

Stock.

Wool Growing in Montana Territory.

The subject of the resources of the United States for sheep husbandry, the subject of all others of the highest interest to manufacturers is one, it would seem, which can never be exhausted.

One-fifth of this vast Territory, or about 20,000,000 acres, is mountainous, as its name implies; but it contains 28,000,000 acres of unexcelled grazing lands—a pasture-field alone larger than the great pasture State of Illinois.

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The Pulse of Animals.

In horses the pulse at rest beats forty times, in an ox from fifty to fifty-five, and in sheep and pigs about seventy or eighty beats per minute.

Feeding Sheep for Market.

It is very important for regular feeders of sheep for market to establish a reputation for sending only the best fat-tender sheep to market.

Having selected the sheep for feeding, and provided a proper shelter, we must determine the method of feeding for market. The details of this will depend somewhat upon the length of time the locality has been settled.

How to Cure and Smoke Hams.

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Now I have an arrangement of my own invention, and I am not going to apply for a patent.

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The better the condition of the animal in spring, and the less, therefore, the waste to be repaired, the earlier and more vigorous, we may assume, will be the growth of bone and muscle upon the ensuing season's grass.

The Dairy.

Creaming Milk in Winter.

Now that cold weather is upon us, milk from which butter is to be made will need special attention and care.

What the mischief are you sitting there for? demanded the irate father. "Why don't you do your work and get back to the house?"

A market gardener has a very fine cow, that was milked week after week by hired men. He observed that the amount of butter he carried to market weighed about a pound more on each alternate week.

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One who has some knowledge of carpenter's tools is more fitted to direct workmen, and give plans when he wishes a building put up or repairs made.

Then there are a thousand and one little things about the house which would save much weariness and many steps—little things for which one hardly likes to call the carpenter.

Women as Jurors. The following taken from the Courier, published at Olympia, W. T., illustrates fully the way "our women" in Washington Territory are honored, now that they have the franchise and privilege to vote.

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