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Agricultural.



Hail! first of Arts, source of domestic ease;
Pride of the land, and patron of the seas.

Agricultural Festivals.

NEW-YORK.

The annual Fair and Cattle Show for the county of Albany, took place in this city, on Tuesday and Wednesday last; and although the weather for a day or two previous had been so rainy and unpleasant as to prevent many at a distance, who intended to be competitors, from attending the exhibition, yet the whole proceedings were such as to afford the highest gratification to the friends of Agriculture and Domestic Manufactures.

Between the hours of one and two, the ploughing match commenced. The field of combat was surrounded by an immense concourse of spectators, of both sexes, in carriages, on horseback, and on foot. The neighboring hillocks, house-tops, windows, and fences, were thronged with those who were anxious to witness this curious and interesting spectacle. It was literally an *agricultural duel*, as there were but two competitors for the premium. The teams had hardly started, before the sympathies of the multitude were visibly divided and enlisted in favor of one or the other; and the blacks and yellows were alternately cheered. The skill displayed in the speed and neatness of the work, clearly proved that each of the antagonists was master of his profession. As there was but a moment's difference in the time of completing the two equal areas, and as the work on both sides was done remarkably well, it seemed to be the general opinion that both deserved premiums.

If the forenoon passed pleasantly in the midst of these exhibitions and rural fetes, the afternoon was not less agreeably devoted to an examination of the articles of Domestic Manufactures deposited for public inspection in the assembly chamber at the Capitol. The specimens of female ingenuity, skill and industry, were numerous, and each excellent in its kind. Among them were found well wrought and dressed broad-cloths, carpetings of different materials and figures, flannels of various colors and qualities, ornamental quilts and coverlets, exhibiting, in many instances, fine samples of needle-work, linens of all kinds, stockings, &c. One of the finest articles we recollect to have noticed, was a piece of flannel manufactured in the family of Mr. Moore, of Rensselaerville. Good judges pronounced it not inferior to the finest and best imported flannels; and a number of gentlemen of this city will have the satisfaction of knowing how it will wear. We must not neglect to mention a beautiful lady's cape, finely wrought from the filaments or down of the *asclepias*, or *milk-weed*, by Miss Caroline Lovett, of this city. This curious, and we believe original material of female ornament, is of a rich cream color, and has the softness and glossiness of the richest silk. The novel article was handsomely trimmed with red satin; and in the opinion of the numerous spectators, both male and female, clearly entitled its ingenious inventor and fabricator to a *premium*, and *patent for ladies' capes*. On the whole, no one could examine the many beautiful domestic fabrics here deposited—the products of so much taste, skill and industry—without coming to the irresistible conclusion, that the county of Albany is by no means destitute of those who are, and those who will make GOOD WIVES.

On Wednesday morning, the second day of the Fair, an auction sale of the articles of domestic manufacture which were deposited for premiums, took place in the hall of the Capitol. A great concourse of purchasers

presented themselves, and in some instances the competition for favorite pieces of goods was very great. Some of the flannels were sold as high as one dollar five cents a yard.

At 10 o'clock, the members of the society met at Skinner's mansion-house, for the purpose of electing their officers for the ensuing year. [A list of these, and the official reports of the several committees, we hope to be able to present to our readers on Tuesday.]—About 12 o'clock, a very numerous and highly respectable procession formed in front of the mansion-house, and moved through State-street to the Capitol, preceded by a cart drawn by six fine oxen. The cart was fancifully adorned by three banners—two of which have already been mentioned—the other was a *Manufacturing Standard*, bearing the picture of a Spinning-Wheel. The fore part of the cart was crowned with flowers, and sheaves of wheat with sickles hanging in them; and the sides were hung with ears of corn, clusters of grapes, and other fruits of our soil.—In the rear a conical stand was raised, covered with black cloth, on which the premiums about to be distributed were displayed with much taste. Specimens of domestic manufactures were also intermingled with the products of the earth, and the whole was so arranged as to produce the finest effect. One of the apples, which crowned a fruit dish, measures 15 inches in circumference, and weighs upwards of a pound.

On the arrival of the procession at the Assembly Chamber, a very solemn and appropriate prayer was offered up by the Rev. Dr. De Witt; and the annual Address was delivered to a very crowded audience of ladies and gentlemen, by Chief Justice Spencer.—High as public expectation was raised by the well known talents and acquirements of the speaker, it was, we believe, more than answered; and not a few were surprised that the Chief Justice appeared to be as much at home in discoursing on agriculture, as in expounding the subtleties of law.

After a few rounds of applause from a delighted audience, the President of the Society, the Hon. Stephen Van Rensselaer, read the reports of the several committees, and distributed the premiums, which amounted to fifteen hundred dollars, one third of which sum, it will be remembered, is the annual donation of the munificent individual who presides over the destinies of the society. The premiums consisted of silver plate, and were manufactured, as we lately mentioned, by Mr. Joseph T. Rice, of this city. The workmanship was universally admired for its neatness and elegance. Good judges have pronounced it not inferior to the first European work of a similar kind. The successful competitors received the honorary testimonials of their superior skill and industry from the hand of the President, and retired to their seats amidst repeated shouts of applause.—The ladies, in a particular manner, received the reiterated and hearty cheers of the audience.—*Albany Statesman*.

SARATOGA SHOW AND FAIR.

The second Show and Fair of the Saratoga County Agricultural Society, was held at Saratoga Springs, on the 11th and 12th of October, agreeably to arrangement. We have only room for the following short extracts from a detailed account of this exhibition in the *Saratoga Sentinel*, of October 18.

The committee reported the following agricultural productions to have been raised on the farm of Mr. Stimson this year. Winter wheat at the rate of 41 bushels 13 lbs. per acre; spring wheat, average of eight acres, 21 bushels 36 lbs.; corn, best acre, 101 bushels 28 quarts—average of five acres of corn, 93 bushels; barley, average of eight acres, 50 bushels 16 quarts; oats at the rate of 82 bushels 16 quarts per acre; potatoes at the rate of 340 bushels and a half per acre; and hay, when well cured, 3 tons 17 cwt. and 14 lbs. per acre.

Among the domestic animals exhibited at the late fair in this town, a steer, belonging to Gen. Guert Van Shoonhoven, and a cow, belonging to Mr. Benjamin Chatsey, of Waterford, excited much attention. The steer was four years old, measured rising of 8 feet round the body, and was nine feet in length, exclusive of the horns and tail. The cow measured rising of 7 feet round the body, and was of the same length as the steer. They were both not far from five feet six inches in height.

The linen thread spun by Mrs. Thompson,

of Salway, was the finest we ever saw manufactured in this country. Some idea may be formed of its quality, from the fact, that it was spun in the proportion of 18 runs to the pound. Such instances of domestic improvement ought to receive the greatest encouragement; and we were happy to observe, that though no premium had been offered for the best manufactured thread, yet the society awarded to Mrs. T. a very liberal compensation, for this exhibition of female industry and ingenuity.

MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM THE BOSTON CENTINEL.

BRIGHTON CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR.

The exhibition on Tuesday was equal if not superior in interest and objects to any of its brilliant predecessors.

The Show of Animals was pronounced by impartial judges to be decidedly superior in quality to the last year. All the pens had more or less animals in them. Among the Cattle, the most noticed by the numerous spectators, were, the *Hartfield Ox*, weighing 2573 lbs. 7 years old, exhibited by Mr. Morton; several pairs, and single animals, mostly weighing over two thousand pounds; and one 2205 lbs. raised in Brighton, Newton, Sutton, Springfield, Oxford, &c.; and a Cow raised by Col. JOHN THOMAS, of Kingston, weighing 1896 lbs.

A large number of fine Bulls were also exhibited; most of them the progeny of imported animals and of great promise. Of them, *Comet*, sired by *Calebs from Flora* and only one year and seven days old, and weighing 923 lbs. was particularly noticed. Mr. PARSON'S famous Bull *Holderess* was present. The show of cows and calves was also superior. An English cow and calf, offered by the Rev. Mr. CODMAN, of Dorchester; a cow 13 years old, with a fine calf, raised by THOMAS WILLIAMS, Esq. of Roxbury; two cows with their calves, presented by the Hon. JOHN WELLEN; one presented by JOHN RICHARDSON, Esq. of Newton, and several others whose owners we could not ascertain, were distinguished. A large cow from Andover attracted attention. The show of Sheep was respectable in numbers, and of very fine fleeces.

Many excellent Swine, some of unusual breeds, were exhibited. One most noticed was a sow of the Essex and China breed, called the "Countess of Essex," and pronounced the handsomest animal of the kind.

The Exhibition of Manufactures was much superior to the last year. The samples of Sattinets and Cassimeres were highly spoken of, as were several pieces of Broadcloths, Cotton cloths, &c. Among other manufactured articles, we noticed some beautiful Counterpanes, Hearth Rugs worked with the needle; Turkey down Hats, Bonnets and Tippets, made by Miss Lewis, of Boston, fine straw Hats, with elegant trimmings, imitation of *Leghorn*, fine Laces, Diapers, hose, beaver hats, boots, cut glass, black lead pencils made at Concord, alum, vitriol, &c. They all deserve particular notice.

Numerous Machines, Agricultural Implements, and uncommon products of the earth, were on the field.

The day proved a fine autumnal one. The company was unusually numerous. A great number of Ladies from this town and vicinity, Salem, Providence, &c. examined the manufactured goods, bestowed on them high praise, and we believe became the purchasers of some of the best articles.

CONNECTICUT.

Extracts from an account of the proceedings of the Hartford Agricultural Society at their annual Show, &c.

From the cattle pens we proceed to the exhibition of Domestic manufactures at the State-House. Here we were gratified with a sight which greatly surpassed our expectations. The specimens of Venetian carpeting were very numerous, and had greatly improved in colors and quality since the last exhibition. Some beautiful specimens of hearth rugs were exhibited. We were struck with the beauty of a very ingenious article manufactured by Mrs. Sarah Cogswell from bull-rushes intermixed with woollen yarn, and adapted either for floor carpets, or window blinds. It is superior in beauty to any straw carpeting usually brought from China. But we fear it may not prove as durable, as a covering for floors, from the difference of the materials of which it is composed; one of which we apprehend will wear out before the

other. We hope, however, before the return of another anniversary, some method may be devised to remove this objection. The elegant grass bonnets, after the fashion of those from Leghorn, by Misses Sophia and Mary Woodhouse of Wethersfield, were particularly deserving of notice. That of the former was equal in fineness to the No. 58 from Leghorn, and was sold at auction, immediately after the exhibition, for thirty dollars to a gentleman from Philadelphia. We are pleased to learn that the young ladies in other towns are also commencing the manufacture of this article. For the information of ladies at a distance, we would state that these bonnets are made from that species of grass called the *Poa pratensis*, or spear grass, which must be cut at the time when the blossom begins to change, which here is usually between the 12th and the 20th of June. The upper joint only is used, which is from six to twelve inches in length. Care must be taken to select and assort the stalks, so that they may be as uniform in size as possible. Boiling water is to be poured on them, two or three times, at intervals, during two days, exposing them for the residue of the time to the sun to whiten. They must be wet when braiding, and braided whole without being split. It is usual to braid thirteen strands at a time, and after braiding and smoothing the number of yards needed, the braid-work is cut, and sewed together by a pattern, for use. An uncommonly beautiful bonnet, of split straw bleached, after the fashion of those from Dunstable, was exhibited, made by Miss Sally Capen of this town, which was certainly a singular curiosity, and for ingenuity and extreme delicacy of work we never saw excelled. The pair of twelve quarter blankets, made by Mrs. Hanmer of Wethersfield, which obtained the premium, could scarcely be surpassed for thickness, fineness, and softness of wool. They sold immediately at the auction, at fourteen dollars and a quarter. Dressed flannel of great softness, of fine and even texture, and beautifully finished, was exhibited, which would do credit to any family, and the second quality of which sold at auction for 95 cents the yard. Linen diapers, linen shirting, some beautiful specimens of bleached and unbleached damask table cloths, broad-cloths, cassimeres, worsted plaids, worsted and cotton hose, woollen and cotton counterpanes, leather gloves, sewing silk, and various other articles, were exhibited, many of which obtained premiums, and all of which were highly creditable to the industry and skill of the ladies who made them. It will be observed that the above articles were made in private families, the works of our manufacturing companies being excluded from competition for the premiums. At the same time we ought not to omit to notice some handsome specimens of paper-hangings made at the manufactory of Mr. George Putnam, in this city, the patterns of which were cut by himself, and some pieces of remarkably well made bleached shirtings and sheetings, wove by water-looms, at the Hartford Manufacturing Company's works at Glastenbury, and which were sent merely for the purpose of exhibition. The superb pair of pistols, mounted with gold, manufactured by Col. Simeon North, by order of the State, as a present to Commodore Macdonough, were also politely sent for exhibition, to gratify the public curiosity. The workmanship of these would do honor to the best artists in any country. Quantities of fine butter and cheese were exhibited, and several of them obtained premiums. We were struck with the appearance of some remarkably large apples from the orchard of Mr. Thomas Case, jun. of East-Hartford, six of which weighed seven pounds and three quarters, and the largest weighed twenty-three ounces and a half, which exceeds the weight of the great New-Jersey apple; and, indeed, apples were sold on that day, by the bushel, which would average one pound weight each.

Whatever contributes to increase the sum of general industry, deserves general encouragement. The most useful and salutary industry is that of our families; because free from those objections which lie against large manufacturing establishments, on the score of education and morality, and because it redeems from waste much time which might otherwise be lost, or mispent. Our Agricultural Society, in this respect, most certainly exercises a highly beneficial influence, by encouraging, in a particular manner, this species of industry; and the applause bestowed, by means of it, on ingenious and successful la-