





would soon destroy it. Unlike red clover, you sow alfalfa but once, if you secure a good stand, for it usually holds the fort as long as required. It leaves much space between the plants for weeds to grow, and they will surely do so unless you sow the alfalfa thick enough to cover the ground. It will be thereby smaller and of finer growth for hay. It starts early in the spring, bears close cropping pretty well, and dry weather does not affect it like the other grasses and clovers. If rock or hard-pan underlie the surface, I think alfalfa will not be a success. Its roots run deep down—fifteen feet in some soils. Seed is expensive, but it must be sown thick. It may take the place of clover, but I doubt it. It demands peculiar and special conditions. If they are favorable alfalfa will be a paying crop.

"Tis said that the Indians in their contract with "Uncle Sam," stipulated terms to the effect that they were to have exclusive use of their lands "as long as grass grows or water runs." It is doubtful if "Uncle Sam" keeps his agreement. But there is no doubt that so long as water runs or grass grows, grass will be to the farmer and to the world the basis of all material prosperity.

## The Stock Interest.

### HOLSTEIN-FRIESIANS AS A DAIRY BREED.

By M. S. Babcock, of Nortonville, Kas., read before the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association, at Topeka, January 8, 1896.

We always take pleasure in speaking a good word for a tried and faithful servant, who has served us faithfully for years and has never been found recreant to any trust imposed upon him, and while we may not have the same affection for domestic animals that we have for our own species, still we have the same feeling in a less degree, and, of all domestic animals, it has been my experience that the cow is the most faithful, viewed from the standpoint of profit and loss.

Even in times of prosperity in the horse industry, there is no man who has had much experience in the business who can truthfully deny that there is a vast amount of uncertainty between the foal and the mature horse ready for market.

And if we turn to the production of beef for a livelihood, it has been my experience that we are likely to sometimes market our corn at 15 cents per bushel or less, which requires a great amount of figuring to bring the balance on the right side of the ledger.

And there is the hog. Well, I don't like to cast any reflections on my friends, but I will say this much: When we compare the hog with the cow, as regards their faithfulness as servants of man, the party of the first part isn't "in it" very much—at least that has been my experience. He too much resembles the hired man who will, occasionally, go on a spree, and, like the man, he is pretty likely to go on a spree when he is most needed. I have spent years in breeding and rearing a herd of swine, and then stood by and looked on while the fruits of my labors vanished like the morning dew, but seldom, in my experience, has the cow for dairy purposes failed to return a profit.

This subject is of vast and increasing magnitude, Referring for a moment to the best statistics obtainable as to the annual value of the dairy products of the United States, we find that over \$900,000,000 is a conservative estimate for the production of butter and cheese alone, without taking into account milk of the retail trade. The value of skim-milk for feeding purposes would amount to over \$1,000,000. This is the annual product in a commercial way. It does not include the increase in value of stock or the value of the farms, which is one of the important features in connection with the dairy industry.

Taking the amount of land, improved stock and machinery necessary to care for the 19,000,000 cows that at present are to be found in this country, it would exceed \$1,000,000,000, a much larger amount than the banking capital of the whole country. And with the produc-

tion, as estimated, at \$1,000,000,000, it shows how this great industry has overtopped even the great financial institutions that have had so much attention in the halls of Congress and received such extensive notice from the public press.

The value of this industry has increased 100 per cent. within the past twenty years, and will continue to increase. As the country grows richer and more luxurious, the greater will be the demand per capita for the pure and skillfully-handled products of the cow and this demand must be supplied by intelligent, studious dairymen who read, travel, observe and reach out in every possible way for every assistance science and trained investigation can give them. It is going to be harder and harder every year hence for the unthinking, non-reading, unskillful farmer to make a success with cows. Every State will, sooner or later, be compelled to organize its own educational forces for the training of young men into an understanding of dairy farming, dairy cattle breeding, and the manufacture and care of dairy products. The demand of the consumer will grow more critical and the labor which answers to this demand must be more and more intellectual and, as a consequence, more skillful. There will soon be no place in this business, from the farm to the factory and final consumer, for the man who will not brace up and do his part of the work with modern dairy intelligence. "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly appear?" If only the best-posted men can make any profit from cows, where will the men who are not posted appear?

The business of dairying requires reading, thinking and hard study. Hard study is worth more than hard work, because we can buy the labor, but we must furnish our own brains, and when the brain is starved for want of sound knowledge, where will we bring up?

Notwithstanding the vast magnitude of the dairy industry of the country, in no branch of farming is there such deplorable waste and short-sightedness as in dairying, such a large amount of labor for so small results, and these results, too, of a very indifferent quality. And, in my opinion, the first and principal cause of this is made in the beginning—the choice of a cow. The old adage, "It is ill work working with poor tools," comes in here with as much force as any place I can imagine. Men who would not think of going back to the old-fashioned plow of our forefathers, nor to the flail to thresh out their grain, will continue to breed, rear and milk cows year after year that not only fail to pay their owners a cent of profit, but are actually running their owners into debt. We must have tools adapted to the work to be performed. Trotting horse men are not governed by draft ideas, neither are the breeders of dogs for speed governed by the outlines of dogs that are bred for fighting and muscular strength, yet men will persist in trying to make a beef cow do dairy work.

It seems to us it would be the part of common wisdom and prudence, if we expect to do profitable work in any line, to study the practices of those who have made the greatest success in that line, and, in bringing this to bear on the subject of dairying, our attention is at once attracted to a country of Europe, much of which has been reclaimed from the sea, where land is worth from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per acre and where more dairy cattle are profitably kept than in any other country in the world, in proportion to its area. I refer to the Netherlands, commonly known as "Holland," with an area of about 13,000 square miles and a population of less than 4,000,000. In one province of this small country, containing 1,700 square miles and a population of about a half million, the number of milch cows exceeds the population. Without going further into details, statistics show that the Hollanders are the most successful dairymen in the world, and statistics also show, we think, that the Holstein-Friesian is the most successful dairy cow in the world, and, from our own experience and observation, we believe that in this case

statistics are correct. We will give a few reasons for the faith that is in us and leave the subject for more capable men to discuss: (1) We believe the Holstein cow has a stronger constitution than any other breed of dairy cows. (2) We believe she will produce more butter, cheese or milk, in proportion to food consumed, than any other cow. (3) We believe Holstein cattle will produce as much meat, in proportion to food consumed, as any breed of cattle.

Now, while this is the position I hold in regard to Holstein cattle, I have no war with any one who thinks otherwise, or has a fancy or preference for any other breed, nor even with the man who thinks he can do satisfactory dairy work with a beef breed, but I do insist that it is the part of wisdom for every man who keeps a half dozen cows to use a scale, the Babcock test, a lead pencil and piece of paper, and find out for himself just what he is doing.

### About Hereford Cattle.

By R. A. Steele, of Belvoir, Kas., read before the Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' Association, at Topeka, January 7, 1896.

As many of us have our preference, and founded on experience, I will not now discuss the best beef breed, but will confine my remarks to the Hereford family. I will not give the history of this breed, but will briefly state that they have been purely bred for over one hundred years, and have overcome strong opposition and prejudice, so that at this date they are recognized as one of the best beef breeds. This leads to the question: "What are some of the desirable qualities of this noble breed?" They are eminently adapted to grazing even on scanty pastures, cleaning up the farm of straw and rough feed, and presenting a fine appearance nearly the season through; adapted to feed or fatten at any age. No breed on earth is their equal in this respect. In the feed lot are quiet, but rustling for something to eat, and if properly fed produce best results, always fine in appearance, i. e., with good backs, which makes the good seller, at best or top prices.

My remarks are largely from experience and observation, and in no way allow any hobby to sway my convictions. Neither do I recognize small tests as being the true road to success, but admit often show the direction of the facts sought after. I and my sons are Hereford breeders, but in no way allow that to influence the facts sought after—best results. Now, as to cross-bred animals, we have eight Short-horn cows of the roan type, all pedigreed and all with good backs. I bought them for good. Crossed with Hereford bulls, the calves are very satisfactory, invariably retaining the white face, or nearly so. Have not used the offspring from this cross as yet to any extent, but am favorably impressed and think they make the best feeders we ever had. Having a few Jerseys, pure-bred, used Hereford bulls in mating same. If steers, they were large enough to feed and sell with other grades.

Having shipped Hereford bulls to our ranch in Oklahoma, north of the Pan-handle, for the last five years, am familiar with results of using Hereford bulls on native cows of that country, which means Texas and Indian cows, with mixture of scrub. Now, as to results, this cross in the main were good, greatly improving the class of feeders and materially advancing the price. This point was noticed, that bulls taken there as yearlings usually remained small, and I believe the increase tended that way.

I believe the craze for "baby beef" is liable to dwarf and "pony" up the breeding to a damaging extent, especially in the West. This is certain, a steer should weigh near 1,000 pounds when he is 2½ years old in the fall. This will make a feeder to feed in winter, or better, to feed grain on grass the following spring. The deduction is this: Use bulls 18 months or 2 years old—(I would prefer older). By so doing, get stronger and better developed calves. It is a self-evident fact that the shape and form of an animal largely depends on the feed he gets, and this goes in favor of this "baby beef." But we believe this to be somewhat of a fancy, and may be only of

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short duration, and to my mind rather "veally." I do not wish to be understood as stopping the growth of animal to get age to feed, but kept growing all the time from birth. There is no economy in letting an animal shrink 300 or 400 pounds in the winter to build up again in the spring. I would not favor the contracting in size to meet the present want, but would retain the length, and especially the broad back, tending to shorter legs. Neither would I favor fancy points as to color. The dark red appears now very popular, but think the yellow tinge or type make the most satisfactory feeders, certainly are the best feelers, mellow skin and every way pleasant to the touch.

We have made many tests. Were particular in selecting cows with great records, both in the show yards and feed lot, closely observing the condition of the cows at the different seasons in regard to what it required to keep them in good breeding condition. This we found more varied than one would suppose, so much so that I would select no bull for my use without knowing well the dam. Have seen it laid down that the sire was at the ratio of 60 per cent. in impressing the offspring. This I have reason to doubt, and have laid this down as our guide: Save 20 per cent. of the best developed cow calves for breeding, the others we turn off as best we can—usually pay well in the feed lot. It is all nonsense to expect to retain a uniform character in the breeding by breeding everything eligible to register. This course, pursued, will ruin the breed in ten years, no difference where you get the sires, even if you have the closest relation to Lord Wilton 4057, Archibald 11129, Sir Benjamin 36, Sir Thomas 20, Grove 3d, etc., who in their day were prize-winners and did much to build up the breed. I now treat them as back numbers, do not put the picture of either of them on my letter-heads (prefer rather to use my own cattle for that purpose), for why should I? Is our climate and feed inferior to England? We, surely, in America have improved the form, especially the hind quarters, Americanized the animal, as it were, and to keep up these old traditions and keep going back to England to retain our stock, is foolish; in fact, late importations did not meet the expectations of the parties making the importations, and, so far as my observation goes, the offspring were not up to the standard of American-bred.

As long as I can remember, I was a Durham or Short-horn supporter. Predicted their downfall as to color, high up, slab-sided forms. It came. This evil was slowly remedied, and now this breed has promise of again rivaling the world. Age and infirmity prevents me from starting a new breed—using a Short-horn cow and Hereford bull, combining, as it were, the useful in each.

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But suddenly the room grew still,
While God's white sunshine seemed ter fill
The dark place with a gleam of life.

I tell you when that cum to light
It kinder set the dead man right,
An' round the weepin' woman they

WHEN MY SWEETHEART DIED.

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Horticulture.

NOTES ON MUNSON'S HYBRID GRAPES.

By Prof. S. C. Mason, State Agricultural College, read before Kansas State Horticultural Society.

Of hybrid grapes produced by Mr. T. V. Munson, of Denison, Tex., twenty varieties were tested in the experiment station vineyard. A portion were set in 1890, the remainder in 1891, so we report the results of three and four years of bearing.

The parentage given by the originator is shown in the following list; the pistillate parent is named first:

- Bell, Blanco=Elvira x Delaware. Beagle=Elvira x Ives (Black Eagle). Early Market, Rommel=Elvira x Triumph.

President Lyon=Elvira x Lindley.

- Ruby=Elvira x Brighton. Conelva=Concord x Elvira.

Brilliant=Lindley x Delaware. Gold Coin=Cynthiana x Martha.

Munson's No. 85 (unnamed), No. 98 (Blood), No. 111 (Sweetie), No. 122 (Letoney), No. 129 (Carman)=V. Lincecum x Herbemont.

No. 76 (Fern Munson)=V. Lincecum x Triumph.

No. 88 (unnamed)=V. Lincecum x Rupestris.

No. 92 (Pulpless)=V. Lincecum x Elvira.

No. 130 (Texas Highland)=V. Lincecum x Agawam.

No. 104 (Isadora Bush)=Herbemont x V. Lincecum.

Taking the first list of hybrids, we find Bell=Elvira x Delaware, showing a much freer growth of vine than either parent, but with canes bearing more resemblance to Delaware in its smooth, hard, brown wood; the foliage partakes somewhat of the Delaware character. The fruit ripens in late August, is yellowish white, resembling the Missouri Riesling, with the characteristic flavor of the Taylor family, to which Elvira and Missouri Riesling belong.

Bianco, of same parentage, has the character of Amber of the Taylor family, and nothing in common with Delaware. The fruit, as in Bell, ripens during late August, and is a pale waxy yellow in color, with a shade of amber in the sun. In flavor and texture it is an all-round Taylor, and could readily be accounted for as a plain Elvira seedling.

Beagle might, with equal truth, be regarded as a straight Elvira seedling. It is a Taylor in vine characters, the fruit is small, black and early (August 15), has little else to commend it. It has the peculiar flavor of the Taylor family, and lacks the pleasing sprightliness a table grape must have.

Of the two varieties ascribed to Elvira x Triumph, if Early Market be of such a cross, it certainly shows more the character of Triumph. Here we find the vine and foliage characters are those of the Taylor family. The fruit, though ripe by August 1, is small, black, poor in quality and small in bunch.

Rommel, of same parentage, shows some leaf and vine characters which refer it to the V. Riparia side of Elvira, yet lacks vigor, has scanty foliage and is quite tender during winter, points all common to Triumph. Fruit produced in small, uneven bunches, is medium to large in berry, round, clear pale yellow, tender skinned, juicy, sweet, pleasant in flavor, though lacking the fine qualities of Triumph and in sprightliness. While not with us worthy of general introduction, it is interesting in the study of hybrid effects.

President Lyon = Elvira x Lindley, has hardy, free-growing, splendid vines, showing many Taylor characters. Ripe by the middle of August, medium size, rather compact, shouldered bunches, berry about size of Delaware, purplish red, a fair early table grape, quickly past flavor, overripe and shriveled. It is worth further trial by amateurs.

Ruby = Elvira x Brighton, shows less of the Taylor characters in vine and leaf, but the medium-sized, round, dull yellow berries, striped with amber or dull red, has the characteristic flavor of the Taylor class and none of the fine

qualities of Brighton. Bunch small and uneven.

Summing up this class having Elvira as pistillate parent, we find traits belonging to the Taylor family in all the vines and paramount in all but two. In the fruit Taylor again predominates, only two showing marked characters of the pollen-bearing parent, and both of these are hybrids of Vitis Vinifera, Lindley and Triumph. All are hardy but Rommel and Ruby, and it seems probable the tenderness is referable to Vitis Vinifera blood.

In Conelva we have Concord as the pistillate parent, fertilized with Elvira. This vine is more like Concord in habit; a medium-sized black fruit, having neither the tough pulp and foxiness of Concord, nor the characteristic flavor of the Taylor; decidedly flat and lacking in refreshing qualities. Hardiness alone recommends it.

In Brilliant, which is from Lindley x Delaware, we have one of the finest red grapes yet offered, of a brighter, more attractive red than Brighton, a more brisk and less heavy juice, with a trifle of harshness next the skin not noticed in Brighton. It would be difficult to trace the character in this more to one parent than the other. A free grower, it needs winter protection with us.

Gold Coin is a curious study, a grape of more value to wine-growers than for the table. With Cynthiana for pistillate parent, pollinated by Martha, we may reasonably expect some positive characters resulting, and are not disappointed. The vine shows A.estivalis characters and habits of growth; the leaves are more of the Cynthiana character than of Martha or other Labrusca varieties, though the tendrils show a compromise between the intermittent tendrils of A.estivalis and the continuous ones of the Concord family, in having them partly intermittent and partly continuous. The fruit partakes much of the Martha characters, bunch of that habit, berry large as Concord, golden yellow, pulpy, not tough or stringy, flavor sweet, lacking sprightliness; seeds with markings of A.estivalis.

In Mr. Munson's Post Oak hybrids we find a class of grapes wholly distinct from our Northern types. Of the ten containing Post Oak blood all bloom late, after Labrusca and riparia varieties are out. Of the five from Vitis Lincecum, or Post Oak grapes, fertilized with Herbemont, No. 82 has least value. No. 98 (Blood), No. 111 (Sweetie) and No. 122 (Letoney), all have handsome, compact bunches, of small, black, very juicy, pleasant fruit. Small size and abundance of seeds will prevent them being popular. Carman has fruit large as Ives, bears abundantly, bunches handsome, flavor fair, lacks in sprightliness, with too many seeds for a first-class grape, well worth extensive trial. Vines of all show much Herbemont in character, and are strong growers.

No. 130, Texas Highland—Post Oak x Agawam—showing much of Post Oak in growth of vine and leaves; bears scantily, fruit of fine size, black, juicy, rich and pleasant; best flavored of the lot.

In No. 76, Fern Munson, Post Oak x Triumph, the effects of Triumph producing a lack of vigor with thin foliage is apparent. Bunches of Triumph type, less compact than Herbemont, black, with heavy bloom, and tough pulp, with suggestions of Labrusca,

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though a very fair fruit. Ripens late.

No. 92, Pulpless—Post Oak x Elvira—shows Post Oak vine, but we trace Elvira in the fruit. Bunches handsome, compact, berry medium, purple, with a pulp like thin jelly, wholly wanting in pleasing flavor when ripe.

No. 88—Post Oak x Vitis Rupestris—still shows the Post Oak vine; fruit small, black, juicy, too harsh and wild to be valuable.

No. 104, Isidore Bush—Herbemont x Post Oak—we have a Herbemont type of vine and a small black fruit of no merit.

Summarizing: All the Post Oak hybrids are tender in our climate and need winter covering; all are vigorous growers except the Triumph hybrid; all are late in blooming and ripening. Blood, Sweetie and Letoney give a delicious juice for canning, and would make fine wine. Carman is a fair table grape. Texas Highland a better, but does not bear well. We have others of this class to report later.

From this brief glance at these hybrids, we may infer that the pistillate parent exercises a stronger control over the character of the vine than the pollen-bearing parent, while the predominating influence of the pollen-bearing parent can oftener be detected in the fruit; and further, that the strong tendency to tenderness from a V. Vinifera cross is not escaped in the third generation.

The Children's Gardening.

EDITOR KANSAS FARMER:—Last spring my brother and I were wanting something to do, when papa said: "Why don't you get some seed of Mr. Barteldes & Co.?" And we thought it was a good plan and sent at once to the Kansas Seed House, at Lawrence, Kas., for some seeds. Then we began to dig up the back yard and prepare it for the seeds. This took us a long time, but at last we got the seeds all planted. They all came up wonderfully. My brother often said: "O, they are good seeds, ain't they? They come up even where the ground is hard." And so they did.

But as we had chickens, and as chickens and garden do not agree, we did not get as much as we expected. But our tomatoes did very well and so did all the other plants. We raised lettuce, radishes, beets, peas and tomatoes. We sold our lettuce and radishes almost entirely to mamma for our family use, but still some went to seed.

I think they would have done still better if it had not been for the dry weather. We cannot get water where we live, so we have to go without or bring it from the nearest well, which



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Kansas City Live Stock. KANSAS CITY, March 23.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday, 4,146; calves, 111; shipped Saturday, 761 cattle; 1 calf. The market ranged from steady to 10c higher.

Table with columns: No., Ave. Price, No., Ave. Price. Rows include SHIPPING AND DRESSED BEEF STEERS.

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Hogs—Receipts since Saturday, 5,128; shipped Saturday, 384. The market was 10c higher and active. The following are representative sales:

Table with columns: No., Price, No., Price. Rows include various hogs.

There was a rather small attendance at the horse and mule market this forenoon. The buyers will probably be more numerous by tomorrow and an active market is expected as the receipts are light.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, March 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,500; market 10c higher; fair to best beefs, \$3.60 @ 4.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 3.80; mixed cows and bulls, \$1.50 @ 3.75; Texas, \$3.00 @ 4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 26,000; market 5 @ 10c higher, closed weaker; light, \$3.90 @ 4.15; rough packing, \$3.85 @ 3.90; mixed and butchers, \$3.90 @ 4.05; heavy packing and shipping, \$3.85 @ 4.05; pigs, \$3.15 @ 3.40.

St. Louis Live Stock. ST. LOUIS, March 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market 10 @ 15c higher; native steers, \$3.50 @ 4.50; Texas steers, \$2.70 @ 3.93.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Table with columns: March 23, Opened, High'st, Lowest, Closing. Rows include Wh't-March, May, July, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, Ribs.

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Corn was very firmly held. The trade was slow. Offerings were light. Prices continue nearly a cent above a shipping basis.

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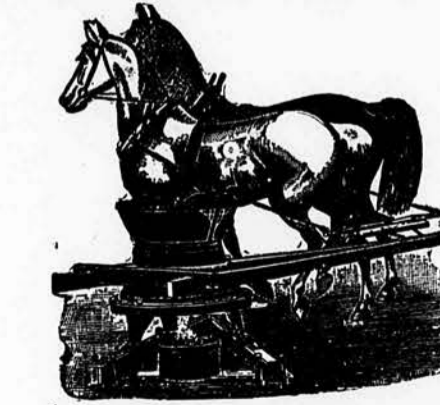
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