

ABOUT EARLY LAMBS. This Article Tells You How to Kill, Dress and Ship Them.

Raising early lambs is proving a profitable industry to those who understand the industry from start to finish. Unfortunately, judging from the appearance of many of the lambs shipped, many people fail, to understand that the mode of dressing has a hear again." very important effect upon the price obtained. To obtain a satisfactory profit it is essential that the early lambs present a neat and inviting appearance when exposed for sale. This is almost as important as care and skill in fattening the lambs.

Early in the season lambs should not weigh more than 25 pounds, and as the season advances buyers want heavier. They should be grown as quickly as possible to reach the required weight, and should be fat and plump. Late summer and fall lambs will not sell for



READY TO SHIP.

the spring article. The earlier lambs can be sold in the large city markets the higher the price. In killing, cut the throat, making as large an insertion as possible, but be certain that the large artery is severed. The lamb should then be hung up by the heel+ in order to bleed thoroughly and avoid soiling the wool about the neck or head. In dressing early lambs, cut them open only from the tail to the breast bone, but as the weather becomes warm, it is best to cut down to the head. Remove the entrails, leaving in the haslet. The head, feet and skin should all be the caul over them and well down over them feel miserable, too .- Truth. the kidneys, securing it with skewers. Slit the caul sufficiently to let the kidneys through, and put in what are known as back-sets or spreaders. These are pieces of wood about 14 inches long for an ordinary sized carcass and pointed at both ends. Be careful that the backsets are not too long, or there is danger of breaking the ribs and injuring the appearance of the lamb. In putting them in, fasten one end in the flank and the other in the breast close up to the first rib, and place the other stick in an opposite direction, so man, an' yer might think I drink; but that the sticks cross in the back just behind the kidneys so as to open the carcass in such a way as to present a good appearance, making it as flat as pos-

Let the carcass hang until perfectly cool, and before taking down see that all the bloody liquid has been removed from the chest. Replace the skin on the hind legs, cover the exposed portions of the flesh with clean white muslin and sew the whole carcass up neatly in burlap or bagging. The accompanying illustration from the Cornell station shows the appearance it should present. Mark the package plainly with the names of the shipper and the firm to whom it is sent, and ship by express. Notify the consignee by mail. -N. Y. World.

CONCRETE STABLE FLOORS. How They Add to the Fertilizing Value

of Manure. Some one has said that you can't abstract fertility through a concrete floor. It is true. Drainage away from a manure pile indicates a lack of brainage. It is hard for some farmers to understand that the liquid manure contains all the digested portions of the food that are passed by the animal. These digestible parts are soluble, and not only quickest in their action as plant food, but easiest to run away if not jailed by a concrete floor. As Dr. Young says, any place that is to hold manure should be floored with concrete if possible. "It is a wise provision of nature," says the Rural New Yorker, "that man has this power of grinding up concrete, and then molding it to suit his will into artificial stone to cover any desired surface with a watertight covering. This wonderful action is as useful in its way as is the chemical action of fire. It is one of the things placed in our hands with which to prevent a loss, and there are few losses so serious to the farmer as the loss of fertility. With concrete floors and plaster for an absorbent, we may add much to the value of manurc. not alone by saving the fertilizing ral

moisture in the pile." How to Prepare Tobacco Dip. Speaking of tobacco dip, a writer says it will require for 100 sheep 100 gallons of water, and to make that strong enough to kill ticks and the scab it will require the addition of all the fiuid that can be extracted from 25 pounds of tobacco. The tobacco should be thoroughly steeped and boiled so as to get all the strength out of it. To this mixture 10 pounds of sulphur should be added. The sulphur should be mixed separately in a pail of hot water, and after being thoroughly stirred should be added to the dip. If tobacco stems are used, at least three times the weight mentioned should be steeped.

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Rasher - Hello, Crasher! I hear that you were at the capital trying to The Excelsior Diamond Traveled Under a secure a franchise for the Sky Rocket road. Did you see Assemblyman Tanker from your district?

Crasher-Yes. Rasher-Did you get him interested

\$10,000 preferred.-Puck.

Those Long Sermons.

It is seldom that a university professor is noted for his wit, but the one quoted by Tit-Bits surely had this quality. When asked by a preacher what he thought of his sermon he re-

"I heard in it what I hope never to

"What was that?" "The clock strike twice."

But, Are They? If women were level-headed, We think it is safe to state, In a half day or so why they Could get a hat on straight. -L. A. W. Bulletin.

OVERSTRAINED HIMSELF.



Sauftly-No, I'm not very well, you know, I've thought once or twice

Topsy-Good gracious! And then you wonder why you're ill. You shouldn't do such reckless things .--

Her Reason.

Husband-Why do you pay the newspapers at advertising rates to exaggerate the success of our party, Helen? It was a colorless affair, and some of our guests seemed really mis-

Wife-So many sent regrets and left on. Skin the hind legs and draw stayed away, dear! I want to make

> The Leading Lady. Reporter-Did you ever play in tragedy? Comedian-Yes, years ago.

Reporter-Tell me about it. Comedian-Well, the woman who is now my wife was the leading lady, and I believe there was a minister mixed up in it .- To Date.

Correcting Impressions. Tramp-Appearances is deceitful, mum. Yer might think I'm a strong

it nin't so. Mrs. Mum-And you might think I'm going to give you something; but that ain't so, either .- Puck.

Broke the Silence. For a long time after he had succeeded in inserting himself through the door at three a. m., she regarded him in

At length she spake. Also she spake at length.-Westches-

Why Papa Shuddered.

Davie was pulling nails - creaky, raspy, rusty nails-with a claw-ham-

"Here, boy, what are you doing?" said his papa. "Playin' pullin' teeth 'thout pain," replied Davie. -Judge.

No Wonder.

Jumpuppe-I see that Curry cuts his old friends, Carson and Voxes, when he meets them. Jasper - Yes. He was drunk the other night and the idiots took him

home to his wife.-Truth. He'd Examined Carefully. "Do you notice any change in Dumley?" asked the tall man.

"No, I don't," snapped the other man

He was Dumley's taflor.-Rockland Tribune.

Very Disturbing. "Did you enjoy the sermon, dear?" said Mrs. Collingwood to her husband, after church.

"No, I dreamt that a note for \$1,000 was due, and I hadn't a cent to pay it with."-Life.

He Hoped Not.

She-Oh! yes; mamma and I have much the same tastes. Do you think-I am like my mother? He (an old widower)-I hope not. Your mother rejected me 24 years ago. -Bay City Chat.

How He Identified Bim. "I was so tipsy that when I met you and Jones together I couldn't tell you ue of the liquids, but by retaining apart; that is, at first."

"How did you at last?" "Jones offered me a cigar."-Truth. Two of Them. The prodigal to college goes,

With faltering legs and slim, But when he comes again he brings A fatted calf with him. -Detroit Tribune. Plunkheimer's Philosophy. I know a vomans vot married a vee, little mans-because she say: "Uf all

evils I choose der least"-ferstay?-Ornithological.

"Kitty, how did you break your hus band of calling you 'birdie?' " "Why, every time he did it I called him 'jay.' "- Chicago Record,

THE GREATEST SPARKLER.

Military Escort.

When a diamond is found weighing more than 100 carats, the news is usually heralded with much ado. It is not to be weadered at therefore if the find-ing of the "Excelsior" created considing of the "Excelsior" created consid-Crasher—Yes; \$20,000 in bonds, and erable excitement. It weighed in the rough 971 carats, and was found near Jagersfontein, in the Orange Free State. When examined, it was found to be and fatiguing travesty of a quarantine a white stone of the first water, but had a small flaw in the center. The in- made a wild rush for our bags the inspector of the mine, a Swede named stant the train stopped and fought over proprietors of the mine, Breitmayer & Bernheimer, had the stone tested and valued by experts, who agreed that the value was \$5,000,000. Two offers of \$3,000,000 and \$4,250,000 respectively A little man, with a nervous and excited have been refused by the proprietors. Upon its transfer to the coast great precautions were taken for its protection. A squadron of cavalry escorted it to the railway station. In Cape Town it was placed aboard the British gunboat Antelope, which carried the precious gem to London, where it now rests in the fire and burglar proof vaults of the Bank of

is the one owned by the rajah of Matan | er vigorously. on the island of Borneo. This one weighs 367 earats. The handsomest of all the large diamonds known is, however, the dragged him ignominiously from the one in the French collection of crown carriage when he attempted to scale it jewels known as the "Regent," which and carried as off in triumph. But the weighs 1363/4 carats. Louis XV paid race is not always to the swift, nor the 3,000,000 francs for it, but now it is battle to the strong. The little dragovalued at 10,000,000 francs or \$2,000,-

in cutting can only be decided by most eminent experts. As a rule, the larger found him placed and smiling in the diamonds lose fully one-half of their weight in this operation. Naturally the cutting, which is done with a view to having as few large pieces as possible outside of the main gem, must be carried on with the greatest care. This business trius remained our guide, philosopher is carried on mainly in Amsterdam and Antwerp. In Amsterdam there are at in Constantinople present five large concerns of diamond cutters, with 872 diamond mills or cut- whole; was extremely patient about carting wheels and 3,000 hands, besides a lying wraps and was honestly anxions large number of less important concerns. -Philadelphia Record.

Japan's Grand Old Man.

Yukichi Fukuzawa is the Grand Old Man of Japan, although he is about 20 years younger than the members of that more famous triumvirate-Gladstone, Bismarck and Li Hung Chang. More than any other man, says a correspondent, he has brought Japan to that position which she now holds among the civilized nations of the world. Thirtyfive years ago he visited this country. and on his return home introduced the Webster Dictionary to his countrymen, a book that is considered the foundation gent and ignorant little people. of Japan's intellectual power. He also introduced English into all the schools. In days when Japan was divided into against foreigners-he advocated the opening of his country to the new world, and his book in behalf of western civiliable effect in restoring to the thron the dynasty of which the present em-

peror is a member. The Jiji Shimpo (The Times newspaper) is his organ, and although he does not actively manage it his sons are the editors, and its influence is widespread, doubtless because it is independent in every sense. Perhaps his greatest benefaction was the founding of a school known as the Kewgijiuku university, which is second only to the Imperial university of Tokyo in point of numbers and rank of scholarship. Mr. Fukuzawa comes from the common people and is known as the "great commoner," and what shows above all the character of the man is that he has never allowed himself to be carried away by his success and has modestly refused to accept decorations, honors or even the peerage from the mikado. - Detroit Free Press.

The Wreck of the Jason on Cape Cod. A half mile away the prow of the wreck Jason, with its white figurehead, rose clean out of the water, standing where she struck the night of the 5th of December, nearly two years ago. The iron schooner broke clean in two that night with the first shock, and the waves rushed over her stern, which sank like lead into the sand. Twenty-seven men went down with it, and next morning 26 dead bodies lay upon the shore in among the scattered bales of jute that had formed the cargo. But the twentyseventh, reaching the shore alive, managed to clutch hold of one of the bales of the floating cargo and kept his foot-

He was a young fellow, a prentice lad out of an English rectory, and he was very nearly exhausted with the struggle, but he staggered on along the sand through the storm until he met the squad of the life saving crew coming to give help where there was only one man left to need it, and catching at the first man he cried out to know that he was safe. When they told him that he was, he fell down in a faint, and was carried to the station like a log. The letter his father wrote in gratitude for their care of him is kept among the records of the station, and it is one of the few pleasant things to remember about the most terrible wreck that had ever lain on the dangerous Truro coast .-Letter in Boston Transcript.

A Remarkable Dwarf.

There lives at Marion, Ind., a dwarf, Janie Loder by name, who is 54 years old, 47 inches high and weighs about 64 pounds. She is the daughter of wealthy parents, who at death left her a fortune. Her favorite pastime is playing with children and dolls, having a family of about 15 of the latter. She speaks of herself as a little girl, and her favorite topic of conversation is what she will do when she "grows up." One of her peculiarities is that among gentleman friends the larger in stature are her choice. She is in good health and may live for many years .- - Exchange.

IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The American New Woman Feels tonall In the Ancient City.

The rivalry among these men (gnides) is of a very active order, as I speedily discovered when I stepped from the Oriental express into that scene of mad confusion and tumult, the Constantinople station. It was drizzling hard. I was speechless from a heavy cold. We were all three worn out with the absurd on the frontier. Twenty Turkish porters Jorgenson, was the lucky finder. The them like howling beasts. A tall man with a cast in his eye handed me a card on which my own name was legibly written, and said he was the dragoman sent by the hotel to take us in charge. manner, handed me a card on which also my name was legibly written and said he was the dragoman sent by the hotel to take us in charge. It was a case for the judgment of Solomon, and I lacked not only the wisdom to decide, but the voice in which to utter my decision. There was nothing for it but to let the claimants fight it out, which they proceeded to do with fervor, rolling over The next largest diamond in the world | the station floor and pounding each oth-

The tall man, being much the better combatant, speedily routed his rival, man was game enough not to know when he was beaten. He followed us in How much the "Excelsior" will lose another carriage, and made good his case evidently with the hotel landlord, for we corridor next morning waiting his order for the day. I never ventured to ask how this change came about, lest indiscree inquiries should bring a second dragoman upon ney devoted head. So Demeand friend for the three weeks we spent

He was not a bad little man, on the we should saffer no annoyance in the streets. But his knowledge upon any subject was of the haziest description. He had a perfect talent for getting us to places at the wrong time-but that may have been partly our fault-and if there was anything interesting to tell he assuredly never told it. On the other hand, he considered that, to our occidental ignorance, the simplest architectural devices needed an explanation. He would say: "This is a well," "That is a doorway," "These are columns supporting the roof," with all the benevolent simplicity of Harry and Lucy's father enlightening those very intelli-

The only severe trial that Demetrins suffered in our service was the occasional attendance of the two kavasses from two parties-one for and the other the American embassy, whose protection was afforded us twice or thrice, through the courtesy of the embassador. These magnificent creatures threw our poor zation, which he wrote from his studies little dragoman so completely into the and travels in America, had a consid. shade and regarded him with such open st contempt that all h cent airs of importance shriveled into humility and dejection. It is but honest to state that the kavasses appeared to despise us quite as cordially as they did Demetrius, but we sustained their scorn with more tranquillity for the sake of the splender and distinction they im-

One of them was a very handsome and very supercilious Tork, who never condescended to look at us nor to speak to us; the other, a Circassian, whose pride was tempered by affability, and who was good enough to hold with us the strictly necessary intercourse. I hear it said now and then by censorious critics that American women are the most arrogant of their sex, affecting a superiority that is based upon no justifiable claim. But I will candidly admit that all such airy notions, born of the new world and of the nineteenth century, dwindled rapidly away before the disdainful composure of those two lordly Mohammedans. The old primitive instincts are never wholly eradicatedonly overlaid with the acquired sentiments of our time and place. I have not been without my share of self assertion, but my meekness of spirit in Constantinople, the perfectly natural feeling I had in being snubbed by two ignorant kavasses blazing with gold embroidery, will always remain one of the salutary humiliations of my life.-Agnes Repplier in Atlantic.

Theology.

A writer in The Church Standard says that a guide in the Holy Land made the following historical explanation to some Americans by whom he was employed: "King Saul, you know, was called Paul after his conversion, and you can always tell a churchman, for he never fails to speak of him as St. Paul " This recalls the old story of a stupid candidate for orders in Oxford who had been repeatedly plucked in his divinity "exam." It was at last decided to ask him one easy question and let him go through if he answered it correctly. The question selected was, "What was the former name of St. Paul, the great apostle to the gentiles?" As the con miners hoped, the young man answered Saul," which was correct. But just as they were breathing a sigh of relief over his success the young fellow, proud of his achievement and anxious to show how much more he knew, turned back after he had opened the door and added, "He was the son of Kish."

The Chief Language.

It is estimated that the chief langnages of the world are speken by the following numbers of people: Chinese, by over 400,000,000; Hindoostance, by over 100,000,000; English, about 100, 000,000; Russian, 72,000,000; German, over 60,000,000; Spanish, 48,000,000; French, 46,000,000; Japanese, over 40,-000,000; Italian, over 36,000,000; Turkish, over 25,000,000.

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