

SHEEP FOR BREEDING

Some Things to Observe in Founding the Farm Flock

In starting a farm flock of sheep, it is important that the farmer should have an ideal before him as to the kind of sheep he wants. We cannot say that there is any best breed, for each breed has its own merits and deficiencies. The mutton-producing sheep are divided into two classes—the long-wools and the Downs. Of the former we have the Leicesters, Cotswolds, and Lincoln; of the latter the Shropshires, Oxford Downs, Southdowns, and Hampshire Downs. Both these classes of sheep have their merits. The long-wools are larger, yield a larger clip of wool, and are possibly slightly more prolific than the Downs. On the other hand, however, neither their mutton nor their wool is quite so good quality, and they are not so hardy. This latter fact is due to the nature of their fleeces, writes Donald Ewing in Farmer's Magazine. Being long and open, it "parts" down the centre of their backs when wet. This allows the rain to penetrate to the skin of the sheep, so that they are wet through after every rain, and cold and catarrh are more or less prevalent among them during the fall and spring. Against this the wool of the Down breeds is close and tight, and even a very heavy rain does not penetrate it. After a drenching fall rain they will get up from under the fence or tree where they have found shelter, shake themselves, and be as dry and comfortable as before the rain. Added to this is the fact that the Downs yield a fine quality of mutton and wool slightly more valuable than the long-wools. Still, as we said before, we cannot claim that there is any "best" breed. Every prospective sheep-raiser must choose for himself, following his own preferences.

Selecting Sheep

Having chosen the breed, it is important that certain well-defined principles be followed in selecting the individuals. We are not dealing here with the raising of breeding stock, but of sheep-raising in a commercial way. At the same time, when selecting the foundation for the flock, it is better to get pure-breds or good grades, conforming very well to breed type, rather than cross-breds or mongrels. It lends character and value to our lambs if they conform fairly well to some recognized breed type. Aside from breed type, there are certain characters we must have.

First, we want constitution. This is indicated by a good heart-girth, bright eye, wide muzzle, and pink skin. This last I regard as rather important. If we will part the wool so that we can see the skin, we will notice a decided difference in different sheep. Some will be decidedly bluish in tinge, while others are quite pink. We should avoid bluish or pale skins, and choose a good, pink skin as indicating a good constitution and good circulation.

Then we must look for flesh-producing qualities. As the best meat is found along the back and loin, and in the hindquarters, we must look for a strong, broad back and loin, and for deep hindquarters, carrying the flesh well down toward the hock. In fact, the same general form which indicates meat form in the steer also indicates it in the sheep. The general form should be blocky and square, with good top and underlines, not too long legs, and that general roundness and smoothness, as indicated by feeling the animal over, which shows quality in the sheep as well as in the steer.

The wool, though of minor importance, is still important, and we must see to it so far as we can that the sheep we are selecting to form our breeding flock have reasonably good wool-producing characteristics.

Pearls of Great Price

There was exhibited at a Court Jeweller's in Bond Street a striking collection of pearls. One magnificent rope is valued at no less than \$300,000; while for a single pear-shaped drop pearl, perfectly symmetrical, \$70,000 was asked. But probably the most exquisite article in the collection was a single necklet of gems of extraordinary hue, the matching and graduation being superb. The cost of this article was \$190,000.

If one of the stones were lost it would be impossible to replace it with an exact duplicate. Black and pink pearls also found a place in the exhibition; whilst a passing reference must be made to a pair of button-shaped ear rings valued at \$40,000.

Illicit Distilling in the Highlands

Smuggling appears still to continue in the Highlands. The Excise officers recently discovered in the district of Kintail a new smuggling still and head hidden in a cairn between the fishing village of Bundalloch and Camashuine.

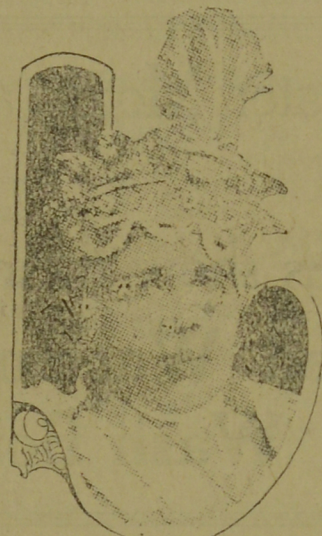
COLD CHEERLESS HOME

Igloos of Eskimos Crowded and Unsanitary

The igloos used by the Eskimos of the bleak north are small in size, necessarily overcrowded, and every crevice is carefully sealed during the long winter months in order to maintain a comfortable temperature within. The different forms of dwellings on the Arctic coast are the sod igloos, which are the standard and are constructed of two different plans.

The first type of igloo, with windows and doors in the walls, is a frame structure of logs or lumber. The walls and roof are covered thickly with sod, and one or two windows are set into the walls. The home contains two separate compartments, which are connected by a small door, the living-room proper and the entry or shed. The shed is somewhat smaller in size than the living quarters, and is used as a storeroom for provisions, clothing, sleds, and other articles too numerous to mention. The entrance into the igloo is also constructed of timber, and covered with sod, but the plan of construction differs somewhat from the one just described. This igloo also has two compartments, a living-room and a storeroom, connected by a low passageway. The entrance into the home is through an open hatch in the roof of the entry by means of a ladder. Then by passing through the tunnel one enters the living-room.

The living-room of some of the igloos are curtained off to separate the sleeping quarters from other parts of the household, but the majority have no such arrangements, all the household duties being conducted in the single room. The furniture equipment usually consists of a small stove, a few dishes, and improvised beds. The board floor, which is usually fairly clean, serves the purpose of chairs and tables. A few of the families own sewing machines and occasionally a phonograph.



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Japanese Marriages

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CLAIMED TO CURE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 4.—The eighteenth annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association opened here today with three thousand delegates in attendance. Dr. Percy H. Woodall of Birmingham, Ala., president of the association, called the gathering to order. Mayor Blankenburg officially welcomed the visitors to the city.

The most important feature of the day was a report presented by Dr. John Deason of Chicago, director of the research institute which the osteopathic profession has established for the purpose of investigating by laboratory methods into the scientific basis of the theory of osteopathy. Loud applause greeted the statement of Dr. Deason that osteopathy has been discovered to be a cure for all acute infectious diseases. It was reported that in one series of forty animals the investigators had found that when they could improve the nutrition they could overcome the progress of infection.

Dr. Deason declared that the once popular "tonics" are not now so favorably considered by the authorities of today. Many modern texts on materia medica and pharmacology do not even contain the word tonic in their indices. Some authors state that if there is any result from such medication it is psychic. The staff of the research institute found that slight irregularity in the alignment of ribs and vertebrae cause changes to occur in the structure of the pancreas and that in these cases they found a marked decrease in resistance to tuberculosis and typhoid. When these bony displacements occur lower down there follows a diseased action of the kidneys. The research workers found, so they claimed, that osteopathic adjustment caused a normal flow of urine.

Dr. W. Banks Meacham of Asheville, N.C., endorsed the findings of the institute, and added:

"We have clinically demonstrated for a quarter of a century the fact that the eliminating organs can be stimulated to eliminate food wastes and body wastes. I believe we can stimulate such eliminations to the point where the principles of osteopathy will give us the greatest known control of any and all infectious diseases. I believe this is the problem before our profession today, which, when solved, will force the recognition of osteopathy as a scientific procedure in handling all acute infections and that the solution on this problem will give us the recognition that should be ours."

POPE OBSERVES HIS ANNIVERSARIES

Rome, Aug. 4.—In observance of the fifty-sixth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the twelfth anniversary of his election to the papal throne, Pope Pius X today celebrated solemn pontifical mass in St. Peter's. In attendance were all members of the Sacred College resident in Rome and a large number of bishops, clergy and lay pilgrims.

FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION AT LOWER QUEENSBURY

Lower Line Queensbury, Aug. 1.—The regret at the removal of Mr. and Mrs. James Cliff from this community is general and sincere. It has meant the loss of a family long identified with the life of the neighborhood and greatly esteemed. Mr. Cliff recently purchased a home at Sharon, Mass., where they will in future reside. Mrs. Cliff left here this morning and after a few days at Fredericton, will join her husband in the new home.

Last evening as a surprise farewell, the neighbors and other friends gathered at the Cliff homestead, now owned and occupied by Mr. Fred Barr. Before the company separated Mrs. Cliff was presented with a beautiful Bible. The presentation was made by Rev. R. J. Colpitts, who spoke of the esteem in which both Mr. and Mrs. Cliff are held and of the deep regret at their departure and expressed the desire of all for their future happiness and prosperity. Mrs. Cliff made an appropriate response, thanking the friends both for their good wishes and their gift. Mrs. Cliff, in addition to being a good neighbor and friend, has borne a unique relation to the life of the community. For the past thirty-nine years she has been the postmistress of Lower Line Queensbury and now leaves no successor, the office having been closed by the establishing of a rural free delivery route through this section.

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Much regret was expressed that Mr. Cliff could not be present to receive his share in the farewell.

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Pawtucket, Aug. 2.—William R. Fortin, president and acting manager of the Pawtucket team of the Colonial League, has tendered Callahan, second baseman, his unconditional release. Callahan was recently suspended charged, with an attack on Umpire Graham. Bill Williams, pitcher, who went to Bridgeport has been sent back on orders by the Eastern Association club and played in the game at Woonsocket yesterday.

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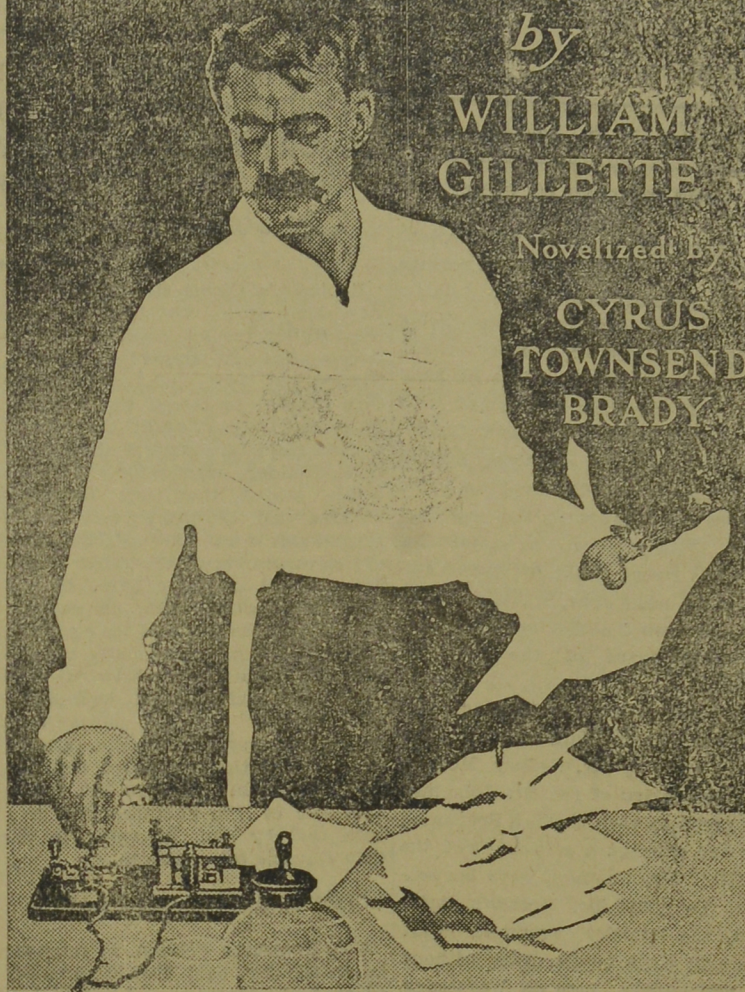
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