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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
CHARLES COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY,
AT ITS SIXTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION, HELD IN PORT
TOBACCO ON THE 8TH AND 9TH OF
NOVEMBER, 1853.

PORT TOBACCO, Nov. 5th, 1853.
This being the time selected for holding the Annual Meeting, the Society met—JOHN HAMILTON, President, in the Chair.
On motion, the several committees appointed to examine, and award premiums for articles exhibited, were called; whereupon, they entered upon the discharge of the duties assigned them.
The Society then adjourned until tomorrow morning.
Nov. 9th. The Society reassembled.
On motion of Major Wm. B. Stone, it was resolved, that the officers of this Society be selected on the first Tuesday in our Circuit Court, and that notice of this fact be given generally by the members now present and published in the Port Tobacco Times.

It was also, on motion of Major Stone, resolved, that at the same meeting premiums should be awarded to those articles which came under the head of unenumerated articles.
It was further resolved, on motion of Major Stone, that the Executive Committee investigate those cases where minors and managers of stock have been charged entrance fees to the Fair, and in all such cases the funds be returned and suitable explanations made.

On motion of Col. JENIFER, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to JOHN HAMILTON, Esq., our President, for the able and appropriate address delivered by him at the opening of the Annual Meeting, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same for publication.

The following is the Address of Mr. HAMILTON:

"We meet to-day for the purpose of holding our Annual Fair. It gives me great pleasure to see so large a number of the ladies of our county present on this occasion. It is highly encouraging to us in our humble exertions to promote the agricultural improvement of our county.—It is no idle curiosity, or the love of show that brings them here; they come here to-day for the noble purpose of showing their zeal in the great object we all have in view, to reward industry and reward useful labor; and can there be a motive more honorable, or a duty more pleasant than to endeavor to rouse the dormant energy of our farmers; to excite their zeal and increase their industry in the improvement and cultivation of their farms? I thank the daughters of old Charles for their exertions, for the noble example they have set us. Let every man now present resolve to follow their example; to be industrious, more zealous in the improvement of his farm, thereby giving him more means, placing it more in his power to procure all that is necessary to render himself and family more comfortable, more independent and happy. This is the Sixth Exhibition we have held since the formation of this Society, and if I may judge by what I see now around me, the beautiful display of articles of domestic manufacture, furnished by the industry, taste and skill of our wives and daughters, will, I hope, be equal, if not superior to any former display. The ladies have always done their part well, I feel assured they have done so now. I trust that it will be seen that each member of this Society have come here to-day prepared to do his duty; he has come to contest with manly spirit every prize; he has brought along with him some of the fruits of his industry and labor, prepared to give some proof of his zeal and interest in the good cause.
"The Executive Committee have been willing and anxious to do all in their power to render the present exhibition creditable to the Society and worthy of our County, and should it fail to be so, it will not be their fault. It may be justly charged to the want of zeal and interest on the part of our farmers, many of whom have not given it that attention and encouragement that we

had a right to expect. It is but poor encouragement for the Executive Committee to give their time, their labor and attention to the discharge of their duty, when they receive but a cold and reluctant assistance from those who ought to be equally interested, and should take a manly part in sustaining and carrying out the object and intention of the Society. I here call on and invite every farmer, who is not a member, to add his name to our list. I call on every man to rally by the plough, to hold on to the plough, to give speed to the plough, as the surest means of promoting his temporal happiness and prosperity. He would be a poor farmer indeed, who would desert the plough when cheered by the smiles, and encouraged by the presence of dear women."

The time having arrived for the delivering of the Annual Address,
On motion of Col. JENIFER, the following committee were appointed to wait upon the Orator and escort him to the stand: Col. JENIFER, Dr. ROBERT FERGUSSON, and SAMUEL COX.

Col. Wm. I. BLAKISTONE, of St. Mary's county, the Orator, having been introduced to the meeting, delivered an able address, throughout the delivery of which he received much applause.

Upon the conclusion of the address, Col. JENIFER moved that a copy of the same be requested for publication, which motion was unanimously adopted.

The reports of the several awarding committees were handed in and read by the Secretary, after which followed the distribution of Premiums.

The Society adjourned till the first Tuesday in November Court.

JOHN HAMILTON, Pres't.
E. WELLS, Sec'y.

REPORTS OF THE AWARDING COMMITTEES.

On Stallions and Mares.

The undersigned committee on Stallions and Mares report, that they have awarded the premium, for the best Stallion, to Mr. Barnes Compton; for the best Brood Mare, thorough bred, to Mr. Francis Edelen; and for the best Brood Mare, common breed, to Mr. Samuel Cox.

The exhibition of Stallions and thorough bred Brood Mares was small—there being but two Stallions and but two thorough bred Brood Mares exhibited. The exhibition of Brood Mares, common breed, was large, and some of them very superior in size and form. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. Brent,
P. W. HAWKINS,
Thos. L. SPEAKE,
O. A. FERGUSON.

On Colts and Fillies.

Your committee beg leave most respectfully to report, that the exhibition of Colts and Fillies was such that they have not before seen, and that it was most creditable to the county and hard to beat anywhere. The competition was very close in many instances and very difficult to decide. We however, after much hesitation and deliberation, award to Wm. B. Mathews, for his thorough bred Colt, 1 year old, the premium of \$1; to same, for his thorough bred Colt, 2 years old, the premium of \$2; for 3 year old, thorough bred, no offer; for 1 year old, thorough bred, no offer; to N. Stonestreet, for his thorough bred, 2 year old Filly, the premium of \$2; to Joseph Young, for his thorough bred, 3 year old Filly, the premium of \$3; to Mrs. M. J. Davis, for her common Colt, 1 year old, the premium of \$1; to Gen. John G. Chapman, for his 2 year old common Colt, the premium of \$2; to Samuel Hanson, for his common Colt, 3 years old, the premium of \$3; to Richard Smoot, for his common Filly, 1 year old, the premium of \$1; to Dr. Francis R. Wills, for his common Filly, 2 years old, the premium of \$2; to Francis H. Digges, for his 3 year old Filly, the premium of \$3. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. H. WILLS,
EDW. N. STONESTREET,
CHS. L. GARDINER.

On Carriage and Draught Horses.

Your committee on Carriage, Single Harness and Draught Horses had offered for their examination, 4 pairs of Carriage Horses, 1 Single-Harness Horse, and 3 pairs Draught Horses; and we award to Gen. John G. Chapman, the premium for Carriage Horses; to Mr. Samuel Hanson, the premium for Single-Harness Horse; and to Mr. Francis H. Digges, for the best pair of Draught Horses. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. POSEY,
HENRY A. NEALE,
W. A. POSEY.

On Saddle Horses.

The committee on Saddle Horses report, that after reviewing some eight horses, they

award the premium to Theophilus Hawkins, for his Saddle Mare, \$2.

FRANCIS THOMPSON,
Chairman.

On Jacks and Mules.

The undersigned committee on Jacks and Mules respectfully report, that, after careful examination, they award to Mr. John Hamilton the first premium of \$5 for the best pair of Mules; to William Fergusson, the second premium of \$2 for the second best pair of Mules; to Dr. Francis R. Wills, the first premium of \$2 for the best Mule colt of from one to three years old. We also award to Mr. Samuel Cox a certificate of preeminence for his Jack "Knight of Malia" (there being under a rule of the Society no premium allowed for animals that have once taken a premium.) All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. BOSWELL,
THOMAS S. MARTIN,
JOHN H. FREEMAN.

On Improved Cattle.

The committee on Improved Cattle present the following as their report. In the discharge of the duty assigned them, they cannot forbear to express their high sense of the improvement going on in the breeding of neat cattle, as in the opinion of your committee the offering of the present excellent does of the last as far as those of the last did those of the preceding years. The number of animals coming under the head of Improved Cattle was not large, but they reflected the highest credit upon the enterprise and spirit of their gentlemanly owners, and give promise of a thorough and perfect renovation in this hitherto too much depreciated stock of our county. Your committee cannot fail to mention the two beautiful Bulls of Col. F. Thompson, the one 2 and the other 1 year old last spring, as being the finest specimens of the far famed Durham breed, and hard to beat anywhere; while the Cows and four months old Bull Calves of Mr. John Hamilton would not fail to attract attention among the finest specimens of the Devon.—Your committee award to Col. Thompson the premium for the best Bull, improved stock; to Mr. Hamilton, the premium for the best Bull, common breed; to the same gentleman the premium for the best Heifer, improved breed, for his red Heifer, mixed Durham breed, and likewise some gentleman, the premium for the Bull of any breed, from 1 to 2 years for his Devon Bull calf, 4 months old. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. GARDINER,
F. B. BURGESS,
G. W. ROBEY.

On Common Cattle.

The committee on Common Cattle, after careful examination of the many pens of stock presented to their consideration, have awarded to Dr. F. R. Wills, the premium of \$3, for his Bull; to Col. Francis Thompson, the premium of \$3, for his Milch Cow; to Mr. T. Yates Robey, the premium of \$2, for his Heifer. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. ROBERTSON,
B. D. SPALDING,
WM. LONG,
BARNES COMPTON.

On Oxen.

The committee on Oxen respectfully award premiums to the following persons: For the best yoke of Oxen, to James Fergusson; for second best do., to Charles H. Wills; for best do. from 1 to 3 years old, John Hamilton. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. H. GARDINER,
JOHN H. FREEMAN,
THOS. O. BEAN.

On Sheep.

The committee on Sheep beg leave to submit the following report: They award the premium for the best improved Buck, to Judge Barnes, for his Cotswold Buck; to same, a premium for his Cotswold Ewe. They likewise award a premium for the best Buck, common breed, to Samuel Cox, Esq.; a premium for the best pair Ewes, common breed, to Mr. Charles H. Wills; the premium for the best lot of Lambs, to Judge Jenkins, for his pen of 4; the premium for the best Slaughtered Mutton, to Dr. F. R. Wills. The committee would remark that the Slaughtered Mutton was the best ever exhibited here.

STANISLAUS FARRALL,
RICHARD T. TUBMAN,
GEORGE S. WILLET,
HENRY A. MOORE.

On Hogs.

The undersigned, acting as committee to award premiums on Hogs, respectfully report, that there was but one Boar exhibited, and he was certainly very good of his age, for which they award a premium of \$2, to James L. Brawner; and for the best Sow, they award a premium of \$2, to James R. Brent; and for the best Sow and Pigs, they award a premium of \$2, to Jas. L. Brawner; and for the best Pork Hog, they award a premium of \$2, to Richard

Barnes. There was much competition in Pork Hogs—several very fine indeed, being exhibited, but after due reflection, your committee believe Mr. Barnes' the best, and award accordingly. All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS O. BEAN,
JOHN H. FREEMAN,
A. TENNISON,
S. W. DENT.

On Tobacco.

The committee on Tobacco beg leave respectfully to report, that after a careful examination of the many fine samples of Tobacco, which came under their inspection, they met with great difficulty, owing to the fine quality of all which was exhibited to which to award the premiums; but, after exercising their best judgment, they have decided to award the first premium to No. 8, Benjamin Tubman's; the second premium to No. 9, (John H. Freeman's); and the third premium to No. 6, (Henry A. Moore's.) Your committee were much pleased to see the great care which had been taken in the management of all the Tobacco exhibited. This exhibition of so great a luxury is sufficient to satisfy all that Charles county Tobacco-growers can't be surpassed, if they can be equalled by any others in the State of Maryland. It shows, too, while we have the soil to produce fine Tobacco, we have men of that energy of character who take a pride in producing the finest qualities. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

ANSALOM JENNISON,
WM. HAMILTON,
THOMAS Y. ROBEY.

On Wheat.

The undersigned, acting as committee on the best five acre lot of Wheat, beg leave to report, that upon an examination of the certificates it appears that Capt. Jas. H. Neale is entitled to the first premium, his yield being 178 1-2 bushels; and for the second lot we award the second premium to Mr. John O. Maddox, his lot yielding 143 1-2 bushels.

The undersigned, acting as committee on the best acre of Wheat, beg leave to report, that for the best acre they award the first premium to Dr. Francis R. Wills, being 32 bushels, and for the second to John Hamilton the second premium, being 30 3-4 bushels. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERTSON,
SMOOT.

The same, at the request of their neighbor Capt. James H. Neale, laid off by stretching over the same a rope seventy yards long, an area of five acres of his growing Wheat of the present year, and one of them, Mr. Benjamin Welch, being present when the yield of the said five acres was measured by a standard half-bushel, and found to amount to 178 1-2 bushels. In witness whereof, they have hereunto affixed their hands.

F. B. BURGESS,
BENJAMIN WELCH.

This is to certify, that at my request Mr. Washington Ware assisted me to measure a lot of five acres of Wheat with a line, and that I carefully reaped, thrashed and measured from said lot one hundred and forty-three bushels, two pecks and a half of Wheat—variety, blue stem,—raised on tobacco land, of dark brown soil.

JOHN O. MADDOX.
I hereby certify, that Mr. John O. Maddox appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for Charles County, State of Maryland, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the above statement is correct as it stands stated. As witness my hand, this 8th day of November, 1853.

CHARLES COUNTY, State of Maryland, to wit:
On this eighth day of November, personally appeared John B. Wills and F. R. Wills before a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and County aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that they measured with a rope one acre of land after the usual manner, viz: allowing seventy yards square to the acre, and further that from the same acre the said John B. Wills measured thirty-two bushels wheat therefrom. Sworn before P. DAVIS.

F. R. WILLS sworn before E. W. DAY.
Mode of Cultivation, &c.—The variety of Wheat grown was the Polish. The land upon which it was grown was followed up (a clover lay) in the last part of August, the Wheat seeded in October, then cultivated, and afterwards raked. The soil a loam of clay-bottom. The quantity of seed per acre, about one bushel and a peck. No manure of any kind was used either before or after seeding, except clover and plaster after the usual manner.

We the undersigned as committee do certify, that Dr. F. R. Wills is entitled to the premium for the best one acre of land for Wheat, as stated above.

THOMAS H. KENT, of Jos. R. H. SMOOT.

This is to certify, that I have measured one acre of land, allowing seventy yards square to the acre, the product was thirty bushels and three quarters of blue stem Wheat. This land had in the fall of 1849 a dressing of ten bushels of bone dust to the acre, raked in with the Wheat. It was seeded in clover the following spring and remained in clover until the fall of 1851, when it was ploughed in and planted in Tobacco in 1852 without any additional manure. The crop of Tobacco was light, having been planted late, and the season very dry. The Wheat was seeded late in October, and the above is the result. The soil a brittle clay.

JOHN HAMILTON.
Sworn before E. W. DAY.

On Oats and Corn.

The committee on Oats and Corn respectfully report, that after a careful examination of the certificates and affidavits submitted to their inspection, award the premiums as follows: For the best five acres of Corn, to Captain James H. Neale, the product being 63 barrels of Corn; for the

second best 5 acres do, to Dr. Francis R. Wills, the product being 57 1-2 barrels; for the best acre of Corn, to Josias H. Hawkins, Esq., the product being 15 bbls. and 3 bushels; for the second best acre of Corn to Dr. Francis R. Wills, the product being 12 1-2 bushels; for the best acre of Oats, to Richard B. Posey, Esq., the product being 53 3-4 bushels. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WALTER F. BOARMAN,
JOSEPH I. LUCKETT,
S. H. BEALL.

[CERTIFICATES.]
To Dr. Walter F. Boarman, Samuel H. Beall, Lynce Shackelford and Joseph Luckett, Committee on Corn and Oats:

This is to certify, that I measured an acre of Corn in my field as accurately as it could be done with a rope; that I had the Corn gathered, shelled and measured. All of which was done under my eye, and with my own assistance, and that the yield was eighteen barrels and three bushels of ears.

Mode of Cultivation.—The land on which the above Corn was made was never before in cultivation; but was cleared, grubbed, and ditched last spring. Got up and cultivated entirely with the hoe, with the exception of a slight plowing I made when I laid it by. It was planted in four foot one way and two feet the other, with two stalks in each hill. The soil is a light loam and is bottom or swamp land. The Corn is the eight and ten rowed variety.

I also certify, that in July last I measured an acre of Oats, had it cut, thrashed, and measured under my own observation, and that the yield was thirty-six bushels; each half bushel was a little raised.

Mode of Cultivation.—The land on which these Oats were raised was swamp or bottom land (too low for wheat) of rather a crumbly soil. It was sown on the 31st of March, with four bushels to the acre. About the time the Oats were heading the weather was extremely dry, or I should have made a much larger crop. This land was in corn last year. I plowed it very deep in the spring of this year, then raked it with a heavy two-horse rake, sowed the Oats, and raked them in with a three horse rake. The variety was the Polish and our common Oats mixed.

JOSIAS H. HAWKINS,
On this 8th day of November, 1853, personally appeared Josias H. Hawkins and made oath that the above statements are correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

CHARLES COUNTY, State of Maryland, to wit:
On this 8th day of November personally appeared Dr. Francis R. Wills before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the county aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he measured with a rope one acre of land after the usual manner; and further, that from the same acre the said F. R. Wills gathered 53 3-4 bushels Corn, allowing 70 yards square to the acre. And at the same time he measured five acres of land, from which he gathered 287 1-2 bushels of Corn.

Sworn before, ELIJAH W. DAY.

Mode of Cultivation.—The variety of Corn grown was the eight and ten rowed. The land upon which it was grown was seeded up, raked, the Corn planted and drilled from two to two and a half feet apart one way, and five or five and a half the other; cultivated exclusively with plow and hoe, no manure of any kind being used. The soil of loam sand.

I hereby certify, that 70 yards square of land, measured by A. Smoot and A. J. Boarman, produced on my farm twenty-four and a half bushels of Oats the present year.

Mode of Cultivation.—The land is a brittle clay, and a few years ago would not have produced ten bushels. About four years since it was heavily covered with stable and farm-yard manure. Last year a heavy crop of Corn was made on the land. This spring the Oats were seeded early in April, and plowed in corn-stalks with them. No manure of any kind used.

S. W. DENT.
Maryland, Charles County, to wit:
Personally appears S. W. Dent and makes oath to the foregoing facts, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn before P. DAVIS,
November 8th, 1853.

I hereby certify, that I measured the acre for S. W. Dent, in connexion with Mr. Boarman, Alexander Smoot.

I hereby certify, that I measured the acre of land with Mr. A. Smoot, and measured up and half bushels, and the yield was twenty-four and a half bushels.

This is to certify, that we measured one acre or 70 yards square of land and saw the Oats raked, shocked, thrashed and measured, and the product was 53 3-4 bushels, for Richard B. Posey.

FRANCIS DENNINGTON,
SAMUEL BUSH.

This is to certify, that we correctly measured one acre of land for Stanislaus Farrall and helped to cut and thrash and measure the Oats of the same, on poor clay land, and measured up thirty-seven and a half bushels and a half gallon of good oat Oats. As witness our hands, the season of 1853.

(his mark.)
JOHN H. JOHNSON,
(his mark.)
WALTER SCROGGINS.

The undersigned, at the request of Mr. James H. Neale, laid off by stretching over the same a rope seventy yards long, an acre of five acres of his growing Corn of the present year, and one of them, (Mr. William Slaven,) being present when the yield of said one acre was measured, it was found to amount to 11 barrels and 2 bushels. In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands.

WILLIAM SLAVEN,
H. W. WATERMAN.

The undersigned, at the request of Mr. James H. Neale, laid off, by stretching over the same a rope seventy yards long, an area of five acres of his growing Corn of the present year, and both of us being present when the yield was measured, was found in the aggregate to amount to 63 barrels. In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our hands.

the hill, and worked with the hoe. It had at convenient intervals two thorough workings with a two-horse plough, and then laid by. The kind of Corn, the eight and ten rowed.

JOHN HAMILTON,
Sworn to before ELIJAH W. DAY,
November 8th, 1853.

On Potatoes and Turnips.

The committee on Potatoes and Turnips respectfully report, that after carefully inspecting the several parcels offered, do award to Dr. F. R. Wills, for the best one-eighth acre of Irish Potatoes, the first premium of \$3; for the best bushel of Irish Potatoes, the first premium of \$1, to Richard B. Posey. There being no other certificates produced the committee do not feel authorized to award any second premium. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. G. WATSON,
FRANCIS H. DIGGES.

On Garden Products.

The undersigned committee on Garden Products, &c. report, that after a careful examination, they award premiums of \$1 each to lot of Cabbage No. 2, (P. Davis); to lot of Pumpkins No. 1, (Mrs. M. J. Davis); to lot of Irish Potatoes No. 3, (R. B. Posey's); to lot Carrots No. 1, (Mrs. E. A. Middleton's); to lot of Sweet Potatoes No. 3, (S. Farrall's); to lot of Beets No. 1, (Mrs. E. A. Middleton's); to lot of Parsnips No. 1, (Mrs. E. A. Middleton's). Your committee saw no lot of assorted Vegetables on exhibition. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM BOSWELL,
SAMUEL HANSON,
JOHN O. MADDOX.

On Home-made Cloth.

Your committee on Home-made Cloth, after examining all the articles under their consideration, award the premiums as follows: For the best Kersey, to lot No. 4, (Mrs. Basil D. Spalding's); second best do. to lot No. 1, (Mrs. Kitty Turner's); to best striped or plaid Linsey, to lot No. 1, (Mrs. Elizabeth Neale's); second best do. to lot No. 2, (Mrs. James R. Brent's); best cotton do. to lot No. 1, (Mrs. John B. Maddox's); second best do. to lot No. 2, (same); best Cassinet, to lot No. 2, (Mrs. E. A. Tucker's); second best do. to lot No. 3, (Mrs. J. H. Hawkins); best domestic Flannel, to roll No. 4, (Mrs. G. H. Gardiner's); second best do. to roll No. 1, (Mrs. Elizabeth Neale's). All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. BRAUNER,
ALEXANDER QUEEN,
GRIFFIN CARTER.

On Counterpanes and Quilts.

The committee on Counterpanes and Quilts report, that a larger number than heretofore was exhibited, all of which did credit to the fair hands which wrought them. The committee had some difficulty as to which should have the preference, and had it not called in the aid of some of the fair sex, might not have come to a correct conclusion as to which were entitled to premiums. The home-made yarn and cotton Counterpanes showed a great improvement in the manufactures, some of which would be hard to beat by foreign competition. The home-made Quilts, requiring more minute attention and labor, were tastefully designed and beautifully executed. The patience, skill and perseverance of those who worked these, is evidence of what fair women can do when their heart and head are set to work. Had men such hearts and heads, this would be a paradise. The premiums are awarded as follows: For the best home-made yarn Counterpane, No. 8, (Mrs. Walter A. Haislip's), the first premium; to No. 10, (Mrs. Rebecca Edelen's) the second premium; to No. 4, (Mrs. John B. Maddox's) the third premium; for the best cotton Counterpane, No. 2, (Mrs. Violeta Smoot's), the first premium; to No. 1, (Mrs. George W. Carpenter's), the second premium; for the best home-made Quilt, No. 2, (Mrs. Elizabeth Stone's), the first premium; to No. 7, (Mrs. Dr. Dent's), the second premium; to No. 5, (Mrs. Thos. O. Bean's), the third premium; to No. 10, (Mrs. E. W. Day's), the fourth premium. There was exhibited some specimens of Blankets, spun and wove out of the Merino wool, from the flock of a gentleman, (Gen. John G. Chapman's) of this county, (and manufactured in Montgomery County, Md.) which were justly admired for their fine texture, and excellent manufacture, which, as the committee have no power to award a premium for, is recommended to the favorable consideration of the Executive Committee. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL JENIFER,
WM. M. MORRIS,
NATHANIEL HALLEY.

On Socks and Stockings.

The undersigned, constituting a committee on Socks and Stockings, beg leave to report, that, (after as careful an examination as the numerous flashing eyes of the fair ones that surrounded us would permit,) we not losing sight of the main object, however, award to lot No. 1, (Mrs. C. A. Tucker's), the first premium for the best yarn Socks; and to lot No. 2, (Mrs.