



*Hookway Corlies*

VIEW FROM BELVEDERE PARK ACROSS THE FLEET ESTUARY

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Mr. Murray of Broughton has given great attention to perfect the breed of the true Galloway kind of cattle, which are in high reputation, and sell higher than any other black cattle in proportion to their weight. To show the success of this gentleman's improvement, he sold in one drove 100 bullocks, for which he was paid by the drover L.925, being L.9: 5: 0 the head. They were not of a large size, but their figure and fat captivated the purchaser, who was as complete a judge of cattle as any in England. Mr. Murray's method of rearing cattle is to give them coarse grass when young, but in great plenty. As snow never lies here longer than a night, the young flock are never housed, but all winter over are left to the foggage in a sheltered field. At the age of three they are led to rich pasture, to fit them for the market. Those that are kept till they are four or five years old, are fit for the butcher any time during winter or spring, with the aid only of a few turnip thrown to them once a day. No stall-fed beef is comparable. The bulls and cows are capital. Forty cows I saw all in one shed tied up to be milked; not a dirty spot to be seen. Nor can I omit the cleanness of the milkers, and of their vessels. The maid that had the direction was from England. She sat so upright as to preserve her fashionable high head from being ruffled. This required much dexterity. Her head-dress, however, did not altogether equal the fashionable heads in Edinburgh.

Notwithstanding the reputation of the true Galloway breed, yet I must observe, that many of them carry a light hind quarter, and fall narrow at and under the tail. That defect is not to be found in Mr Murray's stock. This amiable gentleman patronises every one who shows an inclination to improve the ground or the cattle. He gives encouraging leases to tenants, and gives them good example by the great quantity of land he has reclaimed from the state of wild nature. He deals in the turnip culture, and raises great quantities of hay, both of them intended for his young stock.

Kaily is greatly polished, house and offices grand, plantations extensive and in great vigour. This seat being situated on the confines of a wild barren country, cannot fail to strike the eye of a traveller with uncommon pleasure.



*Roadman's Cottage at Anwoth now demolished*

With Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year

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