

FRIEND OF THE BOER.

W. J. Leyds, Secretary State for the Transvaal.

W. J. Leyds, Secretary of State for the Transvaal, is likely to give the Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary of England, many a troublesome hour. The Boer is Anglicized. Dr. Leyds is described as a man of peculiarly strong personal power, gifted with a massive tongue, and fully alive to the fact that the Boer and the English-



DR. W. J. LEYDS

can never agree. Dr. Leyds is particularly known for his hatred of everything English. He is a statesman who visited Germany and secured the Emperor William recognition of the independence of the Transvaal Republic. The Emperor promised him that he would appoint to the Transvaal German resident instead of a consul. This is the way in which the independence of the Transvaal is acknowledged. Emperor William likes the Boer, for he decorated him some eight months ago, and other honors are shown him. He is considered one of the very ablest members of the Transvaal Government. President Kruger intrusted to him the negotiations with Germany which have been in progress for some months past. These negotiations are of a nature by which in reality Dutch and German interests become as one in the South African country. Dr. Leyds is of Dutch descent, but is not a Boer.

MONEY IN KEEPING GOATS.

Live on Next to Nothing, and Be a Source of Good Profit.

Uncle Samuel's Department of Agriculture, in seeking out new fields of industry for the American farmer, has completed a curious and interesting investigation into the possibilities of an industry highly profitable abroad, but ignored in this country—that of goat raising for skins, fleece, milk, cheese and by-products. In a report the Department offers this slighted industry as a means by which the farmer can increase his prosperity and in-



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mentally enrich his soil without cost. The department says that the conditions of climate, land and labor in most of the States of the Union afford almost unlimited natural facilities for the successful prosecution of this industry.

We use in our manufactures a constantly increasing amount of goat skins, but we produce comparatively few ourselves. Last year over 32,000,000, or 65,000,000 pounds, of goat skins were brought in, chiefly at New York, at the average price in New York of 40 cents a pound, or a total value of \$26,000,000. At four pounds to the skin, the average weight of dry skins, requires the slaughter of 16,226,700 goats and kids to yield the skins imported last year. This represents live skins of foreign goats aggregating from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 for our present supply of marketable goat skins alone. If all the goats in this country were kept solely to supply



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skins for market they would fail to supply even an insignificant fraction of the present demand.

The total number of goats in the United States is only about 500,000, one-half of these are in Texas. One-half of the total number also are Angora fleece-bearing stock, concentrated chiefly to Texas, Oregon, New Mexico, California, Colorado and Ne-

vada. Few, if any, goats in the United States are raised for their skins.

The cost of keeping goats is less than for any other animal. They graze upon coarse herbs that are not eaten by any other stock, such as ironweed, dock, mullein, briars, buds and broken sprouts. The ease with which all breeds of goats can be kept fits them for many mountainous portions of our country where sheep cannot be sustained to advantage, while their ability and disposition to defend themselves against dogs give to them another great advantage over sheep. They are free from all diseases to which sheep are liable, are hardy and prolific, and experience has proven that they are adaptable to all parts of the United States. The feed of one cow will keep twelve goats. Cows must have certain food or they will not thrive. Goats will eat anything, almost, and still do well, and they have this great advantage also that their milk is not in any way affected by their diet.

The goat is a reliable and lifelong botanical scavenger, and can be depended upon to destroy the many undesirable products of cultivated and fallow lands—the abundant and persistent weeds which so incessantly beset the cultivated crops. Over 42 per cent of the land in farms in the United States is unimproved, amounting to over 265,000,000 acres, against 375,000,000 acres improved. Thus is presented a vast field for selection of favored localities in every part of the country, and much of the field especially invites the primitive occupation of herding, which precedes and prepares the way for agriculture, with inestimable benefit to the soil. In the aggregate, millions of acres of land, at present poor, rough, rocky and bushy, distributed through nearly all the States, call for subjugation and enrichment through animal occupation, preferably of the goat. They will furnish in abundance such forage as is suitable and preferable for goats. And under such conditions whatever profit can be derived from herding goats will come near being a total profit. Wherever foul land is regularly pastured by goats for a few years it becomes clean, weedless and bushless, and being evenly fertilized by them also, it usually runs naturally into nutritious grasses.

CIGARS FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Cheap Grades Are Being Brought Here by Returning Soldiers.

Time was, before the dusky little Cubans began their last efforts to throw off the Spanish yoke, that a Havana cigar with a Manila wrapper was one of the choicest weeds that an exquisite could place between his lips in the way of a smoker. As Havana fillers became scarce, owing to the insurrection, other tobacco was substituted for your "15-centers" and the Manila wrappers also went to the boards to a large extent.

Then Gen. Charles King came back from Manila with a private stock of Manila-made cigars, pure and undefiled. They were done up each in its suit of shining tin foil to preserve the moisture. Gen. King extolled their virtues, and passed them around among his friends. They did not like the flavor at the start, but the cigars had a faculty of growing into favor, even after Gen. King had given out the information that they were "2-centers" away over there in Manila. Now the information comes from Dresden that the German smokers are getting up next to the pure Manillas, and that they are sold in that city for 6 pfennigs, or about 1½ cents each.

When Gen. King's attention was called to the price at which the Manila cigars were selling in Dresden he expressed no surprise. "I wrote a letter to the Sentinel in which I stated that good cigars in Manila sold at 1 cent each," said Gen. King. "I can conceive how they can be sold at Dresden for 1½ cents each, notwithstanding the cost of transportation and the fact that the manufacturer has to make his profit. For 2½ cents I obtained as good a cigar as I care to smoke; as good, in my opinion, as the 15-cent cigar here in Milwaukee. You may not be able to detect the delicate flavor of the Vuelta Avajo of Cuba in it, but you are getting an honest, well-made and unadulterated weed.

"The army officers at first did not take kindly to the Manila cigars, but they soon grew to like them. The only reason we see so little of the Manila cigars in this country is that it costs just as much to import a cheap Manila cigar as it does to import the more expensive Havanas, the customs duties being levied by the pounds and not by the cost price of the article. In this way a 2-cent Manila becomes a 15-cent cigar when it reaches New York or Chicago or Milwaukee and people will probably prefer a good Key West for some time to come."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Whistle on Egg Cooker.

A new English invention for boiling eggs consists of a little canister which can be placed in a pan, which is fitted with a basket to hold half a dozen eggs at a time. As soon as the eggs are properly cooked the apparatus whistles loudly and continues to whistle until taken out of the pan.

As soon as a man saves up a few dollars, he begins to lie about his ancestors.

Explanation.

"How do you explain the saying that two are company and three are none?" asked the inane visitor.

"I guess," said Tommy, "that there wasn't enough to eat."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Strong Man's Secret.

The strongest man on earth says the secret of his wonderful power is perfect digestion. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters makes digestion easy, and cures all complaints arising from a weak stomach, such as indigestion, biliousness, liver and kidney ailments. As a tonic it is marvelous. Everybody needs it at this time of the year.

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