



Profitable Sheep.

The distinctively local breed of sheep on the Cheviot hills, lying along the border of England and Scotland, is the Cheviot, typical specimens of which are graphically depicted in the accompanying illustration from Farm and Home.

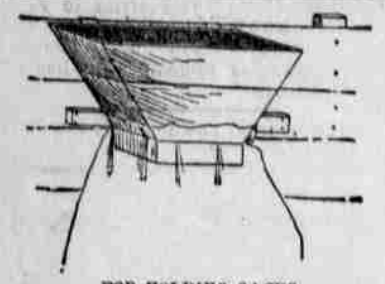


CHEVIOT SHEEP.

tionable on account of the dry nature of the usual forage, which obviates the danger of scouring. The legs below the knees and hocks, as well as the face, is covered by a close growth of short, stiff, white hair.

Relative Value of Wheat and Oats. Regarding the relative value of wheat and oats much depends on the soil and conditions. The production of stray taxes the land, though straw is given but little value as a portion of the crop.

Filling Sacks Easily. The accompanying illustration shows a convenient device for filling grain sacks. Strong iron hooks fasten the



FOR HOLDING SACKS.

box to the edge of the bin, while smaller hooks are put in each lower corner, to which the sacks are attached.

To Prevent Attacks of Insects. All fruit trees should be sprayed without regard to whether they have been attacked by insects or disease or escaped, as it is less labor to prevent attacks than to remedy an evil after it appears.

Give the Calf the First Milk. Because it is easier to milk while the cow's bag is full and a full stream will flow, and also because the saliva in the calf's mouth, full of saliva and milk makes milking unpleasant for the milker, it is the habit of many farmers to milk what they want for the house and let the calf take what is left.

is better either to make the calf grow or fatten than the strippings can be. Most farmers think that milk cannot be too rich for a fattening calf. But this ruins the cow, as by the time the calf gets to the strippings it is tired of suckling, and will never drain out the last drop, as the good milker always does.—American Cultivator.

Potash for Bearing Trees. Either wood ashes or some other form of available potash should be applied without delay to all trees that show a full bloom. Spread it freely all over the surface in a well-filled orchard, or to the distance of twenty feet all around each single tree.

Destroying Liveweed. This is not a really dangerous weed on rich land, for though it spreads by its roots, and these are apparently indestructible when dug up and exposed to the air, the weed is not nearly so hard to kill as its discouraging name implies.

Spreading Manure. Manure on the farm is seldom an abundant article, and it is frequently spread over the land injudiciously. It should be the aim to apply the manure over the poorest spots of the field more liberally than on the portions that are fertile.

Dairy Hints. The slightest degree of filth in a milk can will injure the milk, and it is possible to have portions of the former milk contained in the can to be left over, despite the greatest care.

Movable Pizzen. The Farm Journal says that pigs grow best if kept out of doors on the grass during the summer. They will get much of their living from the grass also. Therefore this excellent agricultural paper recommends making a movable pen like that shown in the cut, and the pigs can then be moved daily to new ground.

The Happiest Farmer in America. A little farm well filled, A little barn well filled, A little wife, a boy, a girl, A little money to go to the fair;

Land Plaster on Potatoes. Although land plaster does not produce so great an effect on potatoes as it does on the clover crop, yet it will always pay to apply some during the growing season. When the potato beetle first came, those who mixed paris green with plaster for the destruction of the pests said that the effect of the plaster in keeping the vines green longer or more than offset the cost of the poison.

Cucumber Bugs. The striped bug which destroys cucumber vines may be destroyed by placing a tight box over the vines (such as a cheese box), and pouring a teaspoonful of bisulphide of carbon on the ground. Allow the box to remain over the vines half an hour. The substance is very volatile, hence fire must be avoided in its use. Tobacco dust around the vines is also excellent.

Farm Notes. Peach pits for planting should not be taken from the grafted trees. A good garden helps the wife to get a satisfactory meal for tired men. Perhaps the contrary animal thinks you are an unreasonable creature.

It is said that the Georgia fruit crop this year will be worth \$2,000,000. Stiff clay soil is not good for horticulture. Soil should be light and friable. Fix up the fences before the stock is turned on pasture. One weak place may prove expensive. Some of the experiment stations say that there are worse enemies to fruit than the San Jose scale.

MEDALS FOR DEWEY'S MEN.

Honorable Decoration Which Means a Whole Lot to the Wearer.

The medals of honor which Congress voted to give to the officers and men who fought under Dewey at Manila are not especially artistic.



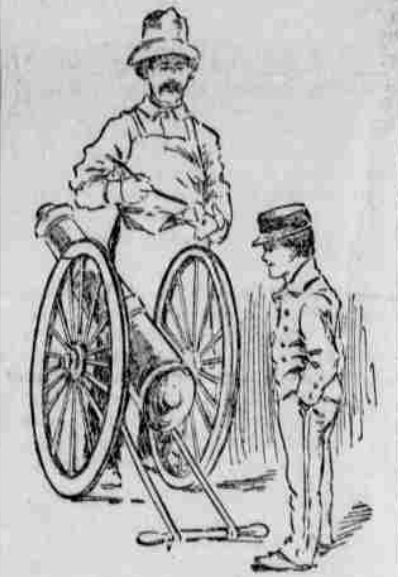
The medal is a five pointed star, each point ending in a trefoll. On the star is a circle of thirty-four stars (there were only thirty-four States when, in 1862, the medal was designed within which is a representation of America "habited as Minerva," her left hand on the fasces, her right hand holding a shield and repelling discord.

This medal of honor corresponds to the English Victoria cross and the Iron Cross of Germany and Prussia, but it is a fact that either of the latter is better known to Americans than the emblem with which our own country recognizes valor.

Yet in spite of the drawbacks to its reputation which the delay in awarding it and the way in which some of its wearers have acquired it cause the medal of honor is an honorable decoration and has been won honorably by most of those who have it.

PATRIOTIC REFRESHMENT.

Italian Vendor Has a Cannon Loaded with Ice Cream. This is how an Italian vendor in Southwark draws crowds and sells ice cream. The cannon is made of wood



CANNON LOADED WITH ICE CREAM.

and contains a churn of cream. The merchant serves the cream from an opening in the top, and pushes the cannon along by grasping the little knob at the end.

A Boy's Composition. If a boy's composition, submitted by a pupil, is supposed to be a flight of the imagination based upon fact, there is no reason why the boy's composition on Christopher Columbus does not meet the requirements.

"Columbus was a man who could make an egg stand on end without breaking. One day the King of Spain said to him, 'Can you discover America?' And Columbus said: 'Yes, if you will give me a ship!' 'So the king gave him a ship, and he started out and sailed and sailed. Some of the men said they didn't believe any such story and didn't believe there was any America, but pretty soon the pilot said, 'I see land,' and then Columbus said, 'Well, then, it is America.'"

Inconvenient for Worshipers. An amusing incident showing Moslem devotion is told by George Kennan in a recent number of the Independent. He was making a trip down the Volga River on a small steamer.

Religious exercises of some kind are going on almost constantly. Five times a day a mullah (mool-lah), or Mohammedan priest, used to climb up on the bridge of our steamer and call the faithful to prayers.

In less than five minutes the whole hurricane deck would be covered with the prostrate forms of praying Moslems, all lying with their heads toward Mecca, the north pole of their religious faith. But the river at times was very crooked, and the followers of the Prophet had a good deal of difficulty in

keeping themselves accurately adjusted with reference to the holy city.

Every one of them would take off his hat, boots and weapons, get out his pocket compass, ascertain the direction of Mecca, spread down his prayer rug and then kneel, shut his eyes and begin to pray.

In the meantime the steamer would go around a sharp bend in the river, and the next time the worshiper opened his eyes he would find himself, to his horror and amazement, with his back to Mecca and his arms stretched out toward the steppes of Siberia.

Of course, God could not be expected to pay the least attention to a prayer that was breathed out in a northeasterly direction when it ought to have been headed southwest by south-half-south. So the disgusted Mohammedan, with a muttered curse upon the crooked rivers and the erratic steamers of the Russian infidel, would get up, consult his pocket compass, turn around his rug, and begin again on a new tack, keeping one eye open meanwhile, to see that the man at the wheel did not take an unfair advantage of him, and scatter his prayer all over the Russian Empire.

Anecdotes of Macready.

Mr. Sala charged Macready with having habitually used foul and blasphemous language behind the scenes. An apologist hints that Mr. Sala may have been led astray by the fact that in the last act of "Macbeth" Macready invariably lashed himself into a sort of fever, which he aggravated by using all sorts of expressions.

"Thank you, Mr. Phelps, thank you; I've never been so well supported."

In another play, where it was necessary to enter in a panting fury, full of rage, exhibiting the gasping exhaustion of mad passion, Macready used to have a hired "super" whom he would grapple and shake and curse at, off the stage, so that he could enter naturally. One night the regular "super" sent a substitute who did not quite understand the business. He resented Macready's rough treatment, which delighted the comedian, who went at his man with increased vigor.

"Hum, ha! Where is he? Hum, ha, bless me! A splendid fellow! Pay him double and let me have him every night."

Modern Longevity.

In the seventeenth century the average duration of life was only thirteen years; in the eighteenth, twenty; in the present century it is thirty-six. This great increase in the average length of human life is not, however, an indication of an increase in the vigor and vitality of the race, but it is rather due to the fact that cholera, the black plague and other devastating scourges which formerly overspread whole countries at frequent intervals, sometimes several times during a century, have been brought more and more under control by improved public sanitation and quarantine.

War Was Preferable.

"I have about decided," said Dowling, "to go to Cuba and join the insurgent army."

"Oh, you take my breath away," exclaimed Mrs. Dowling. "Going down there where you will have to sleep out on the ground and be eaten up by snakes and mosquitoes?"

"Don't you know you are likely to starve to death?"

"I do."

"And take yellow fever or cholera?"

"I know."

"Or may be captured or shot or something?"

"I know that, Marta, but they won't bang on the piano after I have gone to bed, nor make me get up after midnight to look after burglars."—Atlanta Constitution.

Yours as Ever. "What are you thinking about, Ethel?"

"I am wondering whether I should sign myself 'Yours ever' or 'Thine only' to a girl I detest."—Boston Beacon.

Too Slow. "Your elopement didn't come off?"

"No, the wretch asked me to fly with him, and then told me that he thought a horse and buggy would be more comfortable than a tandem."—Detroit Free Press.

He'll Play to Win. "Going to follow the races again this year, Hoaxley?"

"Follow? Not if I can get ahead of them."

"Young man, this is the third time this week you have come to take my daughter sleighriding. If you pay cash for the horses and sleigh it means either lunacy or bankruptcy, and if you don't it means that you are a dead beat." "I own the livery stable, sir."

Advertisement for Dr. Jordan's medicine for men, claiming to cure various ailments like impotency and loss of manhood.

Advertisement for O.C. & E.R.R. Co. Steamship Company, listing routes to Yaguina Bay and other destinations.

Advertisement for South Oregon City, describing its location and amenities, and mentioning T. L. Charman as trustee.

Advertisement for Winchester Repeating Arms Co., featuring a rifle and the slogan 'Don't Go to Klondike Without Taking Along a Winchester'.

Advertisement for O.R. & N. East and South routes, listing train schedules and services between various cities.

Advertisement for Alaska Points, listing steamship services to various Alaskan locations.

Advertisement for Scientific American Patents, offering services for patent applications and legal assistance.