

FARM AND DAIRY.

This column is devoted to agricultural subjects, and the editors will be grateful to farmers if they will use it for the intelligent discussion of matters pertaining to their important calling.

The American Dominique.

The American Dominique is the oldest of strictly American breeds. It is a good example of what can be done by selection with a definite end in view. Its pedigree terminates, as one traces it back, in the common "awk-colored" barnyard fowl. In its early history Dominiques had both single and rose combs, and it is altogether probable that the single combed birds were one of the progenitors of the Barred Plymouth Rock, though that excellent breed doubtless had a multiple origin. But finally the rose combed birds supplanted those with a single comb. By constantly selecting rose combed fowls with a barred plumage and those that had the largest size, the Dominique gradually shaped itself into a distinctive breed. No one knows, or if he does he maintains a mysterious silence, who has the honor of originating this breed. It seems to have been like Topsy and just "grewed." The Dominique has an excellent shape. It is not like that of the Plymouth Rock, but is longer in body and fuller in tail and suggests both the Dorking and the Hamburg. Most persons are apt to be careless observers, and even some who pose as experts seem to be ignorant of the true type of a Dominique. Hence we sometimes see birds winning prizes that are in reality more like Plymouth Rocks than Dominiques and perhaps were produced by crossing the two breeds. Their shape is an admirable one for a general purpose fowl, as it indicates good laying qualities, with table properties of no mean order, and, in fact, the Dominique is an excellent layer and makes really good poultry.

To a fancier the Dominique needs much improvement. The comb is not so neat as he could wish, though this feature has greatly improved in the past ten years. The plumage, however, is the most defective point in the fowl. It is described in the American Standard of Perfection in precisely the same words as are used in describing the plumage of the Barred Plymouth Rock. It ought to be just like that of the Barred Plymouth Rock, but it is not. The hens are too dark and have a "muddy" look. The beauty of a barred plumage consists in having the alternate black and white bars clearly defined and stand out distinctly upon the fowls. This can be attained only by having the light bars wider than the dark ones, and having the latter narrow. To a man who keeps fowls for profit these matters are of little moment, and a farmer, unless he be a fancier, as some farmers are, will not be deterred from keeping Dominiques because of the lack of these nice points.

The Dominique is not a very popular fowl, despite its great value as a practical, everyday, useful breed. This want of popularity, says as high authority as H. S. Babcock in the American Agriculturist, is probably due to two things—first, the defects which have been indicated and which breeders have neglected to remedy, and, second, the smaller size of the fowl compared with that of its newest rival, the Barred Plymouth Rock. Americans like large fowls. Even if it could be demonstrated that there was just as much profit in raising a small fowl as in raising a large one, the large fowl would have the larger popularity. Yet we must not forget that size is a quality that can be obtained. The American Dominique is a much larger fowl than were its ancestors, and one breeder informs me that his fowls are constantly increasing in size.

Sir Richard's Response.

Sir Frank Smith received the following letter from Sir Richard Cartwright:—

KINGSTON, Dec. 15.—Dear Sir Francis Smith,—I have been informed by a mutual friend that you have expressed a desire to know whether I would support a proposal to make some suitable provision at the public expense for the wife and children of Sir John Thompson. I have no hesitation in saying that I will support and justify such a grant. You will understand of course that I speak for myself only, but I may say that, in my judgment other considerations apart, it is a matter of sound policy on the part of the people of Canada not to allow the widow and orphans of a distinguished public servant to be reduced to penury, as the result of the awfully sudden catastrophe which has so unexpectedly deprived them of their natural protector, and I am certain that even the most rigid economist will admit that in such a case Canada is only discharging a just debt. I regret exceedingly to learn that Sir John Thompson has left his family but slenderly provided for, and as I observe that a public subscription has been set on foot for their benefit, I will be obliged if you will hand the enclosed to the treasurer of the fund. I have the honor to remain with sincere regards, etc.

What a little god some very big people worship.

The weakness of some people is too often mistaken for kindness.

K. D. C. is marked, prompt and lasting in its effects.

BEST IN THE WORLD.

It Gives New Strength to the Old and Feeble,

It Banishes Old Troubles and Renews Life.

PAIN'S CELERY COMPOUND NEVER FAILS TO CURE.

In Canada thousands of old people are indebted to Paine's Celery Compound for their present vigor, health and strength. From disease, sickness, weakness and loss of energy, they have been raised to a condition of health that guarantees many years of life and usefulness to their families and friends.

Amongst the many old people who have been cured by Paine's Celery Compound, the case of Mrs. Henry Lewis, of Montreal, is deserving of special attention; her letter is an interesting one and worthy of careful perusal. Mrs. Lewis writes as follows:—

"I am now an old woman, being in my seventy-third year; and can most frankly confess that no action of my life has ever given me greater pleasure than the present one of testifying with my whole heart and soul in favor of your Paine's Celery Compound.

"From my experience with other advertised remedies, I may say, that they are not to be compared with your grand medicine for a moment. Paine's Celery Compound to me was new health and increased strength; all other medicines I have found worthless and my money was spent in vain.

"Two years ago I became weak, sleepless and restless, and my appetite was almost gone. Severe headaches, biliousness, kidney trouble and sore back made life a misery to me, and I despaired of being in health again.

"These distressing troubles often confined me to bed for a week or ten days at a time; and, it is almost impossible to describe the agonies and wretchedness I endured during these severe attacks. A friend advised me to give Paine's Celery Compound a trial; others insisted that I required careful nourishment and dieting. I had heard, however, of such wonderful results from the use of Paine's Celery Compound, that I determined to honestly and carefully test its value in my case; and I bless God that I had sufficient courage and willpower to do so, as it has made me a new woman. I used your Compound simply as directed, and found, after commencing the second bottle that the virtues of the great medicine were instilling a new vitality and giving me a new existence.

"Up to date, I have used about twelve bottles, and am now completely and permanently restored. I do all my own house work; I am cheerful and happy, and do not experience any of the fatigue and weakness that troubled me some months ago.

"I live and enjoy life today, and thank God for the great agent of life that cured me.

"I trust that thousands of women will have a chance to read this testimony, and profit by my experience. I strongly appeal to all women to give up other medicines that they are now vainly using, and commence at once with Paine's Celery Compound, which alone can bring back lost health. I wish I could personally visit every woman in Canada who is suffering as I once suffered; I am sure my words of testimony and comfort would soon convince all that there is only one honest, worthy and meritorious medicine that can meet their troubles, and that medicine is Paine's Celery Compound."

Biblical Critics and Criticism.

The Church standard has more than once had occasion to speak of the folly of discouraging the critical study of the Holy Scriptures, which simply cannot be stopped. The discovery of manuscripts and the unearthing of monuments within the present century have furnished the Christian student with facilities for ascertaining the true text and for investigating the methods of composition, and also the contemporaneous history, of the sacred writers, which no former age possessed. These appliances of critical study will be used by scholars without the slightest regard to anybody's wishes. It is foolish to attempt to discourage investigations which cannot be prevented.

But it is not less faithless than foolish. Why should Christian people dread any results of a critical study of the Holy Scriptures? Only for the one or the other of these two reasons: Either because they fear that a thorough investigation would destroy the authority of the Scriptures, or, in other words, because their faith in the Scriptures is weak and half-hearted; or else, because they fear that a veracious investigation may disprove some of their own cherished notions and beliefs, in which case it is evident that they prefer their false notions to the truth which they dread. A firm faith in the Holy scriptures would welcome everything by which the teachings of divine inspiration may be most perfectly understood.

Notwithstanding these considerations, the progress of what is called the "higher criticism" has severely strained the patience of many earnest Christian people. In a good deal of the work of so-called critical students, there has been a certain juvenility, a boyish rashness in leaping to unverified conclusions a childish love of the destructive for destruction's sake, an almost indelible delight in the dismay caused by their alleged discoveries; and in critics of much greater sobriety there has been an arrogance in assertion and a contemptuous subciliousness of bearing—defects which have proved them to be destitute of that faculty of sympathy which is indispensable to the highest criticism, because it is indispensable to insight. Add to this the

fact that not a little of the so-called criticism of the Scriptures has been the work of professed unbelievers in the Christian religion, and the instinctive aversion of the uncritical Christian world for a study in which there has been so much of juvenile rashness, so much annoyance and so much irreverence, is not surprising.

For all that, the study must go on. It is only by means of a profounder, more sympathetic and more reverent criticism that errors can be corrected, that the whole truth can be confirmed, and that the authority of the word of God in Holy Scripture can be established. While we have not one particle of sympathy with the destructive criticism which has justly offended the Christian mind, and precisely because we are utterly opposed to it, we have steadily maintained that Christian scholars must carry on the work of biblical researches until the whole truth shall be made manifest. That the ultimate result must be "the greater confirmation of the faith" we have never for one moment doubted. On the contrary, we hold that since the providence of God has supplied the church of this age with means of studying the Scriptures which no former age has ever possessed, it is the manifest duty of the church to use these means with an assured conviction that their right use will subserve some purpose of God in his guidance of the church.—Church Standard.

The Toronto Globe.

For 50 years The Weekly Globe of Toronto has had an enviable reputation as the one great Liberal weekly of the Dominion. It has always been a high-class journal, and a welcome visitor in thousands of homes. It was never better as a newspaper than it is today. The Globe's enterprise is proverbial. Its correspondents have traversed and written up almost every section of the country. All great events have been fully reported. The speeches of leading politicians, whether on the floor of Parliament or on the stump, have been presented as they were uttered, and all are fairly treated, whether Liberal, Conservative or Patron. The Globe is the only weekly paper in Canada that gives such full and fair reports of Parliamentary proceedings, great church meetings, and other similar occurrences of Provincial and national interest.

The Globe's Christmas issue which appeared last Saturday was the handsomest thing of the kind ever put out by a Canadian newspaper.

Christmas GOODS,

Consisting of Toilet Sets, Shaving Sets, Glass Sets, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Silver Pickle and Butter Dishes, Vases, Parlor Lamps.

Also, a Full Line of GROCERIES on hand at W. R. WRIGHT'S. Special discount for cash.

THE BOYS ON DECK WITH 40 PUNGS.

CHESTNUT & HIPWELL

The new firm having purchased from Mr. A. Henderson his Furniture Factory at Upper Woodstock, are now prepared to make

ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE,

—AND ALSO—

Carriages and Sleighs.

They have secured the services of a First-Class Blacksmith who has had 15 years' experience with Price & Shaw of St. John, and so they are prepared to do first-class work on New Work and Repairing.

Orders left at Mr. A. Henderson's, sent by mail or telephone, as well as left at the Factory, will be promptly attended to.

School Desks, Settees, Church and Lodge, as well as all kinds of House Furniture made Better and as Cheap as the imported article.

Planing, Sawing, and other Custom Machine Work done.

Furniture sold to any parties, so wishing, in the white.

Good Material used.

Good Workmen employed.

Send in your orders with the assurance of getting satisfaction.

Give the young firm your patronage.

Fuller particulars in a later issue.

JOHN CHESTNUT, DAVID HIPWELL.

Upper Woodstock, Oct. 22, 1894.

HARNESS

Made & Repaired

GREAT VARIETY OF

HARNESS FITTINGS

ALWAYS IN STOCK.

H. V. MOOERS, Main Street, WOODSTOCK.

NOTICE.

At Cost for 30 Days!

To our Friends and Patrons in the Town and County:

Owing to the limited space in our store, and to make room for New Goods, we have decided that for the next 30 days we will mark down our entire stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

consisting of all kinds and styles at cost to cash buyers. Improve the opportunity, and get your Fall and Winter supply of Footwear at Genuine Bargains. We mean what we say.

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS

On many lines of Shoes Away Below Cost to clear.

Call, and you will be satisfied that everything is just as we represent, and save money.

J. D. DICKINSON & SONS.

The Great West Life Assurance Co.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$ 400,000.00; CAPITAL PAID UP 100,000.00; DEPOSIT WITH DOMINION GOVERNMENT 56,000.00; BUSINESS IN FORCE, OVER 4,000,000.00

Head Office, Winnipeg.

With policy contracts of unexcelled liberality, this company GUARANTEES larger results for the same premium paid than any other competing company.

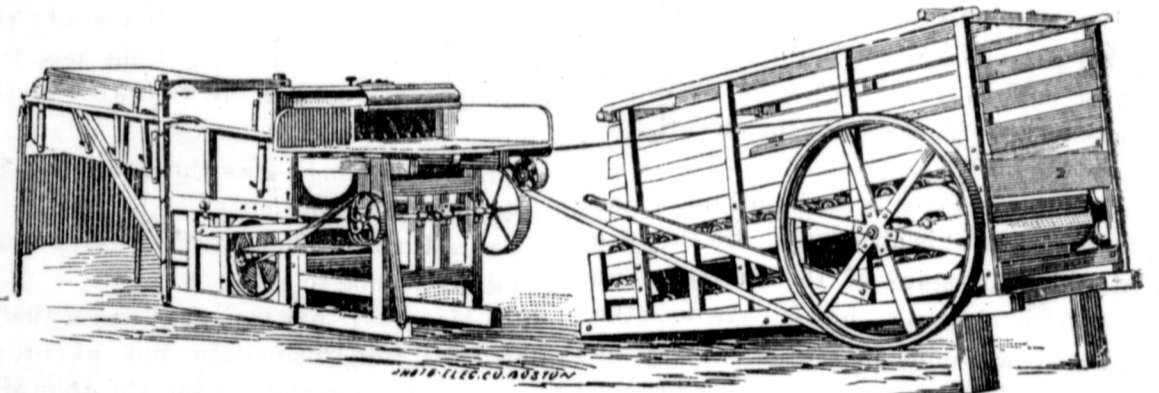
Guarantees, not Estimates, meet the popular demand.

MARITIME BRANCH OFFICE, JOHN B. MORGAN, St. John, N. B. General Agent.

Local Agents:

A. E. MELLISH, Woodstock, N. B. A. W. PHILLIPS, Bristol, N. B.

AGENTS WANTED.



To Parties Intending to Thresh

FOR THE PUBLIC

It is of the greatest importance that they have a machine that will thresh

FAST, CLEAN WELL, WASTE NO GRAIN,

And prove easy for the Team.

We make the only machine that fills the bill. Come and see it. BUY the BEST. The BEST is the CHEAPEST.

SMALL & FISHER, WOODSTOCK, N. B.

LOOK! WHEN Lee's Restaurant.

Meals Served

At all hours, including Oysters, Baked Beans, Ham and Eggs,

And, in fact, everything that goes to make up a First-Class Bill of Fare.

JUST ARRIVED FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE:

10 bbls. P. E. I. Oysters. 10 bbls. Malaga Grapes, 20 bbls. Apples, 10 bbls. Ontario Cider, 20 gals. Providence River Oysters arriving each week during the holiday season.

I have in stock the best imported and domestic Cigars to be found in the town. Confectionary, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts of all kinds, Canned Goods, etc., constantly in stock. I defy competition and will sell during the holidays at a sacrifice price. Don't forget, when you are in town, and give us a call and you will be sure to go home both pleased and satisfied.

John M. Williamson.

WHEN You want anything in Horse Blankets,

—TRY THE— King Street Harness Shop. We have them from FIFTY Cents to SIX Dollars.

Also, a good line of FALL LAP ROBES. Will sell Cheap for Cash.

HARNESS

Made to Order at Short Notice.

REPAIRING done PROMPTLY.

F. L. ATHERTON, King Street, - - Opp. People's Bank. WOODSTOCK.