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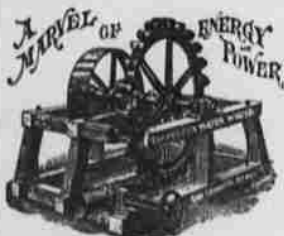
WEE MISS—Mamma, mayn't I take the part of a milkmaid at the fancy ball?

MAMMA—You are too little.

WEE MISS—Well, I can be a condensed milk maid.—*Good News.*

EASTERN OREGON SHEEP.

Owing to the unusually mild winter, sheep have remained fat and the growth of wool has not stopped, so the fleeces which the sheep of this country will yield this season will be long and of extra quality, and should bring better prices than common. The sheep-raising industry, with all its risks, has never before had such a promising future. But it is harder to go into it now, because of the high price of the animal. To procure a sufficient band would take a large sum, but those who are in the business must be careful to stay in, for they have before them a rapid fortune by the certain increase of the price not only of the meat, but also the wool of their animals. Sheep owners throughout the country are in better spirits this spring than for some time past. The reason is obvious. Never before have purchasers of sheep offered such high prices, and the man who is in the business has now the opportunity of turning in his band for stacks of twenty-dollar pieces. The wool market never looked more favorable and the prices offered for this year's clip will reach the highest mark. No wonder, then, that Gilliam county sheep owners wear a happy smile.—*Condon Globe.*



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