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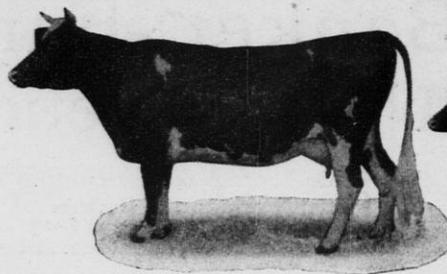
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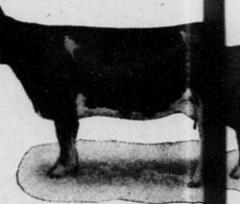


THE ISLAND OF GUERNSEY SUPPORTS 45,000 PEOPLE.  
AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AMOUNT TO \$350.00 AN ACRE PER YEAR.

Compliments of  
BANKER-FARMER EXCHANGE



Wisconsin



New York

## The Six Leading

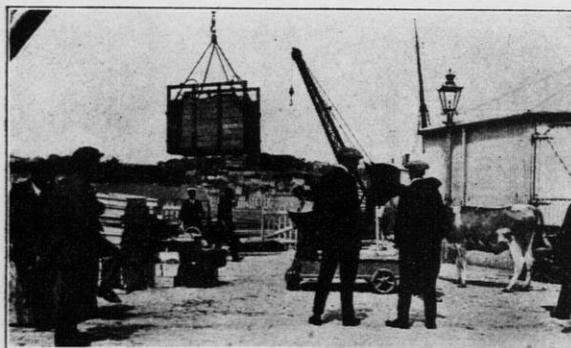
### Guernseys in Wisconsin

By C. L. HILL\*

Wisconsin leads all the other states of the Union in the production and value of her dairy products.

This industry has nearly all grown since 1870 and in our search for economical producers of dairy products it is natural we should have turned to the Guernsey. A

native of the Island of Guernsey, where is carried on the most intensive agriculture in the world, she has stood transplanting to our conditions very well.



ISLAND GUERNSEYS HEADED FOR WISCONSIN.

### WISCONSIN LEADS IN GUERNSEYS.

Therefore it is not strange that Wisconsin leads all the States of the Union in the number of Guernsey cattle, both grade and pure bred. It is several years since a census of Guernseys was taken but the latest disclosed that Wisconsin had 50% more than any other state. It is certain that the lead now is even greater.

### EARLY IMPORTATIONS.

The first Guernsey cow came to America in 1818. The first whose descendants are registered landed at Boston in 1830. Others came in the '40s and '50s, but not until about 1880 did they begin to arrive in any number. Hundreds of Guernseys have been imported direct from the Island of Guernsey and more are coming every year.

### FIRST ARRIVALS IN WISCONSIN.

The first Guernseys brought into Wisconsin were the bull "Brookline 261" and cows "Clio 336" and "Wild Rose 370." They were purchased in the winter of 1880-'81 by N. K. Fairbank of Chicago, and brought to his farm at Lake Geneva. Mr. W. H. Lawrence, Supt. of Mr. Fairbank's farm, led these cattle across the lake on the ice to the farm. The next summer Mr. I. J. Clapp of Kenosha, who was breeding Jerseys, saw Mr. Fairbank's Guernsey, concluded to change breeds.

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Pennsylvania



Massachusetts



New Jersey



Ohio

## Guernsey States

and with Mr. Fairbank began to import Guernseys from the East. Mr. M. H. Foote, and Mr. J. B. Harlow of Spring Prairie, were perhaps their first buyers.

### FIRST EXHIBIT OF GUERNSEYS AROUSES INTEREST.

Mr. Clapp showed the first Guernseys at the State Fair in 1886. They attracted very favorable comment, and it was then that interest in the breed in Wisconsin really began. Mr. Clapp brought two or three large shipments to Wisconsin in 1887 and four large herds were started that year, being those of W. I. Hamilton, Fond du Lac, G. E. Gordon, Koshkonong, F. W. Tratt, Whitewater, and Geo. C. Hill & Son, Rosendale. The first two were short lived, but the two last herds are still maintained. About the same time Gov. Hoard, also O. T. Remington, Amy, Wis., started herds.

From 1888 on there has always been a good exhibit at the State Fair. In 1893, at the World's Columbian Exposition, "Materna 1334" owned by Mr. Fairbank was the leading Guernsey cow.

### YEARLY RECORDS KEPT FROM THE BEGINNING.

Mr. Fairbank kept yearly milk records in his herd from 1883, and from the time the Babcock tester was invented both Messrs. Fairbank and Hill kept yearly fat records of every cow. These yearly fat records led to institution of the first semi-



CLARA'S SEQUEL—2207 P. S.  
One of Wisconsin's Greatest Bulls.  
First Prize R. G. A. S. 1910-11-12.  
King's Cup 1910.  
Size of 13 A. R. Cows.



YEKSA'S TOP'S OF GOLD'S FANNIE—22362.  
Bred for Production—Largest Guernsey  
Record in Wisconsin—19,794.9 lbs. milk,  
4.96% test.  
981.53 lbs. fat.

official yearly tests by the American Guernsey Cattle Club in 1898. Wisconsin Guernseys have always done well in these semi-official tests. The first year, in 1898 and '99, "Lily Elly" and "Lilyta," owned by Mr. J. H. Beirne of Oakfield, made records of 782.16 and 710.53 lbs. fat respectively and both calved again during the year, both being just five years old at start.

### WISCONSIN HAS MANY LEADERS IN THE ADVANCED REGISTER.

Wisconsin has many of the Class Leader cows in the Advanced Register, including "Yeksa's Top's of Gold's Fannie" with a record of 981.53 lbs. fat in class A. (over 5 years old), "Brownie of Linwood," 832 lbs. in class B. (4½ years old), and "Imp. Prospect's Rose de Houards," 726.85 lbs. fat in class G. (2 years old.)

## SOME OF THE BREED'S GREATEST BULLS OWNED OR BRED IN WISCONSIN.

Some of the greatest bulls of the breed have been owned or bred in Wisconsin. "Clara's Sequel" is one of these. He was imported from the Island by Rundell Bros., Livingston. He now has 35 A. R. daughters and 8 A. R. sons, and promises to become the leading sire of the breed.

## GUERNSEY BULLS VALUABLE FOR IMPROVING GRADE OR SCRUB HERDS.

The Guernsey bull has proven particularly valuable to cross on grade and native cows. This was demonstrated by the work of the grade Guernsey cow in the Wisconsin Dairy Cow Contest, 1909-1911. The grade cow "Jerry" gave 15,744 lbs. milk and 729.87 lbs. fat. This was the highest record ever made by a Guernsey cow up to that time, and only within a year or two has it been exceeded. It was also the best record made up to that time by a cow of any breed that calved again within her year. Many other grade Guernseys also made fine records in this contest.

## GUERNSEY MILK POPULAR.

Every public test has demonstrated the Guernsey's economy of production. Her very yellow milk has made her highly popular wherever high grade milk for table use is wanted. In hundreds of towns in Wisconsin and elsewhere Guernsey milk outsells any other from 2 to 6 cents per quart. The demand for grade Guernsey cows in Wisconsin has always exceeded the supply, and brings large revenue into the State.

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### HEADQUARTERS OF GUERNSEY ASSOCIATIONS.

Western Guernsey Breeders Association, H. W. Griswold, Secretary, West Salem, Wis.  
American Guernsey Cattle Club, W. H. Caldwell, Secretary, Peterboro, N. H.

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## Of Special Interest to Guernsey Breeders

GUERNSEYS FOR SALE: Through the Banker-Farmer Exchange.

### Purebreds

70 cows  
61 heifers and heifer calves  
162 young bulls and bull calves

### Grades

116 cows  
115 heifers and heifer calves

**GUERNSEYS WANTED:** The Banker-Farmer Exchange is receiving inquiries almost every day for both grade and purebred Guernsey cows, heifers, and heifer calves, some for car load lots. Breeders having stock for sale are invited to list them.

**OTHER BREEDERS** will be interested to know that we hope to issue from time to time special bulletins and sale lists of other leading breeds of livestock in the State. In the meantime the Banker-Farmer Exchange is equipped to handle lists of grade or purebred livestock for sale of any breed. See listing blanks at local bank.

**PROSPECTIVE BUYERS** of any breed can secure lists of what is offered for sale by recording their wants at the local bank.

Interested parties should  
get in touch with

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