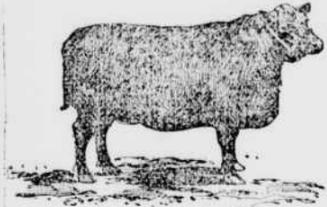




BRITISH CATTLE.

Two Prize Christmas Bees at the Smithfield Shows.

Just before the Christmas holidays, when all Britain was preparing for its traditional roast beef, an advertisement as follows appeared in several of the London morning papers: "Butchers and Slaughtermen.—At this season we re-

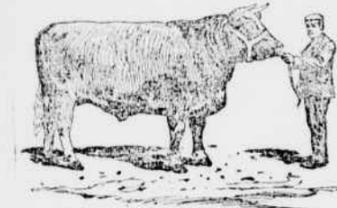


CHAMPION ABERDEEN-ANGUS HEIFER.

joice in the birth of our Saviour, who said, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.' Think of this when you kill. Do so in the most merciful way and by experienced men. No good work goes unrewarded even here."

The gentle reminder was an excellent one. If we must eat meat, we must kill the animals that furnish it in the quickest, gentlest way. It is to be hoped that the fine beves here pictured were sent to their death in that manner when they went to furnish roast beef for a British Christmas. The illustrations are taken from London Sketch.

The first illustration represents Benton Bride, "the best beast at Smithfield this year." The Aberdeen-Angus cattle have three times won prizes over all at the Smithfield show, which is the highest compliment that could be paid them. Benton Bride this year won the champion plate of 100 guineas and also the Queen's Challenge cup. Before she was slaughtered she had won over \$2,500 in prizes for her owner, Mr. Clement Stephenson of Newcastle. She was bought after the show by a firm of meat deal-



PRIZE BRITISH SHORTHORN STEER.

ers and actually brought \$750. That was at the rate of about 50 cents a pound. Beef breeders could get rich if they could raise a few cattle like Benton Bride every year.

The second picture shows the Shorthorn steer that took first prize at the Smithfield fat stock Christmas fair. He weighed nearly 2,500 pounds. Beef breeders will be able here to compare British prize fat cattle with their own best achievements in that line.

Raising Prize Shorthorns.

I will say my stock all run out all summer. None is taken from pasture until snow covers the ground save young calves and bulls. During the winter months nearly all are stabled, fed liberally on either straw, corn fodder or hay, together with a few roots and a generous feed of wheat bran. The young things, being calves and young bulls, have an extra feed of corn and oats ground. All are allowed to run out in the yard on pleasant days, where they have free access to a large tank of water, kept from freezing by a Decatur heater, as we have weather at times when the mercury goes far below zero. A little corn fodder or straw is sprinkled over the yard for them to busy themselves with during the day, but I will say if you are expecting to raise good stock of any breed they must be fed liberally with something.

With Shorthorns it matters not very much what the feed is. They are hearty and will eat all kinds of coarse feed and thrive on it. There is not a farmer in this state who could not keep a small herd of either Shorthorn or grade cattle on what the most of them now allow to go to waste, by adding a little grain to their straw and corn fodder, and by so doing he would have some steers weighing from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds to sell every year at not less than \$40 to \$50 each. There are 100,000 farmers in this state. See what that would amount to. And would it be a hardship to ask every farmer in Minnesota to do this? Together with the cattle hogs should be kept to clean up with. At least that is my plan.

The cattle I intend to exhibit at the fairs are treated much better. While they are all allowed to run to grass as long as there is much, they are all stabled either day or night, according to the weather, and well fed on different kinds of feed, together with some roots. They are taken as calves and kept as nearly as possible in their calf form, but great care must be taken not to overfeed them. More cattle of the beef breeds are spoiled from overfeed than any other way. The most of the show herds of to-

day are in that condition. I have been very careful to avoid that error, and the result is my show herd is not only perfectly smooth and sound, but every one is a regular breeder. I find it very easy to keep Shorthorns in good fair breeding and sale condition, but not as easy to keep them in smooth, winning show form.—Cor. Breeder's Gazette.

Land plaster, which may be bought of dealers, should be sprinkled in horse and cow stables at the rate of a pint a day to each stall. It absorbs moisture, retains the ammonia and nearly doubles the value of the manure. Sprinkle it night and morning in the gutters behind the stalls.

LIGHT AND AIRY.

Lines.

[With the usual apologies.] I threw a brick out into the air. It fell to earth I know not where, For the eye could not follow it in flight So swiftly it fell in the silent night.

Often I've thought in days gone by Of that brick, and even wondered if I. Like the man in the poem, would ever know The fate of the brick as it fell below.

And then I've thought of the German band Which that night 'neath my window had taken its stand, And wondered if they could tell of the flight Of the brick as it fell to the earth that night.—Yale Record

Discouraging.

"Does your papa object to my calling upon you, Miss Dolyers?"

"Not in the least, Mr. Spudds."

"Does your mamma?"

"No."

"Do your brothers?"

"I think not."

"Then I guess I'm pretty solid."

"But there is one member of the family you neglected to ask about and who does object most heartily."

"I thought I had named them all, but now I think of it I did omit to ask about your pug."

"Oh, Fido doesn't mind you?"

"Then who is it that objects to my coming to see you?"

"It is only I, Mr. Spudds."—Life

Thither Drifting.

The new woman sprang forward.

"Caroline."

"I am so glad to see you."

With great warmth she kissed the man who had just alighted from the cars with a birdcage in one hand and a bandbox in the other.

"Come."

None knew the mighty struggle in her heart.

None knew she was not just as glad as she professed to be that her husband's father had come to stop with them a month.—Detroit Tribune.

Never Been There.

She stepped up with a bashful smirk, Her manner shy and coy, And asked the smiling dry goods clerk To see some corduroy.

He showed her blue and brown and red; She hesitated long.

"I think I'll take this kind," she said, "You're quite sure that it's strong?"

"How many yards, miss, shall it be?" She blushed a rosy hue.

"Fact is, it's bloomers, and—tee-hee—I don't quite know, do you?"—New York Sun.

On the Way Home.

"How did you like the sermon, Wendell?" asked his mother.

"I was sorry to observe," replied the little Boston boy, with a sigh, "that the clergyman did not seem to be aware of the distinction between a reference and an allusion."—Chicago Tribune.

Sad.

"Is it not terrible to think that liquor costs the British nation more than £100,000,000 per annum?"

Humorous Irishman—Indeed it is, sorr. Och, can nothing be done to reduce the price av the drink?—Household Words.

"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

[As rewritten by a modern impressionist poet.] Pale was she with tints of mist;

Fair light in her coiled hair lies;

Amethyst the skies—the skies all amethyst— Azure the light of her eyes.

Mary, young houri of girls, What pale thing walks by her side?

In the white of whose bubbled curls The sun shadows wrestle and hide!

Mutton it is in its youth and its pride. Back and forth in the sun's bright glow The pale object goes by her side

Wherever Mary doth go!—Chicago Record.

A Cruel Alternative.

Downton—Here comes Binkers. He's got a new baby, and he'll talk us to death.

Upton—Well, here comes a neighbor of mine who has a new setter dog. Let's introduce 'em to each other and leave 'em to their fate.—New York Weekly.

Her Specialty.

The game of poker she knew not, Of whist she knew no more;

And cribbage she could never learn; She could not keep the score.

Beziqne, casino, euchre, too, To her were untried arts,

Nor pool, seven up, old maid— She always won at hearts.—New York World.

The Sum of It All.

Judge—Rastus, I see you are here again I believe you have been tried and convicted seven times for stealing.

Rastus—Yes, judge. It seems to be nut in but temptations and trials wid me in dis life.—Atlanta Journal.

It Fit the Crime.

Little Miss Kickles, She ate some mixed pickles

In the pantry, where nobody spied her. And the very same day,

It is painful to say, They occasioned much anguish inside her.—Chicago Tribune

Cynical.

"Do you think that it improves a story to have a moral?" said the young literary man.

"Not commercially," replied his friend.

"It's the story with an immoral that pays nowadays."—Washington Star.

The Difference.

The silvery sleighbells in the maiden's ears

Sound like the prelude of her wedding chimes,

While in them her unhappy lover hears

His jingling wreck of dollars and of dimes.—New York Herald.

Living Evidence.

Wife—The cook says she never was with a family that lived any better than we do.

Husband—Yes. The policeman on the corner has gained 20 pounds since she came.—Life.

Salvage.

From the wreck of her hopes she only saved,

This hapless, hapless dame,

Four dollars of alimony per week

And the hyphen in her name.—Detroit Tribune.

At Work For the Winter.

"What's Deacon Jones doin now?"

"Prayin for sunshine."

"An the rest of the brethren?"

"Shovelin snow!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Wanted.

Give me a girl that I can trust,

And to a home I'll lead her,

I do not want her for myself,

My wife and I both need her.—New York World.

THE DRAMA.

James O'Neill, the tragedian and romantic star, was born in Ireland Nov. 15, 1848.

Della Fox will begin her second starring tour in a new comic opera at Palmer's theater, New York, on Sept. 2.

Mary Hampton has made such a success in "Sowing the Wind" that Charles Frohman will send her on tour next season in the same piece.

Marie Jansen is the only theatrical woman known to history who hates candy. All the sweets that the gilded youth send her go to her maid.

During Marie Wainwright's recent engagement in New Orleans a number of her admirers in that city gave her a superb gold sword hilt ornament.

Charles H. Hamlin says Beerbohm Tree, the imported English star, is not so good an actor as John Drew, William H. Thompson or Richard Mansfield.

John Glendenning has closed his season as leading man of "The Power of the Press" and has bought from Augustus Pitou the English rights to the piece.

William Castleman, the new baritone of the Bostonians, began his career in 1892. He was picked up from behind the desk of a hotel office by Alexander Spencer.

Mrs. Thomas Q. Sealbrooke (Elvia Croix) has retired from the support of her husband, the comic opera star, on account of illness, and Irene Murphy takes her place.

London is deserted. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Wilson Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, the two Gaiety Girls companies and the two Cissies—Loftus and Fitzgerald—are with us.

Harry B. Smith says, "The new opera upon which Reginald De Koven and I are now at work, and which Lillian Russell will produce in May, has Russia for its locality."

WONDERS OF THE SEA.

One very common species of ocean infusoria is shaped like a bell.

In a cubic meter of limestone Origny found 3,000,000,000 sea shells.

In a cubic foot of phosphorescent sea water there have been found 25,000 living creatures.

Many kinds of sea worms are eaten by the people along the coasts of Italy, France and Spain.

The water of the Mediterranean contains a greater proportion of salt than that of the ocean.

The coral insects are said to consume prodigious quantities of worms, small fish and other living creatures.

A colony of medusa has been compared to a collection of muslin sunbonnets floating right side up in the water.

The ocean hydras have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no brains, no nervous system, no organs save mouth and skin.

If it were not for the salts of the ocean, the whole sea would soon become a mass of corruption, owing to the decay of the organic matter it contains.

The "bulldog sounding machine" contains a couple of scoops closing against each other and bringing up a considerable quantity of soil from the bottom.

The great Barrier reef along the coast of Australia is about 1,500 miles long, the work of coral insects. Sometimes it rises almost perpendicularly from a depth of 1,200 fathoms.

The ocean hydra multiplies by budding, and when the parent finds too many children on her back she reaches up her arms and twists a few of them off. Naturalists have seen a dozen thus evicted in half an hour.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Good Scheme.

An English gentleman has invented a life saving apparatus for use on a lake on his own place which is so simple that one like it could easily be put on every sheet of water frequented by skaters. Two broad planks, about 8 feet long, are placed on sled runners, and these are joined together by a rope fully 20 feet in length. A life preserver is fastened to the center of the rope, and in case of accident two people, by throwing themselves on the planks, could easily steer them to the hole, one on either side, when the life preservers could be grasped by the one whose life is in danger.—Philadelphia Press.

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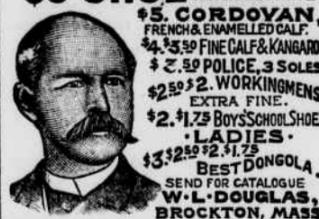
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