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"Fighting Bob" Evans, during his last stay in Washington, was one evening a guest at a house where he met a number of the younger set of the capital.

As the admiral was leaving he chanced to pick up from the floor a very dainty handkerchief, edged with lace. He was gravely inspecting this "trifle, light as air," when a rather effeminate-looking young man hastened forward to claim it.

"Your sister's, no doubt," said the admiral, as he handed it over.

"Oh; no," said the young man, "it's mine."

Evans scrutinized the young man closely. "Would you mind telling me what size hairpins you use?" he asked, after a pause.

Dom Pedro's Little Joke.

Dom Pedro I, Emperor of Brazil, was one of royalty's strong men. On the occasion of a carnival he arranged matters so that he was standing on the bow of the royal barge between two of his stately courtiers.

Suddenly, in the midst of the festivities the King reached out, grasped a courtier with each hand, and, after holding them for a few moments squirming in the air and begging to be released, he relaxed his grip and allowed them to drop plump into the water, amid the frantic applause of the huge crowd that had assembled to view their monarch. The King joined heartily in the general hilarity; but what the drenched courtiers thought about this exquisite joke is not recorded.

Omitted.

The two old neighbors had met on the street.

"Mornin', Sam," said the first. "I hear your son Bill has got through college successfully."

"Yep," said the other.

"Learn anythin'?"

"Yep."

"What's he got out of it chesley?"

"He kin speak seven languages."

"Fine!"

"Oh, I dunno. Trouble is they forgos to teach him any ideas to express with 'em."—New York Herald.

Armor on Warships.

The thickness of armor on modern warships is truly astonishing. The side armor of a first-class battleship usually varies from sixteen and one-half inches thick at the top of the belt to nine and one-half inches at the bottom. The gun turrets are often protected by armor from fifteen inches to seventeen inches thick.

Unparalleled.

There had been a fire in the apartment building, with heavy loss of property and many narrow escapes.

"Were there any acts of conspicuous heroism?" queried the reporters.

"Yes," said one of the victims. "With a self-abnegation never before witnessed in a case of this kind, sir, we all turned in and helped to carry out the piano that was on the second floor."

Had Predicted Greatness.

"How do you like running a street car?"

"It ain't so bad," replied the boy graduate. "However—"

"Yes?"

"I don't think much of our class prophet."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Legal Note.

A London city man recently wrote to a lawyer in another town asking for information touching the standing of a person there who had owed the Londoner a considerable sum of money for a long time. "What property has he that I could attach?" was one of the questions asked. The lawyer's reply was to the point. "The person to whom you refer," he wrote, "died a year ago. He has left nothing subject to attachment except a widow."—Punch.

Rocky.

Mr. Wiggins, in his study, was endeavoring to concentrate his thought upon a bit of writing. A perpetual noise in the flat above annoyed him beyond human endurance. Rushing into the sitting room, he cried:

"What is that confounded racket?"

"My dear, it is only the lady above rocking her baby to sleep."

"For heaven's sake, run up and tell her to use smaller rocks!"—Judge.

Only a Question of Time.

"George," asked Mrs. Ferguson, "have you written that letter to Aunt Heppy yet to ask her to come and spend the winter with us?"

"No, but I'll not forget it, Laura," answered Mr. Ferguson. "I've cut a notch in my thumb nail, and when I come to it in trimming the nail it will remind me of it."

"May I ask where you cut that notch?"

"Er—at the root of the nail, Laura."

The Pearl.

The pearl is nothing but carbonate of lime, and vinegar or any other acid will eat away the polished surface in a few moments. As for the opal, hot water is fatal to it, destroying its fire, and sometimes causing it to crack. Soap is a deadly enemy of the turquoise. If a turquoise ring is kept on the hand while washing, in a short time the blue stones will turn to a dingy green.

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SHEEP-RAISING ON IRRIGATED LANDS

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D. C. Mullen, of Nampa, Tells How He Started—Illustrates Many Interesting Points.

The following article, by D. C. Mullen, of Nampa, Idaho, is one of three contributions to the Boise Capital News made by that gentleman, who is a rancher near Nampa.

The editor of the Capital News having kindly encouraged me to write a little more on the subject of sheep on the farm, I will try to give a few figures on what I have done in a small way. These articles are not written for entertainment, but are strictly for business. My sheep are lambing now, and I have but little for anything but business. Work on the farm at any time is anything but a lazy man's job, but winter finds us with the most spare time, and I like to have the lambs come early, so I can give them full attention.

The one time that you must look after sheep is in lambing. If weather is cold they may chill to death; occasionally a mother will not own her lamb, and in case of twins you must see they keep together at first. We have little pens to put them in, where there are twins or mothers are inclined to leave them. However, they are generally the best of mothers, and grieve over their dead lambs in a way to make your heart ache. On the ranch there are none of the dreadful cries of starving orphans that you hear one of these orphans. My first sheep was one of these orphans. We made one visit to the lambing ground, and that was all I ever wanted. I can hear those cries yet, and the time will come when such things will not be tolerated. There will be laws to cover this, just as there is for feeding and watering stock in shipping. These orphan losses in a financial way are also favorable to ranch sheep. We always have a few for some unavoidable reason, but we raise them on cow's milk like a calf. Rangemen tell me it is better to have lambs some later, so they will have green grass to eat, and that they do better. We do not find it so. The lambs will begin to nibble at the hay when three or four days old, and soon eat as well as their mothers. They are all started and care for themselves when spring work is on, when most farmers are worked to death. The rangemen forget that when they are lambing that is all they have to do, while a farmer has many other things to attend to.

Conditions Differ.

I find in nearly every way that sheep on the ranch and range are entirely different businesses. The range man, from a money point of view, just lets his orphans die, loses stray sheep in the brush without bothering about it, and the sick must get well themselves or die. But such methods on the ranch would be a disgrace. We will expect to keep a better grade, or even pure breeds, and so cannot afford such losses. Here is where I suffered. When I started in on sheep, only one man that I knew of was handling them on the ranch, and I had no one to ask advice of when in trouble except the range man, and all he knew was to let them die. I could do that without any help, so just had to blunder along reading all I could find in papers on the subject and studying my own. I forgot to say how little I knew of stock, and of farm work except what I had read, until I came to the ranch here eight years ago. I scarcely knew a sheep when I saw one, so it is very evident if I could make it pay at all that any farmer raised to the business ought to make a big thing of it. Discussions on sheep in the papers have been a great help to me, and may we hope these lines on my mistakes may help some other farmer from going the same rough road. Let us consult together and profit by others' mistakes.

Sheep Vary.

Before I give my figures I would like to say that my sheep are the ordinary scrub, range sheep, that I have picked up anywhere from one to half a dozen. They are all sizes, and coarse and fine wool of all grades. The one trouble in getting started on the ranch is that range men don't want to sell a hundred or two, so you have to pick them up wherever you can. So mine are in no way a selected lot. This simply emphasizes what I said above about my making any profit. Pure-bred sheep or good grades, like any other stock, will pay better than scrubs, and I can say right here I do not intend to always have scrubs; but they proved both cheap and profitable, and are especially good to practice on, for a beginner is bound to lose more or less, and, in fact, any one in stock must expect some losses.

1905—Average fleece, 10 pounds, at 15c, \$1.50.
1906—Average fleece, 7 pounds, at 20c, \$1.40.
1907—Average fleece, 6½ pounds, at 19c, \$1.24.

This is a bad showing, as every year my average was lower, but let me explain. In 1905 my sheep were all good ewes, only one old range sheep in the lot, and that sheared 4½ pounds. They averaged just a trifle less than 10 pounds. The next year I made a bad break buying some old range pelters. I figured that the wool and lamb would pay the bill and would not count the old sheep anything. But it didn't pan out. They only sheared 4½ and 4½ pounds, and some died, more

A CRAMP.

Tess—Mr. Dumley's just the meanest man. He told me last evening he'd teach me how to whistle if I'd pucker up my lips.

Jess—Oh, that old scheme! Then he kissed you, eh?

Tess—No, the stupid thing! He didn't kiss me at all.—Philadelphia Press.

The people always catch it; the poor man says "the people snub him"; the rich man says "the people are toadies."

had no lambs, and what lambs there were did not amount to anything. These old pelters evidently came west in the '60s, and it makes me swear like sixty when I think of them. It was a bad deal, and no farmer should buy one at any price. An old, worn-out range sheep is the nearest thing to nothing at all there is on earth.

Result on Lambs.

There were also a number of lambs about a year old or less. This brought my average down to seven pounds. The next year was the same, only lots more young lambs. My proportion of very young and very old was away above the average, so it dropped to 6½ pounds. This is just the average sheep fleece in the United States, Idaho going a trifle better. I can say right here that good, fair, coarse-wool mutton sheep will shear close to 10 pounds.

In 1905 and 1907 my wool was sold to a hide buyer, who made several cents a pound on it without doubt. In 1906 it was sold direct to a wool buyer.

The lambs for these three years are as follows:

1905—Lambs \$2.50, wool \$1.55, \$4.05.
1906—Lambs \$2.75, wool \$1.40, \$4.15.
1907—Lambs \$3.00, wool \$1.24, \$4.24.

The lambs were sold to local butchers in Nampa and Boise, and weighed from 75 to 100 pounds. The average income for three years was \$4.15, or call it \$4 even up. This is counting lambs at 100 per cent increase; it will average close to that with care. This does not count losses of ewes, of which there will be an occasional one.

Now, we find we can pasture 13 sheep on an acre, and one acre of alfalfa, counting four tons of lay to acre, will winter 20 sheep, and this hay land will also furnish pasture in the spring while regular pasture is getting a start, and also in the fall. These two acres, one of hay and one of pasture, will keep an average of 163, or say 16, sheep the whole year, or eight to each acre, and an income of \$4 each sheep makes \$32 income per acre.

Another thing, these sheep harvest their own crop on three out of every five acres. Now, every farmer knows it costs good money and lots of sweat to put hay in the stack.

One of the strongest points in sheep raising is they are so little work or trouble most of the time. For about eight months they will run on pasture. You only have to keep a little water running and corral them at night. When evening comes mine are all in or close by, and all there is to do is shut the gate and open it in the morning. Even this is not necessary if you have a coyote-tight fence, but we sleep better when they are corralled, and most of them like to go into their house.

In winter a farmer has only to feed them hay, when they have to be fed, and only when lambing has he really to give them much work; but still they are always under his eye to see that everything is going right.

Revenue From Wool.

People say sheep and wool have been away up and you can't make such returns very long.

Well, let us see. I sold my last wool for 19 cents. This same farm wool in Ohio brought 30 cents. We should get the same, less freight, or 26 or 28 cents, instead of 19, and we will get it when enough farmers raise sheep so it will be worth while for wool buyers to look it up. As long as we have only a few hundred or thousand pounds scattered all over the country, we will have to be content with the best range prices. The same holds true of lambs. My lambs, if I had enough to ship to Chicago, would have brought me from \$4 to \$6 net last year instead of \$3. With plenty of sheep on the farms, buyers would be here every month, taking all the lambs ready to go, at prices away above local, or the farmers could pool and ship themselves and get full returns. The more that go into it the better, so you see I am working for my own interests as well as neighbors' in this discussion. If we can ship east, prices can drop 50 per cent and still we can make good money, or we can even cut the prices I got right in half and still make more money than selling hay at \$4 in stack. I sell my hay to my own sheep at \$8 per ton and they gather three-fifths of the crop.

Q. I saw a dynamite thawer the other day consisting of a rack upon which the sticks of dynamite were placed, and underneath the rack was a pan of water heated by candle flames; the steam given off by the water upon boiling served to thaw the powder. Is the above apparatus a safe arrangement?

A. No; more or less nitroglycerin exudes from the cartridges when they are heated, and this drops into the pan beneath. If, as may easily happen, the water boils away, the nitroglycerin in the bottom of the pan is subjected to the full heat of the candle flame and may easily explode. This type of thawer was the cause of an explosion in the Coeur d'Alene district last Christmas time.—F. S. Thomson, Washington State College, Pullman.

Q. A couple of neighbors and myself intend to buy a bull, the dam of which I understand has been troubled with milk fever. Is it likely that the progeny of this bull would be similarly troubled? Should we have the bull examined relative to his health before buying?—L. N.

A. I do not think that because the dam of the bull you expect to buy had the milk fever that his calves are liable to this disease, as we have not as yet recognized it as a transmissible disease. It is not safe to buy an animal unless it has been tested by a reliable veterinarian and found to be free from tuberculosis.—Washington State College, Pullman.

A Diplomat.

Nice Old Gent—My boy, don't you know it's wrong to smoke cigarettes? Small boy—Yessir.

N. O. G.—Then why do you persist in doing it?

Small Boy—I ain't persistin'; my pa'll feel so bad about it that he won't lick me fer goin' swimmin' this afternoon.—Toledo Blade.

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