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Have We any Real Cashmere Goats : Mr. L. Converse, Bucyrus, Ohio contributes an article to the National reply to the above question, the greater part of which we copy. Mr
Converse is indorsed by the as "a wool merchant and breeder of Cotswolds and Berkshires, and n number of years ago quite noted for Mr. C. says :
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In 1869, th
In 1869 , this matter attracted some
attention, and I stated in the New York person in the United States could
no how that, up to that time, any
the ron Cashmere goats had bee
hat statement has not been controwerted to the present day. If you
will glance at your map, you will find that Cashmere proper lies in the
midst of the Himalaya mountains, in the northern portion of Hindostan.
it is very cold there most of the time, and the real grot is a very
small animal, weighing about forty pounds; he is covered with long he body. This down is the wool of hat when it is sold, it is said, gold is
paced in one side of the balance, duct of an anhalt is only from three are raised, is very hazardous, and it is said that the off edicts or laws in the goats ; and this I think not un-
likely, as there has been from time
limen immemorial a world-ronowned rivalshawls made in that country are wo-
ven in little spurs of two to four inches, or even smaller, on hand looms, by the natives residing in
mud huts, and then bought up by dealers, bleached, etc., mousing tyro'
so many hands, that, not withstandso many the expensive nature of the raw material, the shawls, before they
grace the shoulders of our fair laGrace the shoulders of our fair haEven if there were no laws pro-
nibiting the exportation of these anhibiting the exportation of these an-
imals, it would be almost impossible to get them out. I am satisfied the
only feasible way would be to drive only risible way would be to drive
them down through the mountain
pastes, by the way of Deethi, to Rom passes, by the way of Delhi, to Bon-
bay and Calcutta, then by ship by bay and Calcutta, then by ship by
the Red Sea route, through the Suez
Cal, into the Mediterranean, and Canal, into the Mediterranean, and
thence across the Atlantic-say 10,y to 11,000 miles. And I can scarcey believe it possible to take them
from thicir snow-clad hills down through the tropics in this manner.
I well know the trouble of importing animals. I now have imported Berk
shires and Cotswolds, and 1 have
brought sheep from Japan, and sa-
cred cattle, and lots of nonsense antmads, now all sold to showmen, and
1 do not believe the real Cashmere can be successfully imported.
To conclude with the goats.
am satisfied that all the so-called Cash-
mere goats in this country are from Angora, a short distance east of Con-
stantinople, and whoever calls them Cushmeres, does wrong. 1 have no
doubt that the first goats ever doubt that the first goats ever
brought to this country from beyond
the the Euphrates were the ones imp-
ported by me [in 1868$]$, and they
were not real Cashmeres, and were such sorry creatures that I was ashamed of them. [Mr. C states
that he was on disgusted with them
on their arrival that he at once ordered them to be killed.]
To illustrate the difficulties in imp. porting from Asiatic countries, it
may be stated that the people of the may be stated that the people of the
Fast are very Jealous, retaining their old customs and ideas from the
earliest days. 1 had hoped to obtain a real, pure Arabian horse, of the best strains of blood, but found that,
too, a thing almost impossible to accomplish. At least, so said my Arab
friends there. The real Arabian horse is among the wandering tribes
east of Sinai, and among them, from the time of Moses down to the pres-
cent day, the horse comes first, the cent day, the horse comes first, th
boy second, and the wife least and
last of all.

The Pablianewtary Horas practice of racing, to the danger of passenger, prevailed so extensively
that an act of Parliament passed to that an act of Parliament passed to
the effect that all four horses hitched to a coach should not be allowed to
gallop at the same time. To evade
this law, the proprietors took care
that one of the hordes in each team shat one of the hordes in each team
should always be the fastest trotter
that money could procure. This that money could, procure. Th i
horse, which trotted, while the th
ers galloped, was called the "par ers galloped, was ca
Ilamentary horse."

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