

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

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A bill to abolish certain fees for official service to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to the registration of steamships, was read and passed.

Mr. Fry moved to take up a resolution reported by him from the committee on commerce, authorizing the president to issue a proclamation whereby the vessels of foreign countries which are engaged in the coastwise trade of the United States, after some inquiry by Messrs. McPherson and Vest and a committee of inquiry, Mr. Fry's amendment was agreed to without debate.

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DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

The Advisability of Offering Premiums for Novelties To Be Exhibited at Fairs.

The necessity of educating men to take Charge of Common Earth Roads.

Making Fairs Useful.

That the various state, district, and county fairs that have been held in this country during the past fifty years have been productive of good, none will deny. They have assembled foreigners who come here for the purpose of engaging in farming to see the productions peculiar to this country and to learn much in relation to the ways of raising them. They have served to bring up the quality of all our dairy products. They have exerted a powerful influence in increasing the production of orchard, vineyard, and garden fruits, and improving the quality of them. They have been of considerable value to horticulture and vegetable gardening. Persons who have visited fairs have seen new varieties of fruits, vegetables, and flowers, and have engaged in raising them. New and improved agricultural implements have been brought into notice by the displays made at fairs.

At fairs, on the one hand, the competitive tests of the different kinds of implements in the fair-ground or in fields in the vicinity enabled farmers to judge of their respective merits. Most farmers, however, are not so fortunate as to be able to converse with exhibitors of stock machinery, field garden, and orchard products.

Probably the best good has resulted from the displays of specimens of improved breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and fowls at fairs. All farmers of improved breeds have read descriptions of the breeds and have seen illustrations of them. But it is necessary to see the animals themselves and to compare them with common stock in order to be convinced of their superior merits. The exhibitions on fair grounds enable farmers to do this. The displays of Norman horses in the showing served to make these animals popular in all parts of the country and to produce a great demand for them. Farmers began to buy in with their own eyes, and they saw fine specimens of the short-horn and Hereford breeds. Dairy farmers decided to improve their milk cows, and they bought the best specimens of Jersey, Holstein, and Guernsey. Pork raisers were inclined to give up keeping "razor-backs" after they had recognized "fair" at which Berkshire were on exhibition. The similar effect was produced by the displays of fairs of improved breeds of sheep, hogs, geese, and ducks. Men who took fine stock to fairs were not only able to compare their own stock with that of others, but they were also able to see the superior merits of the animals.

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Two Thursdays after his leave, their outdoor fun was cut short by a persistent rain. How it did pour! Hour after hour, all day and night. Friday morning dawned upon a gloomy sheet of gray, and an angry, boiling flood that crept like a snake up the yellow banks, and night closed in on the same picture, reinforcing the sun shone out bright and clear, but on what a scene of destruction. What had been a river was a rushing sea, which had lapped at the windows, and stopped just at their own gate, and which carried on its heaving surface trees torn up bodily, great timbers, buildings and castles, and a few might a large barn came floating down, and a broken water, round which the waters whirled, bringing into the harbor thus formed all manner of wreckage. The boys watched eagerly, speculating on the amount of firewood this laid at their door.

"Hi! That's a good one," cried one of them, as, just at dusk something like a log appeared round the corner of the undecided, and then swept all the products have been on the managers of agricultural affairs to turn their attention to the river. The breeders of fine stock have been encouraged by the offer of liberal premiums, and so have the persons who have introduced the smallest and best breeds of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, and the persons who have introduced the best breeds of fruit, and the persons who have introduced the best breeds of poultry.

There are other things that need encouragement. We want better buildings on farms, and we need those that are made of stone, brick, iron, or concrete. Building materials have increased in price and the wages of carpenters have advanced, and then sweep all the products have been on the managers of agricultural affairs to turn their attention to the river. The breeders of fine stock have been encouraged by the offer of liberal premiums, and so have the persons who have introduced the smallest and best breeds of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, and the persons who have introduced the best breeds of fruit, and the persons who have introduced the best breeds of poultry.

—with the unconscious selfishness of childhood—"will you go right off!"

Apparently he was hurt, for his voice quavered as he asked, "Which would you rather have—fatherly, or the best?"

"Oh, you!" cried the child, throwing her arms round his neck and pressing her little face to his. So the hurt was healed, and they chattered quite together till supper time, at which meal there appeared five black-eyed boys, the pattern of their mother. People said the Duke's blood had been in the boys for they were as keen as the Duke's blood.

The following Monday Mr. Danks started for Coopersville. As he took up his limp carpet bag, he said, by way of feeble joke, "Ain't 'y' sorry to see me go?"

She looked at him a moment, then said, coldly, "You'll be back soon enough."

He straightened himself and said, with an air of decision quite unlike himself, "You'll not see me again until my work is finished," and so departed, followed only by Capitola, who went to the door, but he called after him not to forget the beads.

Mrs. Danks for her was watching him going slowly up the muddy road, and as she looked on her heart relented a trifle toward him, the weak, kind-hearted, exasperating little man. Hastily taking her