

## In Search of a Brittany.

Scarcely had the sale of the Brittany herd taken place on the 4th inst., when the late owner began to have an unprecedented call for a Brittany cow or a Brittany heifer. But it was too late. People who knew of the sale and neglected to attend lost an opportunity, which will not occur again very soon, of getting a bargain such as they had no right, after the sale, to expect, and are now sorry that they did not avail themselves of the opportunity so freely offered. But the owner did his best to accommodate them. He wrote to all who got the choice bits of the herd to know at what price they would sell. It was all in vain. Not one of them would look at a hundred per cent. advance on the price he paid, and we were not surprised, for the cattle were worth it, and we were glad to find that they were satisfied as they could not help being.

Here are some of the replies. One man bid off "Eugenie" at \$87.50, but without knowing anything of the prize he had drawn, sold her, without thought, to a gentleman who bought a yearling bull. The latter was applied to to know what he would take for "Eugenie," but he said his farmer was so astonished at the quantity and the quality of milk such a little thing gave, that he would not sell her at any price. The fact is, she was an extraordinary cow, and had not been dry since she was imported in 1868, except for about three weeks before calving this winter. It was impossible to dry her off, by any of the known methods, feeding on nothing but dry hay, milking once a day, &c. She would continue to give four or five quarts a day clear up to the time of calving every winter. And yet when in good condition she was a perfect beauty.

Another who purchased "Celeste" and "Corinne," the former at \$100, and the latter, coming three years old and to come in next July, at \$110, said his wife had taken such a fancy to them that they were not for sale at any price. His wife is unquestionably a lady of taste, for we could have offered \$200 apiece for the two, and they would have been quick sold at that. They were both perfect beauties, when in fair condition, "Celeste" being, without any exception, the prettiest cow in Massachusetts. They would undoubtedly bring three hundred dollars apiece, and they are worth that to-day. Application was made also to the purchaser of "Pet," a two year old heifer, with a calf only fourteen hours old. He bid her off at \$165. Parties were anxious to buy her and he was offered \$200, but it was of no use. She was not for sale. Then resort was had to Mr. William Knowlton, of Upton, who bought a cow that was imported, to know if he would sell her. His reply was that she was "the best cow of her inches," that he ever saw, and the most beautiful, and that he would not sell her at any price. Then the Massachusetts Agricultural College, to which a heifer was sent two years ago, the present of Mr. Knowlton, was applied to, but she was not for sale at any price.

And so they all say. Within four days of the sale the herd would have brought about one hundred per cent. advance, a highly satisfactory state of things for the seller to contemplate. But there was reason enough for it. The fact is they were the best and most useful cows that we ever saw for the special purpose for which they were designed, and the most beautiful creatures that we ever saw. They were imported solely because of their wonderful and incomparable beauty, with less reference to their utility, of which less was known at that time. While the writer owned them he did not even dare to speak of them as they really deserved. People would have inferred that he was praising his own wares for the sake of enhancing the price. Half the truth could not have been told without exciting such a criticism of his motives. But having no longer any cause for any such hesitation, he can say that, after having seen the best cows in this country and the best in all parts of Europe, there is no cow in the world so beautiful, so symmetrical, or so perfectly proportioned as two or three of the herd, and none so useful or so well adapted for the family cow as the little Brittanies.

Mr. Knowlton's cow, at the time he bought her, was a paragon of beauty. We never saw her equal for delicacy of form and symmetry.

Her head and neck and limbs were perfect. "Celeste," last summer and fall, was unsurpassed for beauty and perfection of form by any cow in Massachusetts. So fine were her limbs that one could span the leg with the thumb and finger and leave an inch to spare. And she was as good as she was beautiful. She was faultless. But because she was thin and poor at the time of the sale, she went for a song. A hundred dollars was nothing for her, and the owner could take three hundred for her to-day, but he would be very foolish to sell her even at that.

And then there was "Josephine," a perfect model of a dairy cow. She sold to Newport. She went for \$92.50, and if she were to be sold now, the owner could take \$200 for her, and several parties would be glad of the chance to take her at that. Though a trifle coarser than some of the others, she was very beautiful and will not fail to give her owner perfect satisfaction.

Since the sale was over scarcely a mail has come without bringing applications for a Brittany cow, and the personal applications have been very numerous. But it is of no use. Every effort has been made to find one for the first comers, but without success. There is no herd of them in New England and we know of only one in the country. It is always best to be ready when the train comes along.—*Massachusetts Ploughman, April 26.*

## ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following estrays, viz:

One bay mare yearling colt, branded O T on left thigh.

One bay mare yearling colt, white spot on forehead and three white feet, no brand visible.

One yearling horse colt, white spot on forehead, branded S on left hip.

One light red yearling bull, branded blotch brand on left hip.

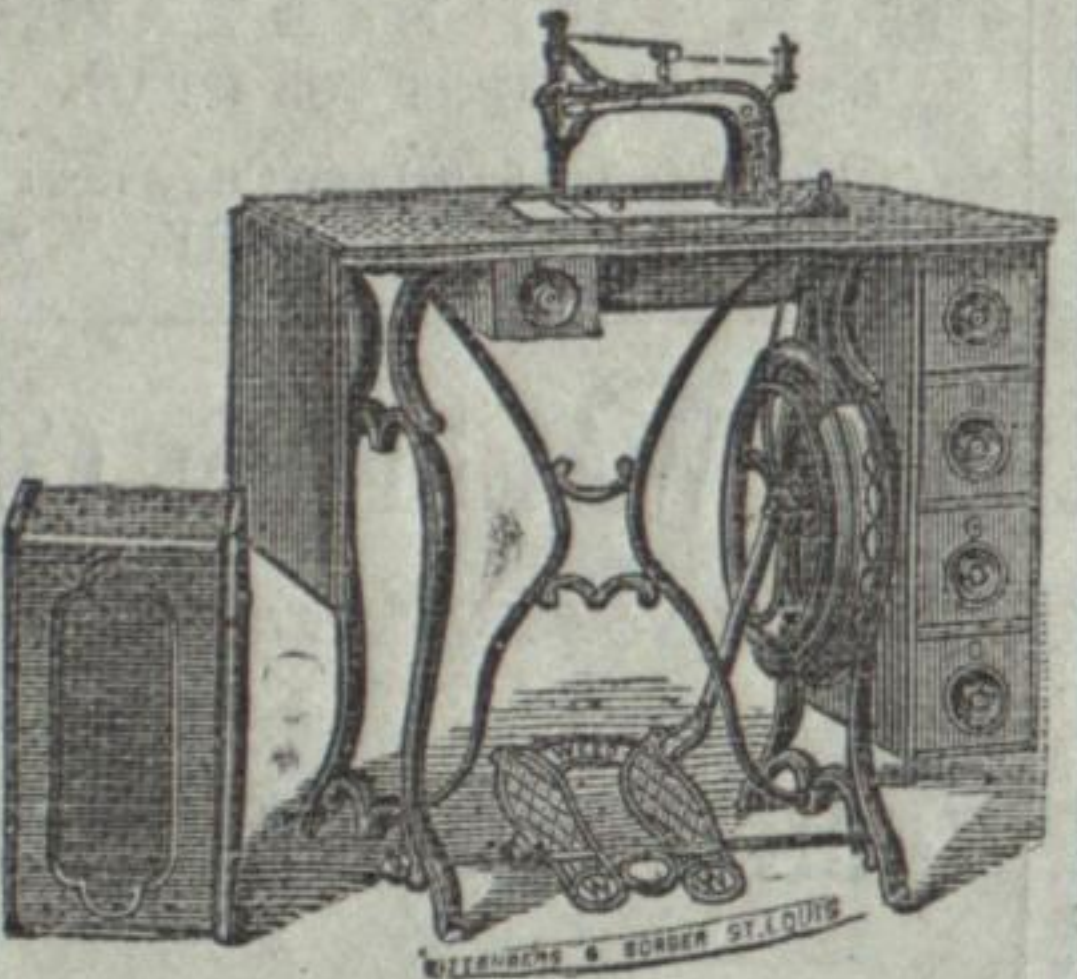
One three year old brindle steer, line back, white belly.

One brindle bull 1½ years old, two slits in left ear.

One red steer 1½ years old, branded H S on left hip.

If not claimed and taken away by the 19th of May, will be sold at the estray pound in Provo City at 10 o'clock a. m.

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