CAN SHEEP BE MADE PROFITABLE? - Sheep being excellet foragers, and capable of picking up a portion of their subsistence, have been made to adapt themselves to those sections where the land cannot be profitably cultivated and where they are supposed to cost but little in proportion to that which may be derived from them. For that reason the American farmers have given their attention to the small, active breeds, such as the merino and native, which exist in large flocks more successfully than do those of larger size. The objections to the large mutton breeds of sheep are that they require too much attention, and must have good pasturage; that they cannot well exist together in large numbers, and must be protected from the heat and cold. It is no doubt true that the merino is hardy and requires less care than the large breeds, but the question to be considered is whether it will not pay to give the large mutton breeds that attention which many are not willing to bestow. We have the difference in methods as practiced in England and America. The Englishman does not attempt to produce wool, estimating the wool product as something that simply attends the production of mutton as a secondary adjunct, and aims to secure as large a carcass as possible. So great has been the progress attained by the English in the improvement of the nutton breeds that it is not uncommon to secure lambs weighing 100 pounds when they are only 3 months old, while 150 pounds is often reached by 6 monthsold lambs. These weights are greater than those of our mature native sheep, and show that the farmer, with the use of the improved breeds of mutton sheep, can derive a large profit without looking to the receipts from wool at all. If the English farmer can pay heavy rents and depend upon his sheep as the principal source of revenue, there is nothing to prevent the American farmer from doing the same; but the English grow special crops for sheep, shelter them, hurdle them, keep them growing from birth, and breed only from choice sires. A 3-year-old ram has been made to weigh 425 pounds (live weight), and ewes often attain over 550 pounds each, It is, however, due to the careful feeding as well as the breeding that success is met with, for no English farmer would turn out a flock of sheep to find the mutton breeds; yet the fact that the English, with an experience of centuries, have discarded wool and given their whole attention to mutton, is a lesson is seldom supplied.

IF farmers would observe more closely the habits of those insects which prey the fat and thicken what is left with better prepared to battle with them. Take, for instance, the large, black squash-bug which makes its appearance when the vines are of large size, and if let alone will surely destroy them. The observing farmer will notice that the eggs are deposited on the under side of the leaves in groups, which can easily be crushed, and thus destroyed. He will also observe that the bug in question will get under a stone, leaf, or other covering, as night approaches, and by placing a shingle besides the hill at night large numbers of bugs will take shelter under it, and can be destroyed in the morning.

cost, compared with a herd, for the reaamount of material from the house, and especially if there is a garden under cult vation. Pods, vegetable tops and parings, stale bread, and even that which is left over of the vegetables from the table may be used to advan-

BEFORE planting a grape vine dig out a space about four feet square and three feet deep. Fill the hole to within a foot of the top with leather scraps, old bones and other refuse, scattering plenty of lime and ashes over the mass, Then fill up with top soil, first planting the vine a foot deep. In after years the vine will show the effects of such preparation.

THERE is never any more available nutriment in grass, or any other fodder plant, than when the seed is in the milk, or at furthest, in the dough. Up to this point comparatively but a small amount of woody and indigestible fibre has been formed, while beyond it there is no addition of material from growth. All the elements ever contained in the plant are in it then

skip a milking, as the retention of so large a volume of milk in the udder will inflame it and injure the quality of the milk, and perhaps the udder also.

A RECOMMENDED preventative of cholera: Construct a long, deep trough; keep it supplied with slacked lime, with a reasonable amount of salt, and attract the hogs to it by slopping them there.

FOOT-rot in sheep, distemper in horses and cattle, cough in pigs, and a score of other allments arise from filthy barnyards in winter and spring. Prevention is better than cure in these

FowLs that must be fed in summer should be fed regularly. If fed only twice a day feed lightly in the morning and give a full feed at night. If fed but once a day, feed at night.

A SECOND brood of currant worms usually makes its appearance just as the fruit begins to ripen, and is quite as injurious to the crop if the first is not properly destroyed.

Fon the current borer cut off and burn the branches upon which they have settled. This is the only sure remedy, and the work must be thor-

HOUSEHOLD.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Times vouches for the excellence of the following recipe to make good coffee. Buy the best coffee and grind it to the consistency of ordinary cornmeal. Into a French teapot put an ounce of coffee for every person. One pound of coffee will make sixteen cups, and more. Have everything clean, and as soon as the water in the teakettle begins to boil moisten the coffee gently, and leave it to soak and swell for three minutes; then add a little more water; don't be in a hurry; continue to add water until you have obtained not more than a large coffee cupful of the extract. If carefully done the entire virtue of the coffee will be in the cupful of liquor at the end of five minutes. For four persons use a quart of pure milk and have it piping hot; heat the large cups by pouring into them hot water; now divide the coffee into four cups, each of which will be one-quarter full; fill with the boiling milk. This is pure breakfast coffee, the coffee of the gods, of which no man after drinking would be so base as to call for a second cup. Such coffee cannot be bought at any New York restaurant. He that drinketh it this morning will be unhappy if he fails to get it to-morrow morning. But these instructions must be followed to the letter.

STUFFED eggs are excellent for lunch. Boil for twenty minutes as many eggs as you wish to serve. When they are cool remove the shells and cut care- of safety. fully lengthwise Remove the yolks and put the two whites of each egg together that they may not become mixed. Mash the yolks and allow a teaspoonful of soft butter and a few drops of onion juice to every half dozen. Add half as much potted or devilled ham or tongue as you have yolks, or use minced chicken, lamb or veal, seasoned with salt, pepper, mustard and chopped parsley. Fill the whites with the mixture, and put the halves together, taking care to fit them as they were cut. Spread the remainder of the yolk mixture on a shallow dish, place the egg on it, cover with a white sauce, sprinkle buttered crumbs over the top and bake till the crumbs are a delicate brown.

half inch wide strips of fat salt pork intheir food or trample desirable herbage. to lengths of four inches. With a nar-It has been shown that sheep can be row-bladed knife make horizontal inconfined with hurdles and made profit-able, and that the system of giving where this does not oppose the blade, them large ranges will not answer for clear through the joint. Roll these "lardoons" in a mixture of pepper, mace and vinegar, and insert in the holes made by the knife, If you have a landing needle the task is easier. Set to us that should not be overlooked or the meat in a dripping pan, dash a cupdisregarded, especially as there is a ful of boiling water over it, and roast great demand for choice mutton which ten minutes for each pound, basting often. Ten minutes before taking it up rub over with a mixture of a teaspoonful of butter and two tablespoonsful of tart jelly. Strain the gravy, pour off upon their crops they would be much browned flour, seasoned with salt and pepper, boil up and serve in a boat,

WHITE SOUP .- Three pounds of a "knuckle" of veal, bones broken and meat minced; one-half cup of raw rice, three quarts of water, two tablespoonfuls of butter, rubbed in flour; half an onion chopped, three eggs, one cup of milk, two tablespoonfuls minced par- girls, 1 believe, have each a patron sley, salt and pepper to taste. Put water, meat, bones, rice and onion over the fire and boil very slowly for four hours. Strain, pick out meat and bones and rub the rice through a fine colander. Season, return to the fire, boil up, skim well and put in parsley and butter. Heat the milk in a saucepan, pour A SINGLE cow can be kept at a small upon the beaten eggs and stir into the soup, removing the latter from the fire son that she can receive quite a large as soon as they are fairly mixed to-

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THE question is frequently asked how to remove fly-specks, dust, smoke, etc., A cow should never be allowed to from oil-paintings without injuring The following is recommended. although it may not suit all cases, and is at best not to be used by the amateur without caution: Put into two quarts of strong lye half a pound of Genoa soap, rasped very fine; let it simmer on the fire for half an hour, then strain it through a cloth. Apply the preparation with a brush to the picture, wipe it off with a sponge and apply a second time, which will remove all dirt. Then with a little nut oil, warmed, rub the picture and let it dry. In general it will look as bright and fresh as when it came from the artists' hands.

> BEEF FRITTERS .- Cut slices of underdone beef into oblong pieces three inches long by half the width, squeeze half a teaspoonful of lemon juice over each pepper and salt, then sprinkle lightly with nutmeg, have ready a batter made by beating two eggs light, with half a cup of milk and the same quantity of prepared flour salted. Dip each "collop" of beef in this and fry to a good brown in boiling dripping.

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"Alone."

"Are you sure of it?"

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saint is Saint Cecelia. How sorry I am that you haven't one." U. G .- "Oh, I have one, too, I assure you. All the Bostonese have

C. G .- "Indeed; I did not know it. Who is your patron saint?" U. G .- "Salvine Armoto d' Armati, a Florentine, who died in the year

1318," C. G .- "Was he a martyr?" U. G. (adjusting her goggles)-"No; he was the inventor of spectacles.

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"Oh, no, that won't do." "Wall, then," stretching himself out on a bench, "I'm with yer." "What, are you going to hang the Jury?"

"That's about it." "My dear sir, we are anxious to get back to our business." "Then send him up for ten." "But that would be a great injus-

"Then squat an' make yourselves omfortable." 'Have you any special reason why the prisoner should go up for ten

"Think I bave," throwing a quid of tobacco at the spittoon. "Will you please name it?"

"Yes, for it won't take me long. He is my son-in-law an' I have been supporting him ever since he was married.' He went up for ten years.

THE husband of a young wife in Rochester, suggested fresh mackerel for dinner, and she said she would order them. Now the young wife in question is not really well up in the fish business, though she can paralyze geometry and algebra and write fair verses. She had never seen a mackerel, but trusted to her memory for the name of the fish. The fish man was busily engaged putting up some shad roes, but when the lady asked for two halibut he became so excited that he knocked a box of smoked herrings out of the window and stepped on the cat. With bulging eyes and a fishy feeling down his back he timidly suggested "two pounds of halibut." The lady said she guessed it was two pounds of halibut. Her husband intends taking her to the seashore this summer, and with a coast survey chart and fish line will explain the difference between the mackerel and halibut.

Robinson, at a ball, had just taken his partner back to her seat. Instead of retiring, however after the interchange of the usual polite. nothings, he remained standing in front of her and seemed embarrassed. "Do you wish anything?" asked the

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