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## SOME OF THE GOOD THINGS RAISED IN PELHAM

by Mrs. D. G. B. Burns.

And especially, there were Arbacia, Sans Souci, Isk and Pixie; "beloved kittens of Mrs. Hyde," as the card said, and "some of them to be given to good homes upon application."

When the judges got around later in the day first premiums went to "Muff," "Romeo and Roderick," and "Fluffy Ruffles;" a second to "Major," and gratuities to the four "beloved cats."

The cat show was held in the tent near Pilgrim hall, and there was also the poultry and vegetable show here. While the number of hens and ducks shown was not large, the variety was good, showing plenty of good stock in town. Pelham is a town especially adapted to poultry raising, and some day, before prices decline, there will be more extensive investments made in that line.

The vegetables included some very good squashes, potatoes, corn and cabbages, and Frank Wilkins had some blood beets and white egg turnips that ran about a dozen or less to the bushel.

#### The Main Exhibit.

The main exhibit, however, was upstairs in Pilgrim hall. Here were shown an unusually fine line of apples, every bit as good and as numerous as those displayed recently at the Middlesex North fair in Billerica. The apple crop in Pelham is a good many hundred barrels, and the price realized, especially on the McIntosh reds, should be a good one.

There were also pears, plums, cherry tomatoes—the kind that cost you 85 cents in a Waldorf-Astoria salad—and some fine peaches, notably a basket from F. M. Carleton's farm.

There was quite a display of flowers, including a really remarkable showing of dahlias by Mrs. Julia M. Baker of Windham, N. H. She lives upon the old Albert Simpson farm, "and I've had a lovely time with my garden this year," she said.

Her exhibit, most attractively arranged, showed it. Not being a professional grower, one might have thought that she had stripped her garden. "But I might have brought two bushels more," she said.

Then there was the needle-work, a lot of it, and some pastry, and any amount of fine preserves.

Across the way from this work of modern Pelham women was a small but choice collection of heirlooms.

There were fine old dishes; pieces of a pewter tea service, loaned by Mrs. J. C. Marshall and E. N. Spear; a painting of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, painted by Amos G. Tory when Whittier was about 20; samples of old bead and needle work; and a pair of shoes made in 1763.

"They were worn by my great grandfather," said a sweet faced elderly woman

"You mean your great grandson," protested your correspondent. "The child who wore them couldn't have been a year old, you know."

For they were wonderful little shoes, hand sewed and brown with age, but not at all like the department store shoes we buy today.

But they did belong to her great grandfather, it seems. He grew up without wearing out the shoes. Just imagine that happening nowadays!

#### The Baby Show.

At 3 o'clock there was a baby show in a corner of the main hall. It was held in a corner, because the crowd hemmed the pretty babies in.

Charles Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Burton, was given the prize as the prettiest boy. Gertrude Coburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Coburn, was judged to be the prettiest girl. Alice M. Carleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Carleton, got the prize for plumpness. Evelyn Hildreth was given the honors for being the smallest child entered.

#### Premiums Awarded.

Vegetables—Best general display, E. Landry; F. A. Burton, second; potatoes, first premium, Carrie L. Bannister; squash, first, Charles R. Kent, second, R. D. Snow; beets, first, Frank Wilkins; corn and cabbage first, D. G. B. Burns; beets, first, F. A. Burton; cherry tomatoes, first, Ernest Jones; melons, first, Arthur Peabody; summer squash, first, George P. Wood.

Fruit—Best general display, W. H. Peabody, first, G. H. Currier, second; peaches, first, W. G. Sherburne, Frank M. Carleton, second; Concord grapes, first, Josie Carleton; apples, McIntosh Red, first, W. E. Pearson; Pippins, F. A. Burton; King, W. P. Peabody; Wolf River, G. W. Sherburne; Gravenstein, G. W. Sherburne; Detroit, F. A. Burton; Porter, G. H. Currier; Mann, G. H. Currier; Hubbardston, S. H. Lyon.

Pears: Green Winter, W. H. Peabody; Sickel, W. H. Peabody; Barre, A. R. Hobbs; Duchess and Sheldon, A. R. Hobbs. Plums, S. B. Hubbley. Crab apples, Ernest L. Jones.

Fancy work: Sofa pillow, first, Susie Foss; second, Mrs. Carlin, Tyngsboro; embroidery, first, Lena Cloyd; second, Clara Jones.

Flowers: Best bouquet, Mrs. J. L. Hoyle; second, Mrs. F. M. Woodbury. Special award to Mrs. Barker for her dahlia display.

Canned fruits—Mrs. M. L. Jones, first; Mrs. E. Hyde, second; special award to Mrs. S. H. Lyon.

Cooked food—Mrs. W. H. Nut first; Lena Cloyd, second.

General display of antiques—Edith Spear, first; Mrs. Frank Stickney, second.

Poultry—Langshans, D. G. B. Burns, first; Light Brahmins, A. J. Carleton; White P. R., A. G. Currier, first; S. B. Hubbley Bros. second; geese, F. A. first; White O., A. G. Currier, first; Golden Wy., G. J. Carleton, first; white Leghorns and Bantams, S. H. Lyon, first; White Wy., Harry E. Lewis,

first; Ernest Jones, second; Silver Wy., Hubbley Bros. first; H. R. Currier second; R. I. Reds, A. G. Currier, first; Hubbley Bros. second; geese, F. A. Burton, first; ducks, S. H. Lyon, first; pigeons, Frank Lewis, first.

#### The Sports.

.100 yards dash—First, A. Clemons; second, A. H. Peabody.

Shoe race for boys—First, Fred Lyon; second Frank Lewis.

Sack race—First, Francis Ducharme; second, Frank Lewis.

Forward and backward race—First, A. G. Andrews; second M. E. Jones.

Tug of war—M. E. Jones, E. Landry, J. Guilds, H. Keene, C. D. Stevenson, C. Hopkins, F. Richardson, the winners.

Ball game—Indian Heads 12, Pelham 8.