr. King indicates-that is, in making known the methods by which superior animals, grains or articles are produced. The nearest approach to this idea that we have known has been accomplished by the managers of the American Fat Stock Show, at Chicago—who are the Illinois State Board of Agriculture-where full information has been required from exhibitors, where animals have been care-fully weighed, both before and after slaughter, and statistics have been compiled, showing results, and statistics have been complete, showing results, such as gain per day from birth to slaughter, with cost of production, which has served to give a toler-ably correct idea of the gain or loss in the transaction. The practicability of Mr. King's idea has there-fore been demonstrated. The difficulties in the way of owneding it and bringing it into more compared

fore been demonstrated. The difficulties in the way of expanding it and bringing it into more general use are many and somewhat serious, but should not be regarded as insurmountable. The Minister of Agriculture for Ontario has shown a ready willing-ness to encourage anything and everything calcu-lated to educate the farmers of the Province along the line of margorithm margorithm is a widewood by the the lines of improved methods, as evidenced by the liberal grants given to Agricultural, Stock-breeding and Dairy Associations, as well as by the institution of the Travelling Dairy and the encouragement given to Farmers' Institutes; and we have no doubt that he would gladly assist in carrying out any well-planned scheme to make the agricultural shows more practical and more useful.

Suggestions are now in order, and the man who will propose a plan to meet the needs of the times may prove himself a public benefactor.

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Midland Central Fair.

The Fifth Annual Exhibition of the Midland Central Fair will be held on the Crystal Palace grounds, Kingston, Sept. 17th to 21st, and, there being no fair at Montreal this season, it must cerbeing no fair at Montreal this season, it must cer-tainly tend to swell the entries for Kingston, com-ing, as the Midland Central does, right after Toronto, and just before Ottawa. The inducements con-tained in the prize list are ample, and should attract a large exhibit in all classes, especially live stock. The poultry department is complete, prizes being offered for all breeds of towls. The latest varieties offered for all preeds of lowis. The faces varieties of apples, vegetables, etc., have been added to the list. One change we have noticed in particular, and that is the withholding of prizes for male animals in the General Purpose horse class. The efficient manager of last year, Mr. A. Shaw, having retired, Ald. C. H. Martin was called upon to fill the vacancy, and we have every reason to believe that he will make a capable fair manager. Secre-tary J. P. Oram will be found at his old post. The Provident of the therminities in the northest start President of the Association is the newly-elected "Patron" member for Frontenac, Jos. L. Haycock, M. P. P.

with a new i ossessed consuming theme until it is worn out or tossed aside, as a child does its plaything, or until a new notion usurps the field occupied by the departing guest. It certainly is not shown that tuberculosisa contagious disease -has its origin for a single in-dividual in the silo or that the silo is the inducing unse. It is not even shown that tuberculosis is on the increase in the bovine family. The presumption is that there is less of it, as consumption is on the is that there is less of u, as consumption is on the decrease in the human family, while it is probable that milk is consumed in larger quantities than ever before. The matter of tuberculosis is practically a new discovery, and the fact that the human family may take it from cows is a just cause of alarm and of agitation. It is a cause of regret that some of our stock papers try to throw discredit upon the matter, especially those that are patron-ized by the breeders of pure bred stock. It is useless and hardly honest to try to disguise the fact that cattle that are confined in the barns, made warm, and therefore tight, excluding the air in sufficient quantity, are in conditions most favorable for the spread from animal to animal of this dread What we should do is to find the facts, disease. and then we can, in the interest of good animals and their owners, too, create conditions that are favorable to them. Deceiving ourselves is not the best preparation for inauguration of the right remedial methods."

The Canadian cattle sales held at Glasgow, July 3rd, shows a marked decrease as compared with last year's sale of the corresponding week, the number being 782 head, being 652 less than last year's corresponding sale. The cattle offered were of good quality. Bullocks sold at from £12 15s. to £20 ; heifers, £12 15s. to £18, dead weight. No. 1 bullocks, 49s. to 50s. per cwt. (112 lbs.); 2nd grade, 45s. 6d. to 46s. 8d. per cwt.

It is easier to complain than to propose a remedy, and Mr. King does not say how he would go about the work of reform. One thing is certain, the work must, in order to be successful, be undertaken by earnest, practical men, and the most important thing will be the selection of properly qualified men to menge the scheme to manage the scheme.

Whether any of the existing organizations may safely be entrusted with such a work is a question to be considered. Government assistance would, undoubtedly, be necessary to the success of the scheme, as it could not reasonably be expected to be self-sustaining. In that case, the Government would be held, to some extent, responsible for the outlay.

The Board of Agriculture would seem to be the proper authority to conduct a Provincial Exhibition, as the State Boards of Agriculture do in the neighboring country. The difficulty seems to be in the plan of election of the members of the Board of Agriculture in Ontario, which renders possible of Agriculture in Ontario, which renders possible the election of men who are not advanced farmers, nor representatives of the most progressive elements

of our agricultural population. This is a matter which we think should claim the serious consideration of the Minister of Agriculture. A good system of election or appointment of a A good system of election or appointment of a properly qualified Board, and the selection of an energetic, thorough-going secretary, who should be the general manager of the enterprises of the Board, are the first essentials to success in such a reform; and these we believe can be found, and their services and these we believe can be found, and their services secured, to the lasting benefit of our country. In the meantime, this is one of the most important subjects which can claim the consideration of the agricultural press, of Farmers' Institutes, of Patron Lodges, and of individual farmers who have the best interests of agriculture at heart. Let the discussion go on, and let all who can give ex-pression to such suggestions as they think will bring about the desired result, for in the "multitude of counsellors there is wisdom." of counsellors there is wisdom."

THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

No "Pleuro" Here—A Vigorous Protest. To the Editor of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

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SIR,-Iam surprised to find that in the recent special examination of cattleshipped from Ontario to the Old Country, especially those purchased from the district around Woodstock, where I have practised for over ten years, that the veterinary experts who examined this shipment pronounced three cattle affected with pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa Now, while I have every respect for the opinion of gentle men appointed by the Home Government for the inspection and prevention of cattle being shipped inspection and prevention of cattle being snipped into the motherland suffering from this terrible malady, yet, from my knowledge of nearly every herd in this district, for several years past, and knowing intimately Mr. McCulloch, who shipped these cattle (and who had been shipping similar dence here), I am thoroughly convinced that the parties who made this inspection have made a serious blunder in their diagnosis of the disease. Over a year ago, when this craze first started, I was instructed by Prof. McEachern, Dominion Inspector, Montreal, to make an examination of the herds from which Mr. McCulloch had then made a shipment, and I found every herd healthy, strong and in fine condition. Nevertheless, these inspectors find animals suffering from pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa, al-though only separated a few days. When men are looking for trouble, it is not long before they are satisfied they have found it. While I do not doubt but that the lungs and pleura of the animals examined showed a very serious and inflammatory condition, yet when the circumstances of their transit are enquired into, no man of ordinary intelligence would expect to find anything different. Mr. McCulloch, shipper, is a shrewd, careful, conscientious buyer, and I am satisfied, as far as he is concerned, no animal is purchased by him for shipment unless it is in the very pink of condition and perfectly healthy. Now, I will give my solution of the whole trouble. The animals shipped from this section, as far as I have observed, are certainly prime cattle. They are carefully fed, groomed and well looked after by the stablemen, in large, roomy, well-aired and comfortable stone stables. More pride is taken in having the bovines clean, slick, healthy and comfortable than the equine species, because these canny Oxford Scotchmen can see a cent a pound more in beefsteak by doing this for their cattle than they can command for horseflesh just now. When a shipment is made these animals are driven for a considerable distance to the railway centres, and being unused to such exertion, they become heated and exhausted considerably, and are then driven at once into an open box-car, and packed as tight as it is possible to put them, to go by rail to Montreal. Thus, with the crowding, jamming and uncomfortable surround ings, to which they have heretofore been unaccus-tomed, several of the animals, no doubt, contract a mild form of pneumonia. In this critical condition they are placed on board the vessel and subjected to all the discomforts of an ocean voyage. What wonder is it they find the lungs and pleura of the animals slaughtered soon after landing in a very serious condition. Nevertheless, there is not a particle of pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa affecting these same animals, I care not who examines them.

These inspectors have got to find something to keep the importance of this inspection before the eyes of the members of the Home Government, in order that their positions may become secure, even though we have no disease here. To show that my explanation of this trouble is correct, I shall give the following coincidence: About four years ago, Col. Collier, of the 21st Hussars, England, shipped the thoroughbred stallion Leontes, of which I am at present the owner, accompanied by 28 brood mares, to my stables in Woodstock. Now, several of these mares were affected with a heavy discharge from their nostrils, due to contracting cold while being shipped, which caused many to refrain from purchasing them. Had these mares been slaughtered then, and an examination made of their lungs, they would certainly have been found in a terrible condition. Mr. John Smith, farmer, near Beachville, purchased a pair of these mares, and they continued to discharge freely for nearly one year before fully recovering, and while in this condition they remained thin, and did not thrive well. Since that discharge ceased they have become fat, healthy, and one of the finest pair of mares in the locality. Had these Old Country Inspectors examined these mares, they would have at once shouted, "Another case of pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa!" Now, this is the experience of nearly every importer of horses, and if horses are affected in this way, surely it is not too much to expect to find the same trouble affecting cattle, which are subjected to more hardships during shipment than horses. Again, the cattle shipped from this district were purchased from four men, who grazed them together on the same farm during the summer months, and afterwards fed them in the same stable during the winter months. Now, although coming in such close contact during all this time, only three animals are found affected with this terrible contagious disease, all the rest being reported healthy. Such is the report of these inspectors! Such logic is too silly to be considered seriously, and I am surprised at Englishmen permitting such an hallucination to enter their minds. If these inspectors would come to Canada and observe the maturing and shipment of a herd, I am satisfied they would arrive at the same conclusion as I have, that not a particle of this disease, pleuro-pneumonia contagiosa, exists in the district around Woodstock.

Now, before closing, I think all will agree with me that, as a precautionary measure for our own protection, a very close and careful examination of each animal should be made by a competent veterinary in Montreal, appointed for this special purpose by the Dominion Government, and no ailing animal should be permitted to leave this port.

The apple industry of Canada was nearly ruined one year ago by shippers allowing rubbish and culls to be packed with those of the highest grade The result was it ruined several, financially, engaged in the apple trade, and nearly spoiled the reputation of Canada for growing first-class keeping fruit. Let a young country like Canada ship only prime articles in cattle, apples, cheese, horses, etc., and soon all this pleuro-pneumonia clap-trap will be a thing of the past. W. P. McCLURE, V. S. Woodstock, Ont., July 20th.

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Our Scottish Letter.

It is so long since I addressed the readers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE that many of them may be disposed to think that "Scotland Yet" has ceased from troubling. There was a time when matters in this country were full of interest for the citizens of the West, when Canadians formed a large proportion of our visitors, and at all our shows and fairs they were present in numbers. Now, however, a change has come over our spirits, and the Canadian is conspicuous by his absence. He was a fine fellow when we knew him ; a buyer of Short-horns, Shropshires and Clydesdales ; keenforagood Ayrshire too, on occasion ; but now all is changed. He does not want to buy ; he very much wants to sell. Horses, mutton and beef, dead or alive (the mutton or beef only), he can supply in lots to suit pur-chasers, if we would only allow him. Well, we like him. He is our brother and companion. The same throne rules over him, and there is a solid mag-nanimity about him which seems to indicate future eminence amongst the nations. Canada we regard as in many ways the brightest jewel in the British crown. She has her problems to solve—some of them stern enough—but there is a something which says that she will solve them. Down Quebec way there may be trouble ; up in Manitoba all may not be well, yet the Anglo-Saxon race is still coming, and the ark of the Covenant is with her. Now there may be troubles, but some day these will pass away, and if she would, even now, not ask us to accept it that there is no cattle disease within her wide domain, we could believe that all will be well. However, this need not disturb us. There will be no Canadian stores for the British market this summer, and maybe our poor breeders at home will get a chance to handle a few sovereigns.

The examination by experts of all cattle from Canada slaughtered at the ports of landing has, with us, come to an end. The Glasgow staff went home to London during the past week, and the corps of commissionaries was disbanded. Three diseased lungs, we believe, have been found during the period of probation; two at Liverpool and one at Glasgow. The official report is not yet published, we this end to be the apping of orwards that if the but it is said to be the opinion of experts that if the disease in these cases was not contageous pleuronsease in these cases was not contageous pleuro-pneumonia, then contageous pleuro-pneumonia does not exist. The cattle, it is further al-leged, came from the neighborhood of Wood-stock, in Ontario. The official report on these cases should be interesting reading. No doubt the ex-perts will differ ; they always do differ. A cele-brated judge of the Court of Session said that there were three grades of liars—the pure specimen ; the d_____ specimen and the professional witness the d--- specimen, and the professional witness, the expert. We agree with him. There are certain members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in this country, who never by any possibility agree on a single subject. They are certain to differ. If the one says two and two are four, the other says that there is a shade of doubt as to whether the points in dispute are two and two. If the one says a horse is lame, the other says he is sound ; if the one alleges that inoculation is an ascertained cure for pleuro-pneumonia, the other vows that inocu-lation is a demonstrated failure. Altogether, he is a wise man who places no dependence on the statements of either of the parties. The judgment of a sober-minded member of the profession is best worth attending to. If the veterinary advisers of the Board of Agriculture in this country do not know pleuro-pneumonia, no one else does. They may make a mistake, being fallable, but they know their business, and where they err no one need be Up to the middle of summer, until the 20th June, we had most unseasonable weather. Frost in May and extreme cold in the early weeks of June, so that neither fires in parlors nor winter underclothing on the individual could be discarded, were experiences one does not care to have repeated too frequently. Now, however, a change has come over the atmos phere, and magnificent summer heat and glowing skies are being enjoyed. Last year our English friends had cause to grumble at the miserable character of the season. The drought burned up everything. This year they can crow. We have just returned from the Royal Show at Cambridge, and a rare good time the farmers down there seem to be having. They are reaping magnificent hay crops, and ingathering it as they seldom have done Generally hay in England is harvested much greener than in Scotland. With us the crop would not keep if it were put up as is done in England. The effect of the slight heating which takes place in the large stacks made in England is merely to sweeten the

fodder. If it were so to heat with us, the hay would be rotten. Very often the uncertainty of the climate in Scotland causes the hay to be whitened and bleached before it can be stored in the stacks, and the whole effect is to take the greater portion of the sustenance out of the crop. The English system makes the hay much more palatable to the animals, and the effect cannot but be highly beneficial to stock.

Shows have been the order of the day since last we wrote. Every day and more we have had a show. The Royal was the last big one; it closes to-day. Perhaps we have seen a better show of Scottish stock at the great English Show; indeed, we are confident that we have; but yet the display at the great show of the English Society is always of the first order. This year, meeting in Cambridge, the breeds of East Anglia were most in evidence. There were Suffolk horses, Red-Polled cattle, and the Black-faced Hornless Short-wooled Suffolk sheep in abundance. Those are most interesting breeds, but neither occupies a first place in its department. The horses are great pullers; can shift a dead weight with the best; but somehow, except locally, they have never become fashionable. Red-Polled cattle are a fine breed—a medium between the Galloway and the Aberdeen-Angus—and in their creation and evolution there can be no doubt that the Galloway has played an important part. They are a good, has played an important part. They are a good, fresh, milking breed, and, perhaps, of all the Polled breeds, the Red-Norfolk is the only one which deserves to be called a dairy cow. Suffolk sheep are a queer breed, showing some affinity to the Down breeds, but having quite as distinctive charac-toristics as the cattle and horses of the East of teristics as the cattle and horses of the East of England. Norfolk Hackneys were also strongly in evidence, and altogether the show of 1894 was a most interesting event. SCOTLAND YET.

Chatty Stock Letter from the States. FROM OUR CHICAGO CORRESPONDENT.

Prices for live stock and hog products are somewhat lower than a year ago. At present best beeves are worth about \$4.90, or 40c per 100 lbs. lower than a year ago. Best heavy hogs, \$5 20, against \$6.00 a year ago; best light hogs \$5.15, against \$6.20 a year ago. Lambs selling around \$4.50 for the best, or over \$1.00 lower than in 1893. Wheat sold at the lowest prices on record this week : July, 52c., or 15c. lower than a year ago. Lard, for September delivery, closed \$3.25 lower than a year ago, at \$6.82¹/₂, and September short ribs, \$6.52¹/₂, or \$1.90 lower than a year ago.

The quality of hogs this week was the poorest of the year, there being a much larger proportion of grassy stock and comparatively few desirable heavy corn-fed lots. The supply of good light bacon grades was somewhat smaller than the demand, which was active, owing to the improved shipping and export demand for meats. It looks as though good light will command a greater premium over heavy inside of the next few weeks.

No Western range cattle have arrived yet this season, but several trains are expected soon. The season is about a week later than last year. From reports the range cattle are in splendid condition this year; better, in fact, than they have been for several years past. Good rains have produced a luxuriant growth of grass, and ranchmen seem well pleased at the outlook. Prices, however, may not be as high as some anticipated.

Chicago's receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep were

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very materially effected by the labor troubles, which were so bad here earlier in the month. Estimating the remaining portion of the month, the total for July, 1894, will reach only 145,000 cattle, 325,000 hogs and 130,000 sheep, or a total of 600,000 head, against 1,015,000 head for July, 1893. Compared with a year ago, cattle decreased 121,000; hogs decreased 194,000, and sheep 100,000. The worst of the strike is over; in fact, no further trouble is expected in connection with live stock receipts.

The quality of Texas cattle received here the past week was the poorest in a long time for this season of the year, and prices have ruled very low, whole train loads of 750 to 900 lb. steers selling as low as \$1.50 @ \$2.00; while the best 1,100 to 1,200 lb. steers are worth around \$3.75.

The horse market of late has been on the mend, smaller receipts and a better general demand causing a stronger feeling without any quotable advance in prices. Good to fine drivers lately sold at \$120 @ \$157, with a choice driving team at \$360. Smooth, sound, 1,300 lb. chunks sold at \$100 @ \$120, while plain, common workers continue slow at \$45 @ \$65.

Blanching Early Celery.

"American Gardening" advocates hilling up only in case of single rows, and even then blanching might be accomplished by simply setting boards (about 10 inches wide, and of any length), slightly slanting, up against the row from both sides. In good growing weather, plants can be bleached fit for use in from ten days to two weeks' time. When blanched, the celery is gradually taken up for use or sale, and the boards moved to other parts of the row or the other rows not treated in this way. The claim that it requires contact with earth to "remove acrid properties" of the celery is not well founded. Brittleness and nutty flavor are acquired by quick growth in a favorable, moist and cool atmosphere. AUGUST 1, 1894

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Fall Wheat. PLOTS AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FARM, GUELPH.

"Advancement" is the watchward in the experi-mental work at Guelph. The work that has been so ably conducted at that station by Mr. Zavitz for a number of years is continually growing in magnitude and completeness. The system of testing the various kinds of fall and spring grains, grasses roots, fodders of all kinds, etc. grown under all practicable conditions, is so complete on the Farm that no farmer of Ontario can afford to ignore the conclusions arrived at from year to year. And when every farmer is given an opportunity of receiving a number of the most productive varieties to test on his own farm, surely there is a wealth of information to be gained by co-operating with the Station in this experimental work. From year to year more farmers are finding out the value of this opportunity and sending for packages of the sorts they wish to test. Usually from six to eight of the best varieties of whatever line of experiments they wish to conduct are sent. Among these will be included, in fall wheats for instance, Long-strawed and Short-strawed varieties, Bearded and Bald, White and Red chaffed and White and Red grain, thus enabling farmers on all sorts of land, and in all localities, to find two or three sorts specially suited to their peculiar conditions of soil, lay of land and climate. At the end of the year a report is expected to be sent to the Station by each experimenter, which, when summed up with the other reports and the results at the Station, a very conclusive knowledge of the value of the most promising varieties is ar-

rived at. At the time of our visit the fall grains were the only sufficiently matured plots to enable an observer to decide as to their relative values. The ranges of fall wheats are situated in a tolerably favorable location, being high and dry, and sloping eastward. As is generally the case, this year, throughout the western part of the Province, no rust was to be seen, and not more than two or three of the most weakly varieties showed any signs of winter killing. In the twenty or twenty-five sorts that have done best for two, three or four years, very little distinc-tion could be made as to which would lead this year, because they all looked able to yield about 100 per cent. of a crop. There can be seen, however, a decided difference in strength of straw. It may be said that the pink-strawed varieties, as Golden Drop, Golden Cross, Hybrid Mediterranean, Lancaster, Red Lion, etc., show a general weakness of straw, some of them being lodged so badly that plump filling can hardly be expected in the centre of the plots. Some of the yellow strawed sorts, too, are badly broken, among which we may mention Rodgers, Manches-ter, Egyptian and Early Red Clawson. Among the best kinds standing well, at the same time very much tillered, are the Surprise, Bonnell, Standard, Seneca, New Monarch, Americah Bronze, Jones' Winter Fife, Canadian Velvet Chaff, Dawson's Golden Chaff, Valley, Scott and White Leader. Many of these wheats have been described pretty fully on previous occasions, and therefore need very little description here. The sorts that have yielded best for four years are : Surprise, Early Red Clawson, Golden Drop, Golden Cross or Volunteer. And so far as weight of crop is concerned, we would not so far as weight of crop is concerned, we would not expect this year's report to vary much, except the filling be slightly defective in the varieties most lodged. Surprise is almost certain to retain its position as No. 1 wheat. It stands well and is well tillered and well filled from top of head to bottom. Early Red Clawson shows a slight weakness of

standing well and bright; also, two new varieties, namely: Rural New-Yorker and Genesee Giant Of the former Mr. McEwen has about four acres of the former Mr. MCEWen has about four acres of good crop; it has four or five inches more straw than Manchester, and a longer, more open head. The grain is large and comes among the red wheats. Genesee Giant, a fairly well-known new variety, also promises well. It is one of Mr. Jones' new conte which has become nonular whenever grown sorts, which has become popular wherever grown. It has a very compact, bearded head, bearing an average of about thirty grains. The straw is of medium length, being a little longer than that of

Mr. O'Brien has seventeen acres of a new sort, known as Amber Mediterranean. It has a medium-sized bearded head and good length of straw; although a little thin on much of the field, we look for about twenty-five bushels per acre. Canadian Velvet Chaff, too, will yield a good sample on this farm, but is rather thin to make a heavy record per

acre. Mr. R. Gibson has 28 acres of a very superior crop of White Leader. For such a large field it looks as though the day for fall wheat growing is not, as some suppose, about at an end. The field at the time of our visit was like a waving golden sea. Only a very few patches were lodged. We would estimate the crop at thirty bushels per acre. Alongside the Leader stood ten acres of American Bronze, looking very well indeed, but will no doubt yield something less per acre than the White Leader. On the farm of Mr Stephen Weld we saw about

On the farm of Mr. Stephen were we saw about three acres each of Golden Cross or Volunteer, and American Bronze. Both pieces were very heavy, being somewhat lodged in patches. There seems to be very little choice between these two sorts in point of wird.

of yield. Mr. Joseph Weld grew three very good varieties this year, viz. : American Bronze, Manchester and Red Clawson. Of the two latter sorts, little can be said between them for weight of crop, but the twelve acres of American Bronze is really a beautiful crop. Although this variety is counted among the strong-strawed sorts, in many parts of the field the crop was too heavy to stand. We would not be surprised to hear of the crop approaching forty bushels per acre.

In some parts of Middlesex County excellent fields have be grown of Jones' Square Head, or, as it is sometimes called, "Harvest Queen."

Reports from Ontario Fall Wheat Growers.

Middlesex, N. R. R. NICHOLSON, Sylvan: —The American Bronze is the general favorite around here, as it stands up well, has good, long straw, and is a good yielder. The Manchester has also a good many friends in this vicinity. It is a fairly good yielder No new varieties have been tried, to my knowledge, in this neighborhood this year.

neighborhood this year. Oxford, N. R. H. BOLLERT, Cassel :--Nearly all varieties have stood the winter equally well this season. Most of the fields suffered some during the cold, wet weather in May, but on the whole a fair yield will be produced. The varieties most grown in this section are : Early Red Clawson, Surprise, Golden Cross, Velvet Chaff, Democratand Walker's Reliable, and from the appearance in the field, stand in the order named. I have a splendid piece of Genesee Giant ; it stands up well and has large, plump heads, which should yield well. I have a new variety, known as the Minnesota Reliable. I think it a very hardy wheat, and would recommend it for trial in sections where the softer varieties are not doing so well. Bruce, E. R.

Bruce, E. R. THOS. A. CHISHOLM, Dunkeld :--I take pleasure in being able to report a good crop of fall wheat in this vicinity. The kinds chiefly grown are the bald and bearded varieties of Velvet Chaff. There are also some good fields of Michigan Amber, and a promising field of Mediterranean, which has red chaff resembling Clawson.

Amber, and a promising field of Mediterranean, which has red chaff resembling Clawson. Huron, S. R. A. P. KETCHEN, Brucefield :--The crop outlook in this vicinity is, on the whole, encouraging. The varieties of fall wheat giving most promise are the Manchester and the Demo-crat, with the former a little in the lead on good, well-prepared land, but on soil of poorer quality the Democrat seems to do and, but on soil of poorer quality the Democrat seems to do use the best. Early Red Clawson and Canadian Velvet Chaff have the best. Early Red Clawson and Canadian Velvet Chaff have done well in some cases, but failed in others. The results with Surprise and Harvest Queen have been too variable to crowd out the older and better tested sorts. Wentworth, N. R. JAMES MCCORMACK, Rockton :--Of the well-known sorts, Red Clawson, Manchester, Golden Cross and Democrat have done about equally well this year. Harvest Queen was well spoken of when first introduced, but has depreciated in spoken of when first introduced, but has depreciated in that promises well. Most of wheat is rusted to a slight extent, because of the cold, wet spell in May and June, followed by extreme drouth and heat. Low RAPTLETT Oshawa :--The crop appears to be good in

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NORTHUMDERIANCE, E. R. JOHN B. STONE, Norham :- All varieties of fall wheat have ripened without rust, and the quality is first class. The Sur-prise is a favorite, and the old Clawson continues to do well. Velvet Chaff is a safe wheat to sow on high and dry land, but should not be sown on low, undrained soil. According to my tests of new varieties, I can recommend Genesee Giant and Dawson's Golden Chaff to growers in this vicinity.

Preparing Ground for Wheat Seeding.

The present state of the wheat market is having its effect in very materially lessening the wheat acreage; at the same time, where fall wheat can be grown successfully, many farmers are going to continue to sow a field or two each year. No doubt much of the crop will be fed this year, but the markets may improve before the harvest of '95 is taken off, and we are always glad of the abundant crop of straw that accompanies a crop of fall wheat. If the price be low, that is an additional reason why the greatest possible care should be taken to secure a large yield by sowing the best varieties and pursuing the best methods of cultiva-tion

tion. Mr. M. T. Cole gives his experience in the Michigan Farmer, from which we glean a few points:-There is a wide range of opinion in regard to the preparation of the seed bed. If wheat or oat stubble is to be ploughed, the sconer it is done the better, as pulverized land is more retentive of moisture than unploughed stubble land. A rain that will prepare it for seeding may not be sufficient to wet down more than two inches before plough-ing. In many sections ploughing is a difficult matter during the later summer months, and many farmers are finding out that surface cultiva-tion care he made to answer well in such cases tion can be made to answer well in such cases, while in mellow soils, surface stirring answers well while in mellow soils, surface surfing answers well every time. Why should we plough the land, then spend tedious days for both man and team in pack-ing and tramping to get a solid foundation for the wheat roots? Nearly all agree that a very fine seed bed is required on the surface, but doubt arises as to the most desirable condition further down. Lot to the most desirable condition further down. Last year a very heavy clay field, which had grown oats, was manured, and disk harrowed three times over, and a portion of the field was "ploughed at," but the ground was too hard to make a job of it. On part of the field no farmyard manure was spread, but 200 lbs. of superphosphate were sown, and the remainder of the field received 125 lbs. along with the farmyard manure. The crop was cut on July 7th, and promised a yield of about 20 bushels per acre, which wou'd have been much more except for the part that was pointed. the heavy spring rains. The part that was neither ploughed nor manured with farmyard manure was much the better. The varieties of wheat were Early Red Clawson and Winter Fife. When ground is quite dry below the surface at time of seeding, it should be sown very shallow. A light rain will bring up wheat sown near the surface that will only spoil the seed if down three or four inches. If the ground is moist below and dry on top, the wheat should be drilled down into the moisture. If wheat should be urined down into the indicates in the soil is in suitable condition, sow not deeper than two inches if possible. If ground is quite dry, it should be rolled immediately after sowing, but if moist enough to bring up the wheat, rolling is not necessary, except where very lumpy or uneven.

Plant Lice on Wheat.

In many fall wheat fields, this and last year, In many ran wheat herds, this and has year, have been noticed, about the time the heads were filling, numerous plant lice (Aphides). Some heads have been literally filled with them, naturally causing considerable anxiety among wheat growers; but when the crop has ripened, little injury has apparently been done the grain . But D has apparently been done the grain. Prof. Panton says of them that there is little to be feared, as they

Early Red Clawson shows a slight weakness of straw when grown on rich land, but while it is somewhat down on the plot, the straw is not broken but very little. Golden Drop and Golden Cross are both quite badly lodged, owing to excessive tillering and length of straw. In all probability these two pipe strawed wavietics will have to take a larger pink-strawed varieties will have to take a lower

place in the list for weighed bushels per acre. Fall oats and barley have been sown for several ran oats and barley have been sown for several years, but until this year there has been nothing but failure to report. This year's barley plot bore about half a crop of splendid grain; the heads are rather short, but very compact. The fall oats did not survive the winter survive the winter.

Various methods of growing wheat are being tested, such as drilling at different distances, different quantities sown per acre, sowing spring barley along with the wheat to act as a mulch, sowing choice selected seed and inferior seed. Each of these methods will be carefully reported on after

the actual results are known. In the vicinity of London there is, perhaps, as much or more good fall wheat grown as in any part of the Dervice New Vice Provide the State much or more good fall wheat grown as in any part of the Province. New varieties are liberally sown from year to year. Notwithstanding the hardships the crop has had to contend with, a splendid crop has just been harvested. Had this been a rusty wear there would have been a different tale told are year there would have been a different tale told concerning the crop, as germination did not take place last autumn in many localities for four or five weeks after sowing, which caused the crop to be somewhat later than usual, and in some cases thinner on what later than usual, and in some cases timmer on the ground. The continued wet spell in May and June also had an adverse effect, and, last of all, the very dry, hot weather just at the ripening season hurried maturity to the extent of shrinking the grain a little

because of routh and heat. Ontario. S. R. JOHN BARTLETT, Oshawa :- The crop appears to be good in this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. With this vicinity, although somewhat effected with leaf rust. Bronze appears to lead other varieties in yield of grain. The Bronze appears to lead other varieties in yield of grain. The old Clawson is largely sown here and seems to stand the winter well. Genesee Giant is highly spoken of by my neighbor; he thinks it is the coming wheat.

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Northumberland, E. R. WM. STILLMAN, Campbellford :--The American Bronze and Surprise are the best varieties in this vicinity. Jones' Winter Fife and Red Clawson are also grown quite succesfully, but the two former varieties are stiffer in the straw and better in head. Wheat was badly winter-killed, but all that survives promises well. promises well.

Peterborough, E. R.

Peterborough, E. R. F. BIRDSALL, Birdsall:—The Surprise is most sown in this immediate vicinity and looks well. The straw is of good length, and the heads long and well filled. I believe the Surprise to be and the heads long and well filled. I believe the Surprise to the the best variety grown in East Peterborough. Velvet Chaff is not nearly so good, although quite a bit is sown. Fall wheat acreage is not as large as usual, owing to the very low price of that product. More space is being devoted to coarse grains and fodders, as farmers are going into dairying and simply growing wheat as an adjunct. Dundas.

grain a little. LOCAL REPORTS. On the farm of Mr. Robt. McEwen, Manchester, is a splendid crop, there being seventeen acres
Dundas. ANNIE KYLE. North Winchester : -Very little winter wheat is grown in this vicinity, owing to severe winter frosts. Claw-is grown in this vicinity, owing to severe winter frosts. Claw-is grown in this vicinity, owing to severe winter frosts. Claw-Son is the only sort grown, and it looks remarkably well. Spring crops never looked better than they do this year.

says of them that there is note to be reared, as they have many insect foes, among which is the Lady Bird (*Coccinellæ*), whose eggs can frequently be found on the heads most affected with lice.

The Oldest Agricultural Society on the Continent.

The 104th annual report of the Kings County (N. S.) Agricultural Society has just been issued. It contains a large amount of valuable matter of general interest to all. This Society has for years followed the practice of furnishing its members, at trifling expense, good blood for improving their

live stock : "The Society owns or controls a number of good,

useful animals; as soon as one proves unsatis-factory, he is removed and succeeded by another even better, and in some cases, of another breed, which often proves an advantage to members. Our Society has provided its members with one Jersey and four Shorthorn bulls; one Shropshire ram, and four Berkshire, Chester and Yorkshire boars; ten sires in all. There are but a small percentage of the members who keep sheep (so this accounts for our Society supporting only one ram), and some of these Society supporting only one ram), and some of these prefer to keep a pure-bred for themselves. One member has a fine Shropshire ram, and another a Border Leicester. The latter are gaining a footing in the Province through the Government importa-tion of 18.1 and the Cheviots imported at the same tion of 1841, and the Cheviots imported at the same time are proving satisfactory. The Berkshire pigs used to be the favorites here, but the Yorkshire cross has given our farmers a good, lengthy hog, prolific sows, and, it might be added, plenty of squeal. We can now use a dash of Chester blood to

give bone and frame." The chairman of this notable old Society, Mr. A. G. Goodacre, lives at Grand-Pré, the scene of Longfellow's "Evangeline."

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The Industrial Fair.

As far as can be judged a month ahead of the opening day, the Toronto Industrial Fair continues to grow in popularity, and this year will present greater attractions and draw a larger crowd than ever. The people have faith in the Industrial because so far its promises have always been equalled by the performance. Those who are attracted by the announcements are always certain to find everything as it has been represented to them.

This year the prepartions are much further advanced than is usually the case at this season. Work has been actively carried on at the grounds to get all in readiness. The space in the neighborhood of the new stables and cattle sheds put up last year has been graded, and the whole of the portion of the grounds devoted to live stock placed in good condition. The management of the Fair claim credit for providing the best and most improved accommodation for cattle, horses, and other stock of any fair on the continent. This is an important inducement to owners of fine stock to exhibit it at the Industrial. The attention which has been given to providing adequate and suitable accommodation for the stock has doubtless done much to add to the popularity of the Fair with farmers and stock raisers.

There is no point in the management of an exhibition of more consequence than securing judges of the right class, men having an expert knowledge of the subject, and at the same time of sufficient reputation and prominence to prevent the suspicion of favoritism or bias. Infinite trouble has been taken to preserve the reputation which the Industrial enjoys for the fairness of its awards, and, as can readily be imagined, it is a task of no light magnitude to obtain for the position of judges men who are qualified in all respects, and at the same time willing to undertake the responsibilities of the post. Last week the committees on horses, cattle, pigs and sheep, and fruit, made the appointments in these departments. The selections made are such, in point of both capacity and integrity, as will be a guarantee to exhibitors of the intelligence and fairness of their decisions. The horse committee also arranged the programme for the running and trotting contests.

In order to stimulate competition and obtain large fields of horses in connection with the leading events, the amounts offered as purses have been augmented.

The alteration recently noted, by which the dairy and agricultural product classes of exhibits will be on view throughout the Fair, meets with general approval. Those who intend competing in these departments should bear in mind that the change entails the necessity of forwarding their exhibits so as to reach the Fair by the 5th of September. In the live stock and dairy departments, the entries must positively be made by the 11th August, while for grain, field roots and horticultural exhibits, the 18th of August is the last day.

18th of August is the last day. The cheap excursions organized from all points on the railways will make it possible for the people to visit the Fair in spite of the prevalence of hard times. The very economy which most people necessarily exercise naturally induces them to spend their money where they will get the greatest return for a small outlay.

Central Canada Exhibition.

The Central Canada Exhibition will be held at Ottawa, from Sept. 21st to 29th, this being the seventh year of its existence. The management are to be congratulated upon increasing the amount of prizemoney and the number of valuable gold medals offered. We notice that the Dairy Department is made a special feature, the prizes therein being increased from \$250 to \$600, and a special building provided for Dairy purposes; a new class is added for "Quebec Jerseys" or "Canadian Cattle"—a small class, but if the exhibit this year will justify it the Association will give a full class next year. A new class is added for Tamworth swine. Prizes are increased for mares with foal; the poultry prizes are increased; the Ladies' Department will have many special improvements, glass show cases being provided for fancy work exhibits. A special roadway is being made to the machinery buildings, the latter being largely increased and improved. Mr, E. McMahon, Ottawa, is the secretary.

Constructing Floors. Soon after harvest, and before the press of later work comes on, is an excellent time to look carefully over and put in rapair poultry houses, hog pens, stables for horses, cattle, etc. If put off till later, another winter may be on, and the work still undone. In many instances the great lack seems to be a proper floor. This is particularly true of hog pens and cattle stables. As has frequently been shown in the Apvocate, these floors should be

down on the solid ground. In saving every particle of manure, in durability, ease with which it may be cleaned, and economy, the cement concrete floor has given cattlemen and others the best of satisfaction.

In the last issue of the ADVOCATE, we laid before our readers some valuable information as to the building of walls, gathered from the long experience of Mr. Isaac Usher, of Thorold, Ont. Since then we have had the opportunity of seeing a large floor being laid under Mr. Usher's direction. In the first place, a substantial bottom was secured-in this case it was gravelly. On the mixing platform, five parts of good, clean, sharp, coarse gravel were mixed, thoroughly dry, with one part of Queenston cement. Water was next added, the mixing going on thoroughly all the while, until it reached the con sistency of a good, stiff mortar. (It must not be "sloppy.") About one and a half inches of this was then laid down and well rammed with a smooth ram about six inches square. Another inch and a half was laid on this and also firmly rammed down The floor was then finished with a coat, one inch thick, composed of from one and a-half to two parts to one of cement. A plasterer's trowel was sand used in working the surface into a good, smooth condition. A strip about three feet wide (just so the man with the trowel could reach handily over it) was laid right across the building at a time. A smoooth scantling was set on each to keep the outside square.

A good many make the mistake of using too much water in laying cement floors, though in very hot, dry weather, a little more is usually necessary. When finished, the floor in question presented a splendid appearance. For hogs and cattle, Mr. Usher says he would make no difference; but in the case of horses, sharp-shod, where stone flags can be obtained, it is an advantage to lay the centre of the stall with flagstones, bedding them in the cement concrete. Mr. Usher states that a first-class cement floor for stock can be put down at a cost of four or five cents per square foot; and, properly laid, it is there for a lifetime. It is essential that the work be done early enough in the season so that the floor will be thoroughly "set" before frosty weather begins.

DAIRY.

Judging Dairy Products.

BY J. W. WHEATON, SECRETARY D A. W. O.

The fall exhibitions will soon be on hand, at which our cheese and buttermakers will be competing for the prizes given for dairy products. Already the prize lists are distributed and the manner of judging placed before intending exhibitors. It is not possible, therefore, to make any radical changes in the methods of awarding prizes this year, but it may be profitable to draw attention to one or two new methods of judging, which have been

adopted elsewhere. The New York State Fair, to be held at Syracuse in September, has adopted a new plan of awarding prizes for dairy products. It is something after the manner of granting awards at the World's Fair. Both butter and cheese are judged by points. All that score more than 94 points will be given prizes, and no exhibit of cheese or butter will be awarded a prize unless it scores above 94 points. The scale of points is the same as that used at Chicago. The number of points scored by each exhibit above 94 shall be added together, and the whole amount of money set apart for prizes in the class shall be divided by this sum, which will determine the unit value of each point. Then, by multiplying this unit of value by the number of points above 94 scored by each exhibit, it will show the amount of the prize to which the exhibitor will be entitled. This method seems to have many advantages over the old methods of awarding prizes for dairy produce. It fixes a standard to which all exhibits have to come before receiving a prize. It enables all exhibitors whose goods are worthy of a prize to get one, no matter how many exhibts there are. It does not do away with the stimulus to keen competition, as the exhibit scoring the largest number of points over 94 will secure the largest prize. Hoard's Dairyman recommends another change and advocates that in judging butter or cheese by a scale of points the percentage system be adopted throughout. That is, instead of assigning an arbitrary number of points--as, for example, in cheese, of 45 for flavor, 30 for texture, 15 for color and 10 for finish have each sub-division scored on a scale of 100 for perfect. Then, for example, if there were three judges acting, a score card might be marked as follows:

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On this scale of 100 points, it is claimed that no one will be able to discriminate and detect a difference that does not amount at least to 5 points

Although it is too late to make any radical changes in the method of awarding prizes at our leading exhibitions this year, yet something might be added to the present methods which would be beneficial to exhibitors and to the promoters of the dairy industry. Could not score cards be used in judging, and be given or sent to each exhibitor, con-taining the number of points given by the judges for each sub-division, and showing the total number of points which his exhibit has scored? This would be beneficial in showing each one wherein and to what extent his cheese or butter was lacking in quality, and what were the good features it pos-sessed. Every exhibitor would then feel that he was being fairly dealt with, and would know the reason why his cheese or butter secured the prize or why it did not. If this were done it would induce many dairymen to send exhibits, not so much for the sake of getting a prize, but for the purpose of finding out the exact merits and defects of their style of manufacturing. It would afford more system and more method in judging and be a great help to the judges in making their awards. Printed score cards of this kind will in all probability be used in judging dairy products at the Western Fair this fall, and be sent to each exhibitor at the close of the Exhibition. Other leading exhibitions would profit by doing the same thing, and be the means of rendering valuable assistance to the dairy trade.

Every cheese and buttermaker who contemplates exhibiting this fall should endeavor to have his goods as fine in quality and as neatly finished as possible. Our dairy products, and especially cheese, have a very high reputation in point of quality. The dairy goods sent to our fall fairs are always considered to be a fair sample of the goods made throughout the country. Therefore, every effort should be put forth to have them as fine in quality as possible, so that visitors to our leading exhibitions may be thoroughly impressed, not only with the importance of our dairy industry as regards the quantity, but with the quality as well.

No exhibitor should depend upon chance to get a prize, but should provide himself with the best quality of milk to be had, and then, by adopting the very best methods of manufacture, and by putting his skill and intelligence into the thing, endeavor to turn out such a product as will be a credit to himself. Then, if he does not stand on the top at the competition, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has been beaten by someone who has had a little better quality of raw material, and has shown a little more skill and knowledge of his business.

A Lazy Dairyman's Resort.

In looking through the files of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE recently, we observed the following, which we deem of sufficient importance to reproduce from the Dairy Department of our issue of October, 1891 :--

"MILK PRESERVATIVES."

"In a small pamphlet, entitled 'Instructions to the Patrons of Creameries' Association of Ontario, the use of a substance called 'Preservaline' is recommended where Saturday night's milk is to be held over till Monday morning. Many other suggestions in this circular are excellent, but this we cannot endorse for several reasons. In the first place, the use of these so-called 'preservalines' is not necessary, and is apt to prove a lazy man's resort to cover up the consequences of filth or carelessness in handling the milk after it comes from the cows. Many of the largest patron's of our cheese factories and creameries are able to keep milk pure and sweet from Saturday night till Monday morning by means of thorough aeration, cooling and proper care subsequently, and others can do the same. Once a dairy farmer gets the idea that by pouring a quantity of 'Preservaline' into his can of milk it can be kept from souring or developing taint, then good-bye to that scrupulous and rational care that all milk should receive, if choice and wholesome butter and cheese is to be produced. Those who have at heart the interests of dairying in this country should oppose anything and everything tending to carelessness or uncleanliness. In the last place, 'Preservaline' has been found, on analysis by competent chemists, to contain large quantities of boracic acid, which is quite injurious to health-in fact, so much so that its use has been condemned by eminent authorities, and forbidden in various Earopean countries. Unscrupulous milkmen in cities and towns, during hot weather, have been detected resorting to such antiseptics as boracic acid, utterly regardless of the well-being of infants and invalids, of whose food milk constitutes such an mportant part. Such compounds should be rigidly banished from the farm dairy." Similar advice has been given by the ADVOCATE upon other occasions in past years, nor is it amiss to epeat it during the present hot season. In fact, there appears to be special reason for doing so, as there has been renewed activity on the part of the "Preservaline" people of late in pushing their preparations. It is not long since we rejected a goodsized advertisement from one of these concerns, for the reason that we believed it would ultimately

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For Breachy Cattle.

We have very little sympathy for farmers who have not provided for dried-up pastures; but now they are caught in a trap, they will, in all probability, have a few breachy cows struggling for an existence. However, our good nature will not allow us to withhold any good thing even from those improvident ones. The Practical Dairyman and Dairy Stock Journal recommends a plan which ought to be effectual : -

"Procure an ordinary five-ring leather halter and surcingle, and put them on the offender. Then get a stick five feet long and of a size not easily broken, hore a hole in one end and another from two and a half to three feet from it. Fix the end to the surcingle and fasten the other to the leading ring of the halter with a string, long enough to keep the stick about level when the cow has her head up. It will project about two feet in front of her, and effectually keep her from getting over fences, and at the same time be of no hindrance in feeding and drinking."

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prove detrimental to the interests of our readers. We have sacrificed hundreds of dollars' worth of advertising in the past, because we had good reason to believe that what was attempted to be advertised in our columns did not deserve commendation; and in the end, what would injure our readers would indirectly prove detrimental to ourselves.

We are pleased to note that some of our dairy, live stock and agricultural contemporaries in the United States are now doing commendable work in following up this subject and condemning the use of these alleged "preservatives," which. though not new, have a faculty of renewing their youth from time to time. Prof. Henry, of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station, is also to be commended for dealing out some vigorous and sensible advice on this subject.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[In order to make this department as useful as possible, parties enclosing stamped envelopes will receive answers by mail, in cases where early replies appear to us advisable; all enquiries, when of general interest, will be published in next succeeding issue, if received at this office in sufficient time. Enquirers must in all cases attach their name and address in full, though not necessarily for publication.]

Miscellaneous.

MILKING MACHINES.

JOSEPH R. TAYLOR, Taylor Village, N.B.:-"Will you please inform me, through your valuable paper, if there are any good milking machines made. If so, where and for what price can they be obtained?"

Up to the present date no sufficiently reliable milking machines to authorize our recommenda-tion have come before our notice. There are milking machines manufactured, but of their practical value we know nothing. Sometimes a cow with one tough teat can be milked with a milk syphon or milking tube, but even the use of these is discouraged by veterinarians. A valuable breeding cow, that is tough to milk, can be made useful in suckling a couple of calves; or, if this is not practicable, she had betten be fitted up for the butter. had better be fitted up for the butcher.]

WHEAT AS A FOOD FOR STOCK.

ARTHUR SPENCER, Brooklyn, Ont.:-"Would some of the readers of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, who have had experience in feeding wheat, kindly give what they consider the most successful methods of feeding it to horses, milking cows and hoge?'

[We invite correspondence in reply to the fore going query. Practical letters on this subject will be helpful to many of our readers.]

PRODUCING COCKERELS OR PULLETS AT WILL.

J. B. T., Taunton, Ont. :-"Would you kindly inform me, through your Questions and Answers column of the ADVOCATE, whether there is any reliable method of producing pullets or cockerels at will, by the selection of eggs?

[The selection of eggs is guided by the fact that eggs producing pullets are almost invariably smooth and shorter in proportion than such as produce cockerels, which latter in nine cases out of ten are distinguished by a wringled appearance at the small end of the shell. Repeated experiment has satisfied me as to the correctness of this rule.

REV. J. H. HARRIS, Brooklyn, Ont.]

VETERINARY.

Dentition and Dental Diseases of Farm Animals.

BY DR. MOLE, M. R. C. V. S., TORONTO. (Continued from page 284.)

PART IV.-THE AGE OF THE PIG.

The pig's mouth is very large, the fossives ex-tending backward, the upper lip blends with the snout, forming the nasal disk, sometimes called the button, from the two holes or nostrils; the under jaw is short and pointed ; and it is one of the few existing animals which retain the typical number and variety of teeth, forty-four in number, consisting of 12 incisors, 4 canines and 28 molars, 12 pre-molars and 16 true-molars. The 6 incisors differ from each other in a remarkable degree; the two central and two lateral in the upper jaw resemble the horse, by having a date cavity or infundibulum, while the corners closely resemble those of the dog, having a fleur-de-lis shape; they are isolated and small in proportion to the other four. The incisors in the lower jaw are long, nearly straight, project forward, somewhat resembling the teeth of the rodent or incisors of the hare; the lower corners are isolated, but smaller than those of the upper. The canine teeth, temporary and permanent, are well de-veloped, especially in the male, having the character of true tusks. They are generally miscalled tushes; the lower are the largest and curve outward, for-ward, upwards and backwards; the upper tusks pass outwards and downwards; are three-sided, destitute of enamel on the posterior surface, and by

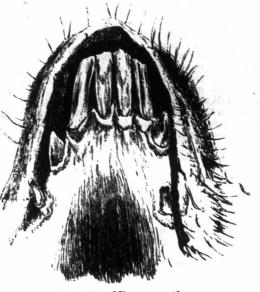
reason of this wear obliquely to a point. The molars vary in shape, gradually increasing in size from the first to the last, which is large and strong; they resemble more the teeth of the human subject, being mixed between herbiverous and carniverous. The first on each side are permanent; the next three are temporary, and the remaining three permanent.

Although there are some few exceptions to the rule of the development of the teeth of farm animals, the exceptions are always in favor of the exhibitor, but of all animals none are so free from dental irregularities as the pig, and the evidence of age, which a skilled observer may obtain from a careful examination, may be accepted as free from any suspicion of error ; but we have met with many who think that they know all that can be taught on this subject and then be in error.

We saw a pig entered at the last Toronto Exhibition as being only one year old, with four central permanent incisors well up and laterals just developing. He did not win a prize, so that it was of no consequence.

The teeth of the pig as indicative of the age: He is born with eight teeth, four corner incisors and four tusks well developed, as may be seen in figure 24.

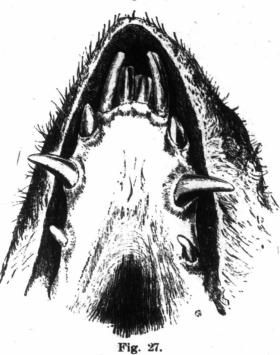




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Fig. 26.-Nine months.

At one year old the central incisors are said to be cut by many breeders, but we have often found the temporary teeth in position, and always carefully look for the anterior temporary molar.



Central permanent incisors and tusks of pig at 1 year

At one year and three months the first, second and third molars are up, but their sharp points have not become worn; these teeth offer confimatory evidence in all cases of doubt, where the incisors are too fully developed for the recorded age. At eighteen months the sixth molar is cut, the

lateral temporary incisors are being changed for permanent, although they frequently remain until the animal is one year and six months old.

REMEDY FOR GRASSHOPPERS

D. T. J.:-"Would you kindly inform me, through the medium of your paper, whether land plaster would have any effect in checking the ravages of grasshoppers on turnips?"

[Land plaster alone would have little or no effect on grasshoppers. One pound of Paris green, mixed with fifty of plaster and dusted over the turnips, would have the desired effect. It would be well to have it done when there is dew on the leaves, as the powder will then stick better. The most convenient way of applying this powder is to make a bag of cheese-cloth, or some other light material which will let the powder through easily, and put about two pounds of powder in the bag, leaving enough slack at the top to allow it to be shaken freely.

JAMES FLETCHER, Entomologist, Ottawa.

COMPTONIA ASPLENIFOLIA.

DUNCAN MCKENZIE, St. George : - "I enclose a twig for identification and nature. When can it be transplanted?

[This plant belongs to the order Myricacea-an ornamental, hardy, deciduous shrub, requiring peat earth and a shady situation; propagated by layers, which should be put down in autumn. Flowers are in whitish catkins, which come out in April; leaves are simply alternate, having tooth-like edges; grows from 3 ft. to 4 ft. high. The shrub is commonly known as Sweet Fern, although it is not a fam at all. It has a place in scientific classifier. a fern at all. It has a place, in scientific classifica-tion, near the birches, and it is a close relation of the bay berry or wax myrtle, and the sweet gale. A fluid extract of the plant is used for diarrhoea.

JOHN DEARNESS, I. P. S., London.]

Telegraphic advices from Winnipeg state that twenty-one head of cattle on the Brandon (Man.) Experimental Farm, originally stocked with pure-breds from the Central Farm at Ottawa, have been slaughtered, owing to the existence of tuberculosis.

They have very much the appearance of small tusks, are situated at the side of the mouth so as not to injure the nipple of the sow when suckling. (See figure 24).

The tongue of the young pig is fringed along its border, and, as in the act of sucking the organ it is doubled along the middle, these fringes overlap and grasp the nipple so hard that when the sow rises the young pig will be often seen hanging to the teats. This arrangement probably protects the teats of the sow against injury from the pointed teeth of the young. At one month the temporary second and third molars are well developed, whilst the central incisors and first molars are being cut. At two months signs may be seen of the lateral incisors, when they should be weaned from the dam. At three months the temporary teeth are fully developed, although not quite level. The corner



Fig. 25. Three months.

teeth and tusks are further removed than at birth, owing to the growth of jaw. At five months there are signs of cutting the pre-molars, as well as the fourth, which is remarkably regular in its appear-ance. At nine months the corner permanent incisors are well up and the tusks may be through the current of the second the second the

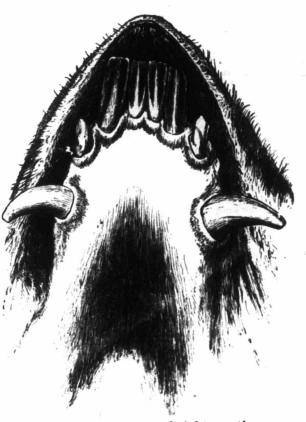


Fig. 28.—One year and eight months.

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as well as the lateral incisors and sixth molar. At two years the lateral incisors are quite level with the centrals and are worn at their edges; the sixth molar stands quite free from contact with the angle of the jaw; indication of wear may be observed on the upper surface of the other molars, and the dentition may be said to be completed After this time the age of the female can only be judged by the wear and general appearances. In the boar the tusks will not have attained their greatest size.

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It is a remarkable fact that sows more frequently produce monsters of deformity than any other of our domestic animals, especially of the head and arranging a house so that while it gives some teeth.

POULTRY.

" Turks" in Midsummer.

BY E. JOHNSTON.

By this time, the woman who is raising turkeys for reveaue should begin to feel that her burden is for revenue should begin to feel that her burden is growing lighter. The young birds should be old enough, if hatched early, to look out for themselves in bright weather, and, under the marshalship of the mother turk, may be found far afield, gleaning the stubble and growing rapidly on the scattered grain and insects they pick up. A flock of turkeys is the best grasshopper destroyer that can be im-agined—beats the Western "hopper gatherer" out of sight. The turkey is worth its board on any farm, simply on account of its insatiate appetite for insects. for insects.

They seem to require less water than common hens; at least, they seek it less frequently, but when they come up at night for the few handfuls of grain that constitute a perhaps unnecessary supper, yet are worth giving in order to establish the habit of coming home every night, see to it that there is fresh water convenient. Now wheat is so cheap it may be substituted for corn for the night's feed.

Sick fowls of any kind are a nuisance. They are troublesome to handle, and have a bad habit of dying in spite of you. So the best way is to keep them healthy. Pure water, suitable food, ample range and care in wet weather help to banish sickness. A sick turkey is about equal to a dead one. They sometimes get the gapes when quite young, especially during a period of cold, damp weather. Most authorities consider gapes a disease contracted from association with common fowls thus affected. By foraging on the same ground and drinking from the same dishes, the turks pick up the eggs of the worm that causes the disease. Both classes of fowls thrive best apart, so it is worth some trouble to keep them separate. If they get gapes, the only cure is to remove the worm. Some poultrymen get so they can do this quite deftly with a loop of horse-hair put down the throat, but the novice generally kills a few iu "getting the hang of it." A little Persian insect powder blown into the throat causes sneezing, which dialoderes the worm it bains powelword by the dislodges the worm, it being paralyzed by the powder. I have not been troubled with

gapes in my flock but once. At the first appearance (I may say I visit the broods a dozen times a day, especially to see that they are all right), the two gaping ones were quarantined, and in half an hour the whole family were moved, "bag and baggage," to an entirely fresh location. The sick ones getting no better, I experi-mented with the horse-hair loop I had seen recommended. It is a conundrum Then whitewash coops and scald the drinking and food dishes. If the run cannot be dug over, sprinkle it plentifully with fresh lime.

You see, you must make up your mind that feternal vigilance is the price of young turkeys."

Plans for a Poultry House.

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The farmer with one breed, or his ordinary barnyard fowls, will have little difficulty or expense in

made to the barn, and should be to the south. A slide admits the fowls from A to B. On the floor of this scratching-house (B) is 21 feet of dry sand, fine gravel, fine coal cinders, ashes, lime and grit in the shape of ground oyster shells, broken mottar or plaster, pieces of old crockery broken up, and any other substances calculated to make the conditions as like those of the outside run, of the open season, as like those of the outside run, of the open season, as possible. The floor should be of boards or earth, but it must be kept perfectly dry. A narrow trough, 2 or 2½ inches wide, should be attached to the wall, from which soft feed can be properly fed. The object of this scratching-house is to keep layers busy all day and as much as possible out of the house, A, where they are only wanted to go to roost in ond to lay. A fain sized window or window in and to lay. A fair-sized window or windows should be in the south wall, so as to admit as much sunlight as possible.

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The houses can be made as large or small as the number of hens require, always allowing four square feet for each hen, at least, in the scratching-room, and 8 to 10 inches roosting room for hens of medium and small size.

A-1. Platform.

- Support for roosts, with notch.
- Entrance to nests under platform.
 Slide door to scratching-house.
- B-1. Window facing south. 2. String with cabbage attached.
 - Space for straw, sand, gravel, etc., and to

be let down below. Diagram No. 2 shows ground plan of end of the barn, with the roosting and laying-room and scratching-room attached.

I is the platform and roosts, with the nest boxes underneath. This platform need not run all the length of the room. Indeed, the room might be made smaller and warmer at night by making the platform into smaller lengths and running them crossways, or from north or south. 2 are the slides to allow a cess to the scratching-

room. In a smaller house, one or two might do. 3 and 4 are doors opening into the apartments.

5 is a side door to get in and out of the room for scratching, to clean up, etc. If this door can be done without, so much the better, as every opening admits cold.

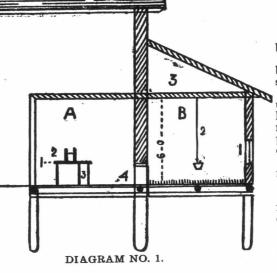
The back of the platform should have a hinged lid, from which the eggs can be taken from the nests.

Mr. B. Brown, Frankville, asks whether a hen house should have a loft. We would recommend quite as much loft room as is shown in Diagram 1, 3, and more would do no harm, as in such a case the building will be much less susceptible to sudden variations of temperature.

Continuous Showing and Its Effects Upon the Birds.

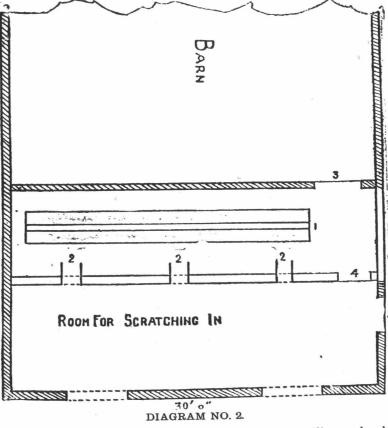
In the first place, birds that are intended for continuous exhibition should be kept for the time from keep them as comfortable as possible during that the breeding-pen. Their comfort and health should be watched over with the keenest atten-

tion. Extra stimulating food will be required, and a little artificial treatment necessary. As the illness of poultry, especially show birds, generally commences suddenly, it will be well to be prepared with the necessary remedies from the commencement. Tonics, diarrhœa and roup medicines are essential, and sulphate of iron for their drinking water-which should be given at least twice weeklymust not be forgotten. Exhibitors should never go to a show without crushed shells and grit, as many show societies, although professing to carefully feed and attend to the birds, often neglect this essential item. Green food, such as lettuce or cabbage, the former preferred, should be given when the show lasts over one day. These can invariably be procured in the neighborhood where the show is held, and should not be forgotten. Only a small supply of hard grain should be given, as the birds being kept in close confinement their digestive organs are not so strong as when at liberty. Another matter of importance is to prevent the birds catching cold, either on the journey to or from, or when in the show; therefore, well-lined, secure hampers should be provided for them to travel in, and when at the show the exhibitor should notice the position of the pen his should notice the position of the per mis-bird is placed in, and should it be near an open door or other draughty place, he should at once take steps to have it shaded by a piece of canvas or something of the kind, as many a good bird has been lost through catching cold in this way. In spite of these precautions birds will occasion-In spite of these precautions birds will occasion-ally show symptoms of the effects of over-showing, become dull and listless, and gradually lose bloom and brightness both in face and plumage. In such cases the bird should be immediately taken from the show pen for a spell or holiday, and specially fed for a while as follows :--Give soaked bred and milk, squeezing out the milk as much as possible from the crumbs, with which mix a raw egg, break-ing up the shell and all, and adding a little ginger and sugar, with a sprinkling of maze meal.--Australasian. Australasian.



warmth to the layers at night, which is very desir-able, it will also afford room to range, scratch and dust in during the day, and so prevent the vicious practices of feather and egg-eating.

Pian No. 1 represents a house and addition that can be added to the end or side of a barn, facing south. A small portion of "A," of the end of the barn, is partitioned off for the roosting and layingroom. The ceiling is made low, under which is a platform and roost, so placed as to economise the animal heat of the fowls during cold nights, and





whether the treatment or the gapes killed them; anyhow, they died.

If roup appears, separate the sick birds, and put the well ones in a new location also. See that the new quarters are dry and warm. Roup is a good deal like a bad cold; and it can be treated better than gapes. I have never been quite able to make up my mind whether the disease is contagious or not. That a number of birds are taken with it at once does not prove it contagious, for the conditions which gave one bird a cold would naturally affect others, and unless the cause were removed they would keep coming down with it.

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There area good many remedies advised; some of them, I think, as dangerous as the disease. Prevention is safety. In wet weather keep your chicks dry, and be sure the roof of the coop doesn't leak, and that there are no cracks to let the wind whistle through. Confinement is so had for them that advantage should be taken of every bit of sunshine to let them out. Give them a little meat sprinkled with cayenne, and put a few drops of carbolic acid in the drinking water.

Cholera is the most dreaded of all poultry diseases. It is most frequently due to improper and unwholesome food. At the first symptoms of diarrhora, give them a few drops of spiced syrup of rhubarb and a little powdered chalk in milk. Then change the food entirely, restricting the supply at baked, is good for them. To make it just right for the little fellows, crumb it, moisten it with water or sweet milk, squeeze it dry as possible, and it is ready for them. As a preventive of disease, a few drops of Douglas' mixture in a little milk may be fed them every week.

No matter what disease breaks out, isolate the sick birds and remove the well ones to a new location.

period. The roost should be a 2x4 inch. scantling, broad side down, and placed 10 or 12 inches over a platform, which should be 2½ feet wide and 18 inches from the ground. Under this platform the nests should be arranged, so that by boarding the front of the platform the nests will be kept dark, the object of which is to offer no inducements to the hens to stay in or about them after the egg is laid, and to keep the other hens from seeing the eggs. After keeping themselves comparatively warm by scratching busily all day, the layers re-quire some warmth during the night, and in most poultry houses that is the very time they are the

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Story from the Diary of a Doctor. BY THE AUTHORS OF "THE MEDICINE LADY."

WITHOUT WITNESSES.

WITHOUT WITNESSES. In the October of 1830 I went to pay a short visit to my friends, the Brabazons, of Penporran, in Cornwall. I could only spare a 'week out of town, and looked forward to my visit with the pleasure which a busy man must feel when he can relax his labors for a short time. Brabazon was an old college friend, and on the first even-ing of my stay we had many memories to revive and many friends to talk over. We sat until the small hours in his smok-fing-room, and it was early morning before we retired to bed. Just as I was leaving the room, he said to me: "By the way, you will find some disturbing elements at "By the way, you will find some disturbing elements at owork here. I know you are fond of attributing everything to some psychological cause. I wonder what you will say to the love affairs of Randall, Carleton, and Miss Farnham." I naturally asked what my host meant. "Randall and Carleton are both desperately in love with the same girl," he replied. "Did you not notice the state of affairs this evening at dinner ?" "I naturally noticed Miss Farnham," I answered at once. "It would be difficult not to be attracted by so striking a personality."

"Barbara Farnham is, without exception, the most danger-"Barbara Farnham is, without exception, the most danger-ous girl of my acquaintance," replied Brabazon, with a slight laugh. "Before her advent on the scene, Randall and Carleton were the best possible friends. Now they are at daggers

were the pest possible intents. Now they are at daggets drawn." "I confess I did not particularly observe them." I answered. "Oh, they are just ordinary good young fellows," replied Brabazon. "I am sorry for Carleton, of oourse, for I don't think he has the ghost of a chance with Miss Farnham. He is not particularly good looking, and he has the misfortune to be poor. Randall is a handsome lad, and has considerable expec-tations. His father is Lord Hartmore. But the fact is, I don't think the girl means to marry either of them.—she is simply playing one against the other for her own ends. She is a hand-some witch, and a dangerous one. She plays as careleesly with edged tools—as carelessly and unconcernedly—as a baby would with its rattle."

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mansion. Two young men were in love with the same girl. Surely the situation was a very ordinary one. Such a complication happened daily. I wondered why Brabazon should have troubled himself to monitor such as ordinary event, but as I was dronning off to

I wondered why Brabazon should have troubled himself to mention such an ordinary event, but as I was dropping off to sleep, I saw rising up before me, in my mind's eye, the proud, beautiful face of Barbara Farnham, and a kind of intuition told me that these commonplace incidents might assume the form of traggedy in her cruel and careless hands. I dreamt of Miss Farnham that night, and came down to breakfast the next morning with my curiosity considerably aroused about her. She was in the room when I entered, and was idly helping

aroused about her. She was in the room when I entered, and was idly helping herself to a cup of coffee, which she carried to a distant window where a small table was also laid for breakfast. She sat down, and, sipping it leisurely, looked around with a careless glance. Her eyes fell on me—she smiled and motioned to me to approach.

where a small table way looked around with a careless glance. and, sipping it leisurely, looked around with a careless glance. Her eyes fell on me—she smilled and motioned to me to approach. "Pray bring your breakfast to this table," she said, in a "glance coming. I adore doctors, particularly if they are clever. Are you going to ride this morning?" I answered in the affirmative, and asked her if she was fond of horses. "Fond!" she replied, a flash of added warmth lighting up her peculiar red-brown eyes. "I am going to whisper a secret to you—I never could compare horses and human beings. I consider the horse the infinitely nobler creature of the two." I laughed, and we entered into an animated conversation.

long eyelashes. The eyes were capable of every shade of expression, and could be at times as eloquent and as full of meaning as those of that bewitching creature, the collie. Her eyebrows were dark and delicately pencilled. Her hair was tawny in shade—she had quantities of it, and she wore it picturesquely round her stately, statuesque head. In some lights that brilliantly colored hair looked as if a sunbeam had been imprisoned in it. Her complexion was of a warm, creamy whiteness. Her figure was slight and gracetul. But for her eyes she might have been simply remarked as a handsome girl; but those eyes made her beautiful, and lifted her completely out of the commonplace. We had nearly finished breakfast, when I was startled by seeing Randall suddenly press his hand to his eyes, and turn so white that I thought he was going to lose consciousness. He recovered himself almost immediately, however, and so completely that no one else remarked the circumstance. Miss Farnham rose from the breakfast-table. "I am going to ride with you, Dr. Halifax," she said, nodding brightly to me. "I shall come downstairs in my habit in half an hour."

nodding brightly to me. "I shall come downstairs in my nave in half an hour." She was crossing the room to speak to some of the other guests, when Carleton came up to her. "I want to say something to you," he said—"can we go to some room where we shall be quite undisturbed ?" His words were distinctly audible, not only to me, but to several other people in the room. Randall in particular heard them, and I could see that he was waiting anxiously for the reply. "I want to ride this morning — I have no time for private confidences," replied Miss Farnham in a distinctly vexed tone. "I won't keep you long," replied Carleton—"what I have to say is of great importance, at least to me." "I will give you ten minutes after lunch; will that suffice?" "Five minutes now will do better. I am very much in

"I won't keep you long," replied Carleton — "what I have to say is of great importance, at least to me." "I will give you ten minutes after lunch; will that suffice?" "Five minutes now will do better. I am very much in earnest when I make this request." "Very well," said Miss Farnham, in a light tone; "importu-nate people generally have their way. Come into the conser-vatory — there is a rose there on which I have set my heart; it is too high for me to reach." Shelfeft the room as shespoke, and Carleton quickly followed her. As they disappeared, I noticed more than one guest looking significantly after them. Carleton's pluck was dis-tinctly approved of — I could see that by the expression on some of the ladies' faces— and one, as she passed close to Randall's side, was heard to murmur, audibly: "Faint heart never won fair lady." Randall came up to me and asked me to join him in a smoke on the balcony. As we walked up and down, he talked cheer-fully, and, whatever anxiety he may inwardly have felt, was careful not to betray a trace of it. In less than half an hour Miss Farnham joined us. She was in a dark brown riding-habit, which toned perfectly with her rich and peculiar coloring. Her spirits were gay, not to say wild, and the warm, creamy whiteness of her face seemed to glow now as if with hidden fire. "Are you not ready for your ride ?" she said, looking at me with a certain reproach. "The horses will be round in less than ten minutes. It is a splendid morning for a gallop. You are coming close to her side as he spoke, "that you arranged to ride with Rionald Carleton this morning ?" "That is off," she replied, in a light tone. "Mr. Carleton has, I believe, another engagement." The balcony on which we were walking led round to one of the entrances to the house. At this morning ?" "That is off," she replied, in a light tone. "Mr. Carleton has, I believe, another engagement." The balcony on yeich we were walking led round to one of the entrances to the house. At this morning ?" "Not this morning. I think,"

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Randall. "Thanks, I think I know what I'm about," replied Carle-ton, with evident temper. "Quiet, you brute, quiet," he con-tinued, vainly endeavoring to restrain the movements of the impatient animal. "I tell you, that mare won't stand the curb," shouted "I tell you, that mare won't stand the curb," shouted Randall. "Give her her head, and she'll do anything you ask her. I know, for I've often ridden her." "When I require a riding lesson from you, I'll inform you of the fact," answered Carleton, in a sulky voice, which was rendered almost ridiculous by the frantic movements of the mare, now thoroughly upset.

rendered almost ridiculous by the france motion more mare, now thoroughly upset. Miss Farnham, who had been standing in the background, came up at this juncture, and took her place conspicuously by Randall's side. "Mr. Randall is right and you are wrong," she exclaimed. "It is absolutely cruel to ride that mare on the curb." "It is absolutely cruel to ride that mare on the curb." Carleton looked up with a scowl, which anything but im-proved him. He would not even glance at Miss Farnham, but his eyes flashed an angry fire at his more fortunate rival. "Of course, Randall is right," he exclaimed. "All the odds are in his favor."

I did not feel inclined to pursue the subject any further with this somewhat garrulous lady. After a pause, I remark-"Miss Farnham looks tired, and does not seem in her usual ed : spirits

pirits." Miss Derrick shrugged her thin shoulders. "What else can you expect ?" she answered. "Barbara is creature of moods. She was quite *exaltic* all the morning; ow she will be correspondingly dull until a fresh wave of ex-

now she will be correspondingly dull until a fresh wave of ex-citement raises her spirits." At this moment the signal for the ladies to withdraw was given. After their departure, Carleton and Randall found themselves sitting closer together. I noticed that neither man spoke to the other, and al o observed that after a time Carleton deliberately changed his seat for one at a distant part of the table. We did not sit long over wine under the seat of the site of the site

the table. We did not sit long over wine, and when we came into the We aid not sit long over wine, and when we came into the drawing-room a lady was playing some classical music with precision and sufficient brilliancy to attract several musical men to the vicinity of the piano. Her place was quickly taken by the droll man of the party, who eutertained the company with comic songs. The evening dragged on in the usual manner. For some unaccountable reason, no one seemed quite in good spirits. As for me, I found myself constantly looking in the direction of the door. I heartily wished that either Carleton or Randall would come in—I acknowledged to myself that the presence of one at least of these gentlemen in the room would give me relief.

presence of one at least of these goneronian and an either of give me relief. An hour and more passed away, however, and neither of them appeared. I glanced towards Miss Farnham. She was standing near the plane, idly playing with a large feather fan. I though I read both solicitude and expectation in her eyes. I though I read both solicitude and expectation in her eyes. The funny man was trolling out a sea song to which a lively chorus was attached. Brabazon came up and touched my arm

I jotted those words down afterwards form memory—they seemed to me to be a fit prelude to the scene which was im-mediately to follow : to follow : Thou hast filled me a golden cup With a drink divine that glows With the bloom that is flowing up From the heart of the folded rose. The grapes in their amber glow. And the atrength of the blood-red wine, All mingle and change and flow In this golden cup of thine With the scent of the curling wine. With the balm of the rose's breath— For the voice of love is thine. And thine is the Song of Death ! Size of the sincer sank low as she approa

And thine is the Song of Death ! The voice of the singer sank low as she approached the end of her song. The final words were in a minor key. I looked full at Miss Farnham, and her dark eyes met mine. looked full at Miss Farnham, and her dark eyes met mine. They were full of apprehension. A kind of premonition of They were full of apprehension. A kind of premonition of They was a noise and sense of confusion in the outer drawing-room. People stood back to make way for someone, and hurrying steps came quickly towards the piano. Miss Farnham sprang to her feet, the last notes of the song arrested on her lips. Carleton, an overcoat covering his evening dress, his hair dishevelled, his eyes wild, had come hastily to her side. "You will think that I have killed him. Barbara; but, before God, it is not true!" he said in a hoarse whisper; then he grasped my arm.

before God, it is not true!" he said in a noarse whisper; then he grasped my arm. "Come, I want you," he said, and he dragged me, as if he were a young fury, out of the room. "What, in the name of Heaven, is the matter ?" I asked of him when we found ourselves in the hall. "Randall has fallen over the cliff down by Porran's field," "Randall has fallen over the cliff down by Porran's field," the gasped. "I have found the—the body. Oh no, no; what he gasped. "I have found the—the body. Oh no, no; what he gasped. I have found the the down is to drag it up breathed—it just breathed when I left. I tried to drag it up here, but it was too heavy. Come at once, for the love of Heaven."

lively chorus was attached. Brabazon came up and outched my arm. "When that is over," he said, in a low voice, "I will ask Barbara Farnham to sing." "Can she sing ?" I asked. "Can she in he reiterated. "Yes, she sings," he replied, em-"Can she !" he reiterated. "Yes, she sings," he replied, em-"the most absolutely sympathetic I have ever listened to." is the most absolutely sympathetic I have ever listened to." Soon afterwards Miss Farnham went to the piano. She played her own accompaniment. One grand sweep her hands seemed to take of the instrument, as if they meant to embrace it, and then a voice, high, full, sweet, magnificent in its volume of melody, rose on the air and seemed to fill the room. Brabazon was right. Barbara Farnham could sing. As the words fell from her lips, there was no other sound in the listen-ing room.

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I laughed, and we entered into an animated conversation. While we were talking, Carleton came into the room. He was a squarely-built young man, with deeply-set dark eyes, and a determined chin and mouth. His figure was slightly above the middle height; he was extremely spare, but had good shoulders and was well set up. As soon as ever he appeared in sight, Miss Farnham, by an almost imperceptible movement, slightly turned her back to him, and her talk with me became even more animated and full of wit than before. Hergay, light laugh must have reached Carleton, who came straight across the room to her side. "You are in your favorite seat," he said. "Yes," she replied, "and Dr. Halifax is having breakfast with me."

with me." Then she turned to continue her conversation with me, while Carleton stood perfectly erect and silent by her side. "Why don't you eat something ?" she said to him, pres-

ently. "There is time enough," he answered. "There is time enough," he answered. Finding he would not go away, she tried to draw him into conversation, but he was evidently not in humor to make conversation, but he was evidently not in humor to monosyl-himself agreeable. His answers were confined to monosyl-himself agreeable. His answers were confined to monosyl-lables, and to some of Miss Farnham's remarks he did not lables, and to some of Miss farnham's remarks he did not

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I confess that I began to think him an unmitigated bore. A change was, however, quickly to take place in the situ-ation. Randall, the other lover, appeared on the scene, and his coming acted like a flash of sunshine. He was a gay, hand-some, debonair-looking young feilow. He had good teeth, some, debonair-looking young feilow. He nodded carelessly to one or two acquaintances when he entered the room, and then came straight to Miss Farnham's table. She shook hands with him, and he nodded a cheerful good morning to Carleton and me. "That is right," he said, smiling brightly at the handsome girl; 'you promised to reserve a seat for me at this table, and I see you have kept your word. Have you done breakfast, Carleton ?"

morning to Carleton and me. "That is right," he said, smiling brightly at the handsome girl; "you promised to reserve a seat for me at this table, and I see you have kept your word. Have you done breakfast, Carleton ?" "I had something an hour ago," replied Carleton. "Thad is which was being kept hot with a spirit lamp. On his return, our conversation became gayer and more lively than ever. I must confess that I saw nothing to object to in Miss Farn-I must confess that I saw nothing to object to in Miss Farn-her as a dangerous witch. She tried to be polite to both men-trace of the flippant in her manner or bearing. Her beauty was undoubtedly of a remarkable order. Her eyes were her most striking chavacteristic. There was a great deal of red in their brown, which was further accentuated by the red-brown of her

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are in his lavor. "Nonsense," retorted Randall, with heat. "Come, come, gentlemen, pray don't quarrel on this lovely morning," said Miss Farnham. "Mr. Carleton, I wish you a pleasant ride." She left the balcony as she spoke, and Randall and I im-mediately followed her example. We had a splendid ride over an extensive moorland country. We had a splendid ride over an extensive moorland country. We had a splendid ride over an extensive moorland country. and returned to lunch in excellent spirits and in high good humor with each other. Carleton had not yet come back, but his absence did not seem to depress anyone, certainly not Miss Farnham, whose bright eyes and gay, animated manner made her the life of the party. Randall was radiant in the sunshine of her presence. She was confidential and almost affectionate in her manner to him; and he undoubtedly looked, and was, at his best.

his best. I could not help cordially liking him and thinking that the pair were well matched. Notwithstanding Brahazon's words of the night before, I had no doubt that Miss Farnham was sincerely attached to Randall, and would tell him so pres-

ently. ently. I spent the greater part of the afternoon alone with my host, and did not see the rest of the guests until we met at dinner. Carleton had then returned. He sat between a red-haired girl and a very fat old lady, and looked as *distruit* and bored as man well could. Randall, on the other hand, was in bis best form. His clothes sat well on him, He was, undoubt-edly, a handsome, striking-looking man.

edly, a handsome, striking-looking man. I cannot describe Miss Farnham's dress. It was ethereal in texture, and suited her well. She was not seated in the neigh-borhood of either Randall or Carleton, but once or twice I noticed that her eyes wandered down to their part of the table. For some reason, she was not in such high spirits as she had been in the early part of the day. My neighbor, a quiet, middle aged spinster, began suddenly to talk to me about her.

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fell on his knees as he spoke and toolog up at me, "he can't al's face. "Thank God!" he exclaimed, looking up at me, "he can't "Thank God!" he exclaimed, looking up at me, "he can't on his back. See, he has moved—he is partly on his side now!" I motioned to Carleton to make way for me to approach. I motioned to Carleton to make way for me to approach. I felt for the pulse in the imp and powerless wrist. I faid my Hand on the heart—then I gently raised the head, and felt along the region of the skull. "You will give him a little brandy," exclaimed Brabazon; "here is the flask.

along the region of the MRUIL. "You will give him a little brandy," exclaimed Brabazon; "You will give him a little brandy," exclaimed Brabazon; "here is the flask." Miss Farnham took it out of Brabazon's hands, unscrewed kneit also on the sand. I looked at her and feit that she would kneit also on the sand. I looked at her and feit that she would probably need the stimulant which could avail nothing now to the dead. "It is all over," I said; "he is dead, poor fellow!" "It is all over," I said; "he is dead, poor fellow!" As I spoke, I stretched out my hand, and took the brandy flask from Miss Farnham. She looked wildly round, glanced at Carleton, gave a piercing cry, and fell forward over Ran-dall's body. She had completely lost consciousness. I laid her flat on the sand, and, applying some restoratives, she quickly came to her senses. The body of the dead man was lifted up and laid on some boards which we had brought with us, and we returned slowly to the house. Brabazon gave his arm to Miss Farnham, slowly to the house. There was a wild expression in his eyes, which made me anxious about him. I saw, too, that he wished to linger behind the others. *To be continued*.

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THE QUIET HOUR.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on Thee, Because in Thee he trusteth." The staid in purpose– The purpose propped by leaning on Jehovah : For him Thou wilt keep peace—peace, For in Thee he is trusting."

"The Dove in the Heart, or the Perfect Peace of God."

"Perfect Peace!" What is this supreme gift? Joy expresses less fully the perfect state of God. for joy is fitful, impulsive, and often transient. It is like the play of waves that rise and fall, advance and recede, while *peace* reminds us of those lower double which are peace reminds us of those lower depths which are never disturbed-the "cushion of the sea," thousands of fathoms down, which rests in eternal quiet upon the ocean bed.

Let us hear what St. Paul says of it: "Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Here God's own peace is represented as a divine sentry, or camp of soldiers, guarding the soul as a garrison. The whole man is surrounded by this heavenly host, which is van-guard and rear-guard, on the right and on the left—"heart and mind;" that. is, the whole nature kept within this holy garrison that keep off the foes of our peace.

Who has not known the heart and mind devoid of peace? The peace of the mind is found in fixed convictions. There can be no peace where there is unsettled belief. We have all seen a bit of paper, or a feather, borne on the wings of the wind, tossed to and fro, up and down, resting a moment on the ground, only to be caught up and whirled hither and thither, having not enough weight to settle anywhere, and having nothing with which to hold its place even when it finds a resting spot. And so is the man who has no set-tled belief, who is doubtful, uncertain, caught by every caprice of men, every new notion and strange doctrine, and tossed to and fro by the unresting wind of chang-ing doctrine.--(Eph.IV., 14.) The peace of God, first of all, keeps the mind of the true believer by guarding his faith. He may not know much, but he knows whom he has believed, and is "persuaded that He is uaded t able to keep what he has committed to Him against that day." He has learned to believe something, and to be-lieve intelligently, firmly, immovably. His mind is at rest, anchored to the truth as it is in Jesus.

God speaks, to "taste" and see that the Lord is good, and to "handle and see" that it is Jesus Himself. Never was there a day when men were more unsettled in religious opinion, and when even professed preachers and teachers of truth seemed more busy trying to undermine the foundations of all certainty in faith. Our only hope is in such a close walk with God as shall keep us in touch with Him. The mind must be so "stayed" on God that we shall feel the Divine support on which we lean hard, and by which we are held up. We must "enter into the closet," and on the wires of prayer send up our messages to the throne of God, and get back the answers that prove the circuit to be complete. We must "search the Scriptures," and find their testimony to Christ; we must "do His will," so that we shall "know the doctrine"; we must so "love" Him and keep His words, that God shall come to us and make His abode with us. Then we shall find that peace of God which keeps the mind of the believer. Our faith, rooted in the truth, will hold us fast when winds of doctrine blow.

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MINNIE MAY'S DEPARTMENT.

Bits of Wisdom.

A young girl once heard a bit of wisdom from the lips of a very aged woman-a woman who had rounded the full term of ninety years, and with eyes still bright and clear, looked out upon the inrolling waters of eternity. The girl was impressed by the

A Difficult Task. FROM THE ORIGINAL PAINTING BY A. MORADEL. (ETCHED BY P. TEYSSONNIERES.) By a common instinct persons who excel in any work or accomplishment are prone to make light of those who areawkward in the same. A sort of professional pride pervades the whole range of arts, fine and common, and the professionals always have

a superior feeling towards the untrained laity. Life itself is a great art, and success therein is a strong temptation to arrogance and superciliousness. But this all-embracing art is divided into numberless tributary arts : every industry, or trade, or regular employment becomes an art. Thus, housekeeping is an art, as new beginners often find out at serious cost. Sewing, also, is an art, and an essential feature of this art is needle-threading : if the latter feature of this art is needle-threading : If the latter is not itself an art, most assuredly there is consider-able art in it. Now, the great majority of the gentle sex have training enough in this delicate task to be more or less skilled in it; but men for the most part are, for want of practice, sufficiently awkward to excite the derision of the feminine expert.

The good-natured man in our picture has rashly allowed himself to be drawn into the service of threading a needle for one of this pair of mischievous girls; or, perhaps, he recklessly accepted their challenge to essay the task. In any case, we behold him in the midst of the trying ordeal. The girls give him such encouragement as may be derived from tantalizing comments and mocking applause at his painstaking failures. But he keeps his temper, and is apparently resolved to succeed at

all hazards. He is now drawing a most careful, though rather long-ranged, sight upon the needle's eye, and seems to feels hopeful that this time he may hit it. Meanwhile, the time lost by the sewers is well compensated by the fun they are having at the expense of their awkward friend.

Signor Moradei has given us a thoroughly characteristic scene. The good-natured raillery on the countenances of the girls, and the serio-comic look of the man, are rendered with rare truth and spirit.

A Boy's Essay on Tobacco.

Tobacco grows something like cabbage, but I neversaw none cooked. have heard men say that cigars that was given them election days for nothing was mostly cabbage leaves. Tobacco stores are mostly kept by wooden Injuns, who stand at the door and fool little boys by offering them a bunch of



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igars which is glued into the Injun's hands, and is made of wood also. I tried to smoke a cigar once, and I felt like Epsom salt. Tobacco was invented by a man named Walter Raleigh. When the people first saw him smoking they thought he was a steamboat, and were frightened. My sister

This is an age when doubt is not only common | emphasis with which the venerable dame said to her: but fashionable, when to question is regarded as one mark of an inquiring mind, and faith is to many only another name for credulity. Science deals largely in conjecture, and some would have us believe nothing as certain, except that there is nothing certain to be believed. Agnosticism sets up its altars in the modern Athens, with the inscription: "God cannot be known." The "first families" in the intellectual world have chosen as their device a shield bearing simply an interrogation point

There can be no peace where the mind is not at rest in some fixed belief. If no certainties are to be found in faith, no peace is possible. But certainly is within our reach. There are thousands of simpleminded believers, who, amid all the doubts and questionings of the philosophers, are not perplexed or disturbed by even uncertainty. They have found Christ in prophecy, in history, but best of all, in the heart where He has come to dwell. The Holy Spirit has been their teacher, and they have learned by experience what none of the princes of this world ever knew, what the natural man does not perceive, and the carnal mind cannot and will not receive.

There is a seen and an unseen world. With the one our senses make us acquainted, with the other we cannot have any communication through these channels. But the soul has its senses, and they are far more delicate and subtle than those of the body. By them we are enabled to "*look at*" things unseen and eternal, to "hear" what the still small voice of

A DIFFICULT TASK.

"Bessie, never insist on having the last word." The determination to have the final word leads to more quarrels and more bitterness of feeling at home than almost anything else in domestic life. The fact is, that one may so control her tongue and her eyes that she may allow her opponent the pleasure of this coveted concluding thrust, and yet placidly retain her own opinion, and in the homely colloquial parlance of the up-country, where one finds strong-willed people living together in great peace, with the most pronounced diversity of characteristics, "do as she's a mind to."

A Judge of Music.

A concert was given at a German Court in honor of some foreign prince. At its close, the illustrious guest asked for a repetition of the first item on the programme. The first piece was accordingly played over again, but the visitor failed to recognise it as the one he had liked best. Suddenly the musicians fell to tuning their instruments, during which process all the company stopped their ears, with the exception of the foreign monarch, who exclaimed, in a rapture of delight : "That is my favorite piece!"

A barrister came into court one day with his wig all awry, which caused a general titter amongst his brother lawyers and the bench : on which he turned to Curran, and said : "Do you see anything ridiculoas in my wig?" Curran drily answered : "No: nothing but your head !"

Nancy is a girl. I don't know whether she likes to-bacco or not. There is a young man named Leroy, who comes to see her. I guess she likes Leroy. He was standing on the steps one night, and he had a cigar in his mouth, and he said he didn't know as she would like it, and she said: "Leroy, the perfume is agreeable." But when my big brother lighted his pipe, Nancy said: "Get out of this house, you horrid creature; the smell of tobacco makes me sick." Snuff is Injun meal made out of tobacco. I took a little snuff once, and then I sneezed.

The Quiet Toiler.

Tis not he who parades His deeds before the world, Holding aloft their worth, Whose memory lives impearled In the hearts of a people when The years have died away, But rather the man who toils On quietly day by day.

Tis he who, at his task-Be it high or be it lowly-Strives, with never a thought Of self and praise, but wholly Lost in the love of Duty, Who deems no man his debtor, And quietly toils each day To make the world ever better. -GEORGE NEWELL LOVEJOY. AUGUST 1, 1894

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UNCLE TOM'S DEPARTMENT

MY DEAR NEPHEWS AND NIECES :-

The round moon comes from the distant seas, With a silvery softness in her light, And the dusky trunks of the forest trees Gleam, pillars of marble, tall and white.

"The hill crouches down 'neath the sky's cool calm, With its tawny mane of ripened wheat, Like a lion under a towering palm, After its chase in the desert heat."

How beautifully descriptive of "harvest moon-How beautifully descriptive of "harvest moon-shine" is the above quotation! And what a pleasure to be able to see, not the mere word-picture, but the more charming reality! Who can adequately describe the beauty of your country homes, surrounded now by the golden harvest? And yet how few of those so blest realize the greatness of the blessings they enjoy; how many long for the advantages of city life, while totally ignoring those of their own! totally ignoring those of their own !

It is very pleasant to drive along where the "tawny mane of ripened wheat" is, by the almost magical touch of the self-binder, being converted into golden sheaves. The roomy old barns, the children's rainy-day play-grounds, are fast filling with the fruits of the summer's labor, and ere long the busy hum of the thresher, that all boys like so well to hear, will replace the sound of reaper and binder.

What wonderful advancement has been made in the last half century! Many of you have heard your parents tell of the time when all the harvest was cut by cradle and sickle, and then bound by hand; while now you may sit at ease and drive around, and lo! all is done at once. But they had plenty of fun in those days, for "bees" were fashionable, and these usually terminated with a dance. The husking bees were perhaps the favorites, and the "husking frolic" at night even more so.

June is called by the poets "Queen of the year," but, to her, Nature does not offer all her homage many of her fairest flowers and much of her wealth of harvest are laid on August's altar. In the nooks formed by the homely old rail fence, flourish the gaudy plumes of the golden-rod; while the lavender of the wild phlox, and here and there a late daisy

or buttercup, enhances the beauty of the scene. The mention of golden-rod reminds me of a little legend pertaining thereto, and also the fact that one of my nieces requests me to give the legend of the rose. There are, I believe, different ones, but I know only that of the moss rose, and that I have of flesh. much pleasure in giving you :

The angel of the flowers one day Beneath a rose tree sleeping lay; That spirit to whose charge is given To bathe young flowers in dews of heaven.

Awaking from his light repose, The angel whispered to the rose": 'For the sweet shade thou'st given to me, Ask what thou wilt, 'tis granted thee."

The rose replied, with heightening glow : "On me another grace bestow." The angel paused in silent thought, "What grace was there that flower had not?"

'Twas but a moment—o'er the rose A veil of moss he lightly throws, And clothed in nature's simplest weed, What other flower can this exceed ?

This is the legend of the golden rod : Once upon a time the fairies had a ball, and when Queen Titania was dancing, her cavalier awkardly stepped on her robe of old, and tore therethere became transformed into a beautiful flower, which was thenceforward called "Titania's goldenrod." I shall also give you the story of the Haw tree: A gnarly old Haw tree, ugly and dark, Stood in the midst of a grand old park; He longed for beauty and grace each day. His heart was heavy, he tried to pray. At last a fairy—the pretty dear— Sat down in his arms so crooked and queer, She fell asleep in his twisted lap, " but not a bigoted one."

And took a long and delicious nap. When she thanked him, as was her duty, He begged of her the gift of beauty; So she tapped his branches left and right, And covered them thick with blossoms white. The Haw was happy as he could be, That he, at last, was a lovely tree. The children told me this pretty thing About the gift of the fairy spring, And I've told it to you that you may know What covers the Haw with wreaths of snow.

I am pleased to know that the legends in a former issue gave you so much pleasure, and I hope you will like these equally well. If any of you know any other rose legends, Uncle Tom will be glad to hear them.

The word competition has met with a warm reception, if we may judge by the number of letters piled on Uncle Tom's desk. It has not been an easy task to choose the winning one, and many who have sent good lists, but not the best, will be disappointed, as it has been a great trouble to prepare them. But those who have failed to win the prize have really gained something, as they will have learned the use of many words of which before they were ignorant

I am delighted to see so lively an interest being taken in this competition. Perhaps later on we may think of some other instructive pastime, for, that we may not only amuse, but also improve our readers, is the wish of UNCLE TOM.

A Coster's Version of "the Merchant of Venice."

During the run of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Lyceum, a coster, who had witnessed the production, was explaining the plot to a less fortunate

"D'yer see?" said he, "it's like this 'ere. There's a cove what's fell in love, but 'e don't like to go courtin' without bein' togged up a bit; so 'e goes to a pal and asks 'im to lend 'im a trifle. His pal says 'e ain't got no 'ready,' but is willin' to go bail for 'im.

"So they go to an old joker in the City, an' 'e lends 'em some oof. Then they says: 'What int'rest?' and he says, 'Garn away! You're all right. If yer don't pay me at all I shan't summons yer; only, if yer don't, I'll have a pound off yer chest!' 'e says, like as if he's jokin'. Then they laughs, 'cause they've got some stuff a comin' over what's bound to turn up in time for the market, as

they thinks. "But it don't turn up, an' the old fakir comes down on 'em, an' won't settle it without the pound

"Well, this girl what was agoin' to marry the bloke, w'en she 'ears as 'e's in trouble, makes it up with the solicitor for the defence, takes his place, gets 'er 'air cut, an' appears in the trial at the Law Courts, 'cause she's got something up her sleeve

"Then the jury gives a verdict of guilty, an' the judge says the prosecutor is a outsider. "Up jumps the gal, an' says: 'Ain't yer goin' to

"An' the old fraud says: 'No, I 'ate 'im !' "Then she says: 'Very well, go on with yer performance. But,' says she, 'this yer case don't say nothin' about the danger of the entertainment. Now, if you draw one drop o' blood we shall come on yer for damages, an' sell yer up !

"Well, Bill, w'en she says that, you never see Irvin' look so took down in all your life."

Do not flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intifrom a piece, which fluttered down to earth, and there became transformed into a beautiful flower, which was thenceforward called "Titania's golden-do tact and courtesy become.—Wendell Holmes. One reason why we go to a banquet, when we get an invitation, is best stated in the story of a temperance lecturer who was caught by a disciple, after he retired, taking a hot whiskey-punch. Said his shocked follower:--"I thought you were a total abstainer!" "So I am," said the lecturer,

Mother's Room. BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

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The core of the house, the dearest place, the one that we all

love best, Holding it close in our heart of hearts, for its comfort and rest, Is never a place where strangers come, nor yet where friends are met are met, Is never the stately drawing-room, where our treasured things are set.

Oh, dearer far, as the time recedes in a dream of colors dim, Breathing across our stormy woods like the echo of a hymn. Forever our own, and only ours, and pure as a rose in bloom, Is the centre and soul of the old home nest, the mother's darling room.

We flew to its arms when we rushed from school, with a thousand things to tell; Our mother was always waiting there, had the day gone ill or well.

Noother pillow was quite so cool, under an aching head, As soft to our fevered childish cheek, as the pillow on mother's

bed, Sitting so safely at her feet, when the dewy dusk drew nigh, We watched for the angels to light the lamps in the solemn evening sky.

Tiny hands folded, there we knelt to lisp the nightly prayer, Learning to cast on the Loving One early our load of care. Whatever the world has brought us since, yet pure as a rose in bloom Is the thought we keep of the core of the home, the mother's

darling room.

Puzzles. PRIZE PUZZLE.

1-TRANSPOSITION.

He once was respected and loved by all, But now he's despised by great and small ; And ONE drink was solely the cause of his fall. He once went to church and sang in the choir, But now SECOND alone is his desire,

And he never looks up to anything higher.

He once had a wife and home of his own, But now on the street he THREE alone, And her resting place is marked by a stone,

Oh ! What a terrible curse is drink ; If people only would stop and think, But they draw the FOUR till they cannot wink, And rush on to their own destruction, CHARLIE S. EDWARDS,

2-ENIGMA.

The beginning of man, his ambitions and all nature-what is it ADA ARMAND



A little boy one day did try A rabbit house to build, In this he did succeed, Although he was unskilled.

So when he'd made it snug and tight, And lined it well within, He tried and tried, but all in vain, To drive his DEAR PETS IN. GEO, W. BLYTH.

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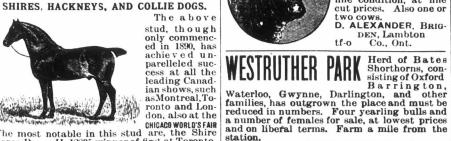
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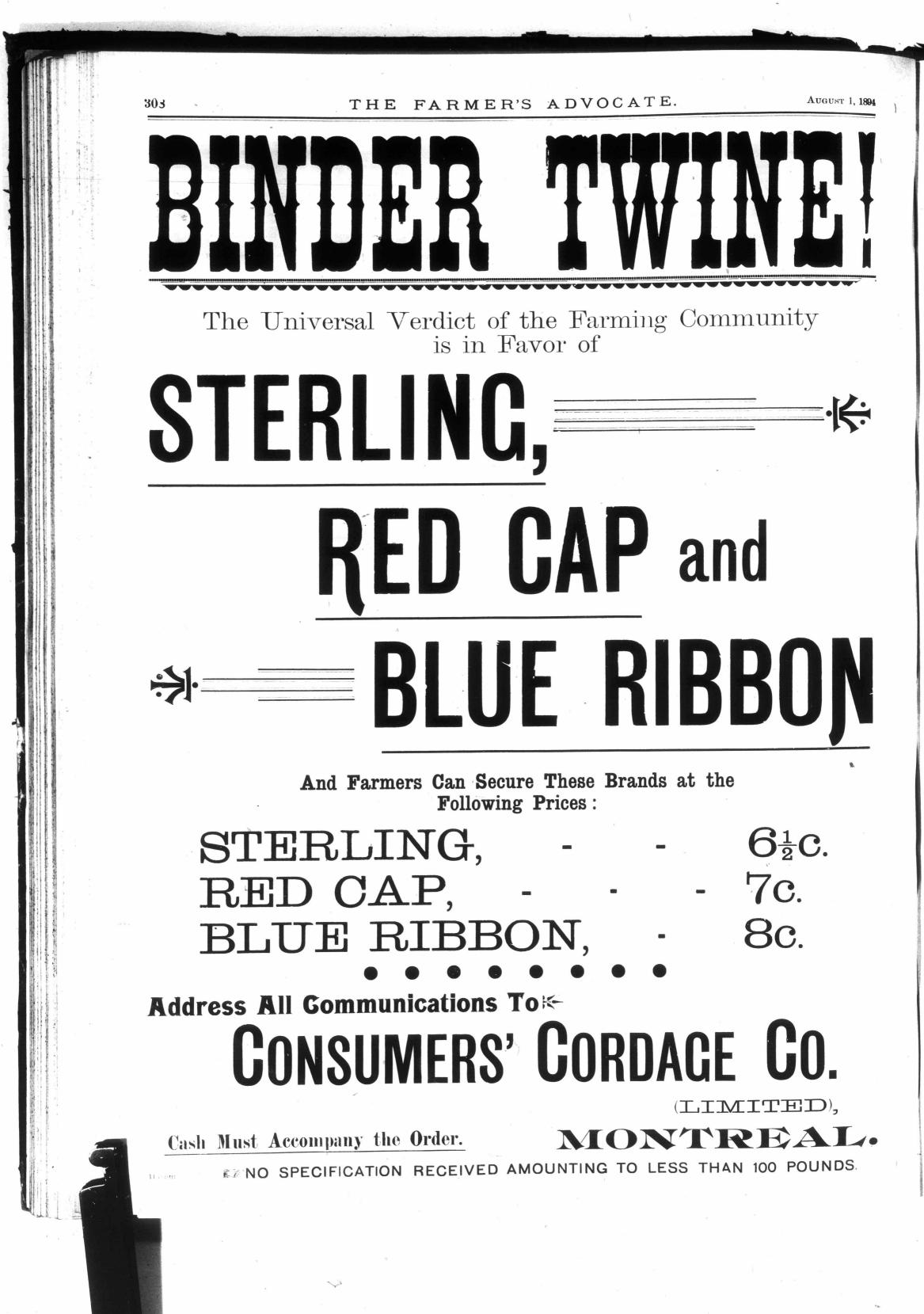
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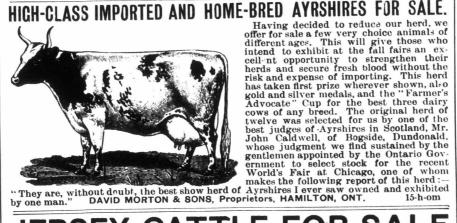
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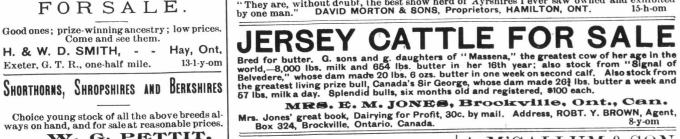


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the Farmer's Advocate. Some 31 Herefords were exported from Eng-land to South America last year. The Shropshire Sheep Breeders' Association held a general meeting in the Royal Show Yard, at Cambridge. Mr. J. Bowen Jones (President of the Society) presided, and almong those present were Messrs. P. A. Muntz, M.P., J. Beach, J. Farmer, D. Buttar, P. L. Mills, P. Evans, R. Thomas, A. E. Mansell (Secretary), J. Darling, etc. The meeting regretted that the export sales for the last year had fallen off to some extent, but they looked forward to a future demand as soon as financial matters were placed upon a sounder basis in North and South America. The National Sheep Breeders' Association of

future demand as soon as financial matters were placed upon a sounder basis in North and South America. The National Sheep Breeders' Association of England met on June 27th in the members' tent, Royal show ground, Cambridge. Among the subjects brought up for discussion were the advisability of sending a delegation to wait on the Minister of Agriculture, along with a number of members of the Highland Society, concerning the fraudulent sale of foreign meat. Also that a committee be appointed to draw up a statement showing how unnecessary are the present 90 days' quarantine imposed upon sheep exported to the Australian colonies. The English Shorthorn Society held their annual meeting in the show yard at Cam-bridge, on June 26th, with the president, Philo F. Mills, in the chair. A report of the council showed the membership to have decreased since last meeting, because of death and resig-nation of members. The society new consists of 553 life, and 628 annual members, making a total of 1,181 members on the register. The council strongly urge upon breeders the im-portance of entering their cattle in the herd boor, as it is practically the best advertisement of the herd, and is particularly useful to the many foreign and colonial breeders to whom the herd book is forwarded. The Ingersoll Packing Co., of Ingersol, Ont., have offered a prize of \$35 for the best pair of pigs at the next Provincial Fat Stook Show, Guelph (grades or pure breds eligible), under nine months' old, suitable for the export trade. The following rules are to govern in making the awards: -Weights, from 160 to 220 lbs. each. Light in the fore end as possible without injury to the constitution, long body, ribs deep and well sprung. The back should be smooth and even, with fine handling, indicating lean meat. Flanks full, and hams well flowed down to hocks. Objections:--Head coarse, with heavy jowl; wide, full crest; broad and sort back, indicating excess of fatness. Body short, and under or over weights given, viz. : One hundred and sixty to two

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FERTILIZERS.—While in Messrs. W. A. Free-man & Co.'s office, at Hamilton, a few days ago, we were handed a letter just opened from Mr. R. R. Gage, in which he said .-- "To-day's sales amounted to 37 sacks—15 sacks pure bone, 19 sacks bone and potatos, and 3 sacks sure growth. I find the goods have given the best of satisfaction." The above sales are in the Niagara Peninsula.

Niagara Peninsula. "Have a little oil always ready," is the saying of the leading Toronto oil firm, who make the Peerless Machine Oil. We called in their office last week, and, judging from the many office improvements since our last visit, we should infer that the Peerless Oil was booming. We are informed that this brand of oil has grown in favor so much with the farmers of Ontario that it has taxed the capacity of their oil works to keep up with their orders. There is merit in the goods. The oil is made so that it will not run thin in summer, nor too thick in winter. It's a great lubricator, and a general purpose oil. We would call attention to their wheel advertisement in this issue. That little wheel is built to run all the others that can be hitched on, if Peerless Oil is used. TRAPPING THE HORN-FLY.

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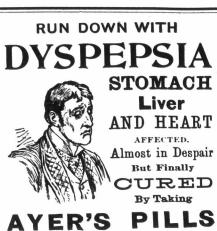
TRAPPING THE HORN-FLY. In response to our request, Mr. H. G uthric of Paris Station, Ont., has submitted for our inspection the statements of a large number of farmers who have used the Horn-Fly Trap, and we are pleased to find that under actual test it is proving all that it was represented to be. Practically, these letters all express com-plete satisfaction, so that we need not give more than a couple of them :-R. H. Guthrie, Esq., Paris, Ont. DEAR SIR, -Having had one of your fly traps on trial, I find I can keep my herd clear of the Horn-Fly with very little trouble. After put-ting my cows through a few times, they go through of their own accord. I would not be without the trap for five times the cost of *it*. Having tried all kinds of ointments and emulsions, found them of no use. I think your invention a good one ; I can recommend it to anyone whose cattle are tormented with the Horn-Fly.-W. J. RUDD, Guelph, Ont.

Horn-Fly.-W. J. RUDD, Guelph, Ont. TO THE PUBLIC:-As I draw milk to the South Jumfries cheese factory, I found that Mr. Guth-rie's cows failed the least in their milk of any on my route. I came to the conclusion that using his fly trap was the cause of it. I saw his cows every morning; they were almost free from flies. I got a trap and put my cows through it, and, after a few days' trial, am well pleased with the results. Would recommend it to all farmers. After two or three trials the cattle think it fine fun to go through.-O. S. PETTIT, Glenmorris, Mr. Guthrie is disposing of a large number of county rights.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

We have received from James Cheeseman, of Southborough, Mass., a very complete re-port, in pamphlet form, of the Columbian Dairy Cattle Tests. The details are tabulated and very complete. For dairymen and othersit is a cheap and handy little work of reference to that great milking trial.

great milking trial. The annual reports of the Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations have been received. The book contains a host of splendid papers by practical and experienced men on all phases of the sheep and swine industry. This Association has gone forward rapidly, and is having a grand effect in strengthening and defining these two important industries in our country. The papers which the report contains show that the members are taking an active interest in the work. Mr. F. W. Hodson, London, Ont., is the Secretary of each, and is to be con-gratulated on getting out such an admirable volume.



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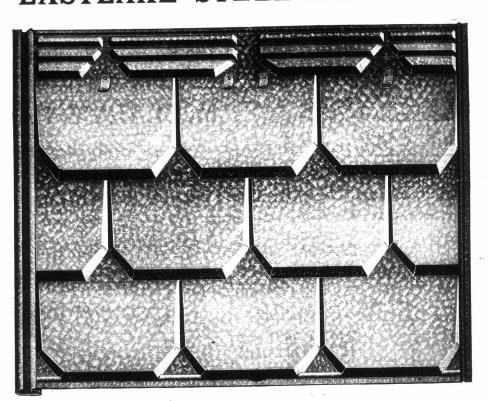




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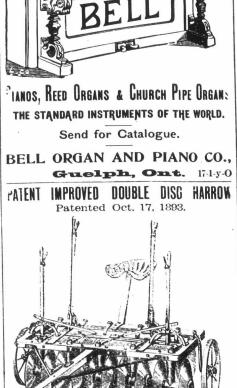
We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the new advertisement of Mr. W. H. Odell, of Belmont, Ont., who is now offering pedigreed Tamworth pigs for sale. Mr. Odell will be found strictly honorable in his dealing. Note his announcement.

Mr. J. C. Snell. Edmonton, Ont, has recently made good sales of Berkshires, which have been ordered to fit up show herds in Kentucky, Tennessee and Michigan, as well as a number to the Provinces in the East and Manitoba. Mr. Snell expects a new importation out from England about August first.

In our notes of the Springhill herd of Short horns, in our last issue, owned by Messrs, R' Rivers & Son, the P. O. address, viz., Walker ton, Ont., was omitted. In this issue they make a change of ad., and offer young Berk-shires at very moderate prices, and judging by the sire and dam which we saw a short time ago, they ought to be good ones.

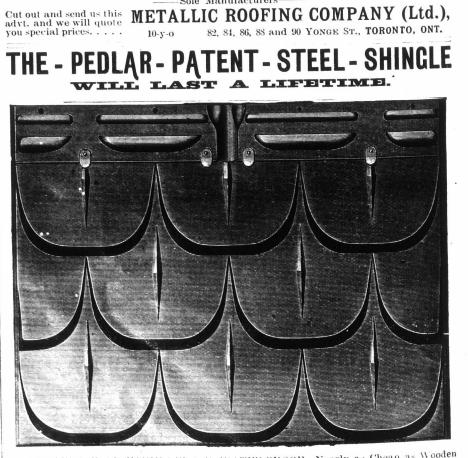
ago, they ought to be good ones. The last meeting of the British National Pig Breeders' Association was held in the Show Ground of the Royal Agricultural Society, on Tuesday, June 26th. A noticeable feature in the last year's registration is the increase in Tamworths and Middle Whites, the former numbering 163 this year, as against 10 last year, and the latter \$1, against 35, Lorge Whites have fallen off slightly and Little Yorks somewhat increased.

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