ed in making the thing pay, and to do that a general competition is invited from all quarters, to show the best they have.

The display of cattle on the 3d, I was told, was not quite equal to that of previous years, and this was accounted for in part by the terrible drouth, which had dried up all the feed, so that cattle, as a rule, average thin. Still, the display of Short-Horns and their grades was good—they leading the other breeds by far. Several very fine thoroughbreds were shown by Mr. Lynes of Danbury, also a fine herd of Devons by Mr. Titus of Washington. There was rather a poor show of Jerseys and Ayrshires, though one or two good ones of the latter breed were shown by Mr. B. D. Norris. The steers and working oxen were, as a class, very fine; mostly Devon grades, and of a rich red color. I should like to give the names of those exhibiting some of the best, but one defect of the entry cards was that the name of the owner of the stock was not allowed on them—containing only the class and home of the animal exhibited.

In sheep, there were some fine Cotswolds from Sherman Hartwell of Washington, and some fair South Downs. The show of pigs was first-class, as to breeds and number, mostly Chester Whites, Poland Chinas and Berkshires—the later predominating. Sows with pigs in all the above classes were shown. Among the Berkshires was an extra fine sow, imported from Heber Humfrey, and shown by Herbert Mead of Golden's Bridge, N. Y.

The display of agricultural products and mechanical wares was held in a large tent, and in a fine permanent building, built of southern pine, with a corrugated iron roof, lighted from overhead. The agricultural products were exhibited in the former, and a finer and more tasteful display it would be hard to find anywhere; it put the Connecticut State Fair of last year clear in the background. Garden products were there in great abundance, and vegetable monstrosities of all kinds were on hand—lots of onions big as a tea-plate. (This is a noted place for them.)

Of fruit, there was a great display, particularly apples, one gentleman showing sixty-two varieties, two others exhibiting thirty two kinds each and many others from six to eighteen plates. They were uniformly fair. Pears were shown in good number, but I did not see very many grapes. In the permanent building was as fine a mechanical display—and of goods of all kinds—as one often sees. The merchants of Danbury deserve great credit for their fine display of dress goods, clothing, photographs and pictures, pianos and organs, sewing machines, Danbury hats, sleighs, fancy groceries, &c. Here was a manufacturer making candy for the multitude, and the Danbury *News* had a steam press, printing their compliments for all inquiring friends. It was, in short, a miniature world's fair.

Of course no fair is complete without its agricultural horse trot. This was to be indulged in the day I left, and it was expected that 10,000 people would be on the ground. Numerous entries had been made for the various purses; a grand stand had just been erected—roofed in, and costing over $1,500—from profits of previous years, making a fine place, from which the people could see the "gentlemen" drive around the ring. This and the rum-drinking and beer-selling booths were the only objectionable features of the whole affair.—HAUTBOY. *Cornwall Hollow*, in *Co. Gent.*

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