

Freak Calf with 'Outboard Heart' Poses for Picture



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Here is a picture of one of the strangest freaks in livestock records—a calf with a perfectly functioning heart outside its body. Miss Sarah Gearhart, living at the farm home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gearhart, near Vermontville, restrained the frisky young animal for the photographer to make his "shot." The heart is shown clearly in the picture. Its pulsations are very evident to the spectator. The freak was

born on the farm of Mrs. Josephine Cowell, near Battle Creek. Mrs. Cowell is a sister of Miss Gearhart. The animal was brought to the Henry Gearhart farm, where it appears to be thriving as satisfactorily as if its cardiac organ were in the normal position. Veterinarians found there is no body cavity for the heart, so could not undertake an operation to place it in its normal position.

Word received as we go to press 2 p. m. that Harvey Hawkins of Charlotte passed away this afternoon. He and his wife (the former Mrs. Steves) were here for the centennial celebration and visited his sister, Mrs. Carl Greiner, Sunday.