

BEEF FOR THE SHOW RING.

To produce a beef animal for show purposes it is not sufficient that the animal be given a few weeks of training at the end to round him into proper condition. It is essential to commence the training of the animal at birth. For beef purposes it has been my experience that the calf from an Angus cow, sired by a white or roan Shorthorn bull, has given the best satisfaction. I aim to have the calf born some time between Dec. 1 and the last of January. This will get the calf into proper condition, so that he will derive the benefits of the early feed in the spring.

From birth until August the calf is allowed to run with the mother. The cow is milked twice each day, so that a supply of milk will be maintained for the calf as long as desirable. When six weeks old it is given a little linseed oil cake and yellow turnips. About the middle of May the cow and calf are turned into the pasture, where they are left until the 1st of August. The calf is then taken from the mother and put into a box stall, which is kept well bedded with clean, fresh straw.

The calf is suckled twice each day and given plenty of green feed. In the morning I give him also a little linseed cake and in the evening a little grain, consisting of equal parts of



READY FOR THE SHOW RING.

oats and bran. His exercise consists of an hour or two each afternoon in an open lot. After Sept. 1 I also feed him a few turnips.

About three weeks before the opening of the show I commence to give the calf more personal care and training. His feed continues as before, but his exercise is all taken at the rope's end. Each afternoon I lead him up and back a half mile lane. He is allowed to travel at his own leisurely pace, but is required to keep moving and to keep his head held up. After this he is given a lesson in standing, turning around and starting at the snap of the whip. Through this means he soon loses all shyness and will feel at ease when led into the show ring. Each day, usually in the morning, I sponge him off with cold water and blanket him, thus encouraging the growth of the hair.

A few days before he is expected to be shown I polish his horns, oil his hoofs and curl his coat of hair. To polish his horns I first go over them with the rasp, followed respectively by the emery, sandpaper and a piece of glass. This treatment is applied both the first time, and each day following I polish the horns with a pumice stone and a little olive oil. His feet are trimmed and a little oil and lampblack occasionally applied to give them a darker appearance. To curl the hair the calf is first sponged off with cold water until his hair is thoroughly wet.

Now, beginning at the head and working back, I comb his coat straight down. Next I turn the comb edge-wise and draw a series of parallel lines the long way of the animal. This is followed by combing lightly from the bottom upward, which leaves the



WELL SHOWN IN THE RING.

hair in long, horizontal rows of curls. The hair is neatly parted in the middle on the forehead and backward over the neck to the shoulder. This is repeated each day until the day of the show. On the morning that he is to be shown I polish his hoofs and horns and curl his hair. He is not given much feed, as this would give him a puffy appearance. After this he is given a short walk and is then ready to be led into the show ring.

To handle an animal in the show ring requires a good deal of skill and adeptness. A poorer animal, well shown, quite often takes a blue ribbon over a better one poorly shown. I aim to keep the fore feet of the animal on a little higher ground when possible. The head of the animal must at all times be held high and when standing should stand evenly on all four feet. The showing is, of course, the climax of the whole thing. I try to keep one eye on the animal and the other on the judge. — John Palmer, Herdsman at University of Illinois.

Flocks That Pay.

It is not necessarily the largest flock that nets the largest profits. A smaller one well cared for and freed from loafers may pile up the net gain much faster even if the gross income should be decreased.

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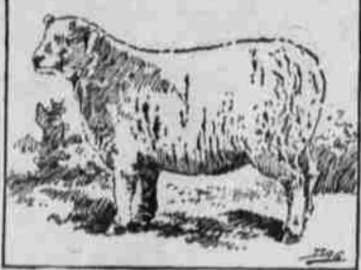
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To Reach Perfection They Must Be Properly Fed From Birth.

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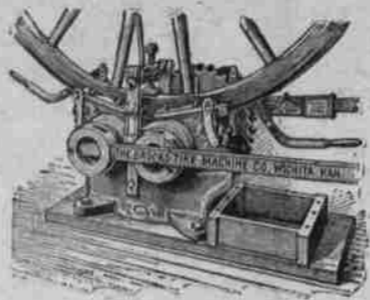
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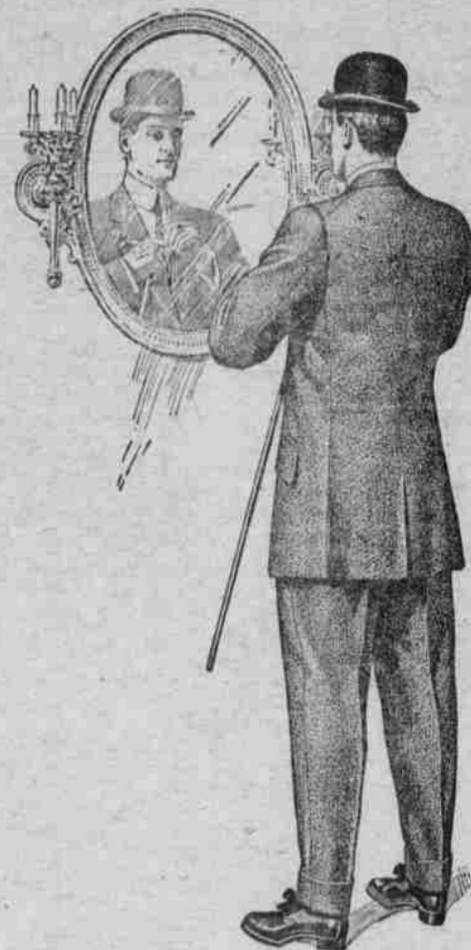
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