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## LETTER FROM COLORADO.

Special Correspondence.

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They say out here that "a man can make lots of money in the sheep business, but he's just got to have sand." This is undoubtedly a correct statement of the case. The business is profitable when managed with care, judgment and industry, but it entails a life of solitude to a great extent and one full of vicissitudes. A man should have a proper apprehension of these things and an understanding of the business before going into it. They tell of a "high toned" Englishman who came here a year ago with \$50,000 and went away owing \$20,000. He was always blasting this bloody country, you know, and lived high. In the language of an old-timer "blamed if he cared what he paid for anything. Offer him a horse worth \$40 and charge him \$150 and he'd give you a check. He didn't care what he paid for his sheep. He had 2,500 of them, and you used to see thirty or forty Englishmen loafing on him. You bet he didn't have the trouble of selling them sheep. Sheriff did it for him." Of course such a man could not succeed in raising sheep. But as an offset to this, and to illustrate the real character of the business, here is another instance given me by an old herder. Said he: I wanted a man to herd sheep, and I met one coming out of Pueblo who said he would like to work for me. Look here, said I, I won't pay you any wages, but I'll give you 250 lambs which you must herd as part of the flock. He agreed to that and worked for me three years and a half, until he had to go away and be married, and then I bought him out. The wool paid all expenses, and he had \$2,250 coming to him in cash.

It is needless to say that there is no royal road to success and wealth in the sheep business, or any other calling, in Colorado, any more than there is in any part of the world. There is no hope for it without economy and industry, and strict personal attention, and even with all these the fates sometimes decree failure. But as a rule the man who knows what he is about may invest from \$5,000 to \$25,000 in sheep and realize a return of twenty-five per cent. per annum. Comparing this with the profits of cattle raising it will be found that the latter promise larger, though more tardy, returns, but the advantages on the side of sheep are smaller requirements in the way of capital and ready returns of cash from the yearly crop of wool. Some old-timers assert that they can run a flock of 5,000 sheep, year in and year out, at an average cost of fifty cents per head. For such as they—and there are many of them—the above estimate of profit would need to be materially changed. Your old-timer has lived twenty years, perhaps, in this part of the country. He is deeply attached to the soil and knows no other home. He has spent years in the mountains prospecting, and while he may like a soft bed and a tight roof, and a good dinner as well as his neighbor, there have been epochs in his life when any one of them would be no nearer his reach than the joys of a Mahomedan paradise, and "he counteth none of these things dear" when his mind is set on the accomplishment of any object. When this man takes up the business of sheep-raising he is in dead earnest. He knows nothing, thinks of nothing, but sheep; lives among them, studies and masters every detail of their

management, and institutes a rigid economy. He will have good sheep, good corrals, and probably good sheds, but he will care little for the comforts of his cabin. One of the most successful sheep men in this region began by living in a cave near Colorado springs. To loneliness the old-timer has become a stranger.

The ideal shepherd may be encountered in every conceivable variety, full of entertaining and veracious narratives of his adventures and experiences. Successful old timers enjoy the results of past labors and clad in the sober garb of civilization, lay down the law over their social cigars; while youthful beginners, with doubtful prospects, sport hats with an enormous breadth of brim, and seem to delight in garments of dubious cut and texture and extreme antiquity. One of two gentlemen from the east visiting Colorado Springs and calling on a lady of his acquaintance there, apologized for the absence of his companion whose clothes suitable for the occasion had been delayed by the express. "Only hear that!" she exclaimed, delighted at this unusual respect for civilized habits. "Why, I have been meeting the sons of dukes and earls with their pantaloons tucked in their boots." But it may be safely assumed that these dukes and earls would not presume to thus appear in their own country, and there is an unnecessary display of barbarism in doing it here, especially in Colorado Springs, which is about as civilized as any other county town. There are some features of the curious eruption into Colorado of scions of nobility and aristocracy which are interesting and extremely amusing; but, without attempting a homily on the subject, it may be remarked that sheep have no regard for noble birth, and that precadilly seems to furnish no inadequate preparation for a successful ranchman.

Life on the ranch is monotonous itself. After breakfast at daylight the bleating flock is started over the range, and the herder, with his dog and a canteen over his shoulder follows after them. All day long they feed on the short grass, going once to water, and then towards evening they are brought back to the corrals where they are confined at night. Day after day, week after week, and month after month this is the regular round. When cold weather comes, that dreaded enemy of sheep raising—the snow and storm—is likely to be encountered any day. It comes with but little warning, and the heavy flakes fall thick and fast. The sheep hurriedly huddle together and no earthly power can make them move. The herder may have had time to get them into a gulch or under a bank, but failing in this there is nothing to be done but to stay with them, sometimes a day and night, and trust to getting them home when the storm is over. It is with the snow storm, indeed, that the dark side of the Colorado shepherd's life is associated, and the great tempest of 1878 left a sorrowful record behind. The snow was eleven feet deep in the corrals, and sheep were dug out alive after being buried two and even three weeks. Their vitality seems to be great, and many perish not from the pressure of the snow but from suffocation caused by others falling or crowding upon them. It is said that they will sometimes while still buried work their way down to the grass and feed thereon. But sheds, which are an innovation, are now becoming plenty, and besides the shepherd knows that by the doc-

trine of chances he need not count on such a storm oftener than once in ten years. Spot.

## AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT.

Now the country legislator Rakesh out his little satchel From the closet in his bedroom. Bolleth up his extra dickey, Extra collar, extra necktie, Extra cuffs and extra stockings. Parks them in his little satchel. Hies him from the ancient city. When upon his ancient hither In the country where he came from, Where the brooks go rippling seaward, Where the peach crop can't be trusted; Where the squash and yellow pumpkin, Cantaloupe and watermelon, Grow to sizes so enormous, Find their way into the sanctum Of the editors of papers. And are duly noticed therein— He is everything to all men. Here the country legislator Is at home among his fellows. To the country store he hastens. Sits him down upon a barrel. Where the clerk has hung the sign out, "Cheap for cash!" upon a pasteboard. Gather round him, then, the voters Of the town and of the county, And he tells them all the story Of the session that has ended; Tells them how he passed the dog law, For their county, and the sheep law, And the fence law, and the gate law. Till they think him, too, a great man. And make up their minds that they will Send him back to the next session.

But there is another chapter To the Tale of the Adjourment; For the country legislator Does not care to tell the voters Of the county that he came from All the story of the session. How he played the game of poker In the hotel near the State House; He will never dare to tell them How he played it all the session. Played it week-days, played it Sundays, Played it nights and played it mornings, Played it with the playful members Of the City Delegation. He could never tell the voters Of the county that he came from How the lucky poker players Of the City Delegation Skinned him of his scant per diem. Won the watch he used to carry; Then the chain and seal attachment; Won the studs upon his shirt-front And the ring upon his finger; Won the full dress suit that cost him Sixty dollars in the city. Would not even let him have it For the Governor's reception.

He could never tell the voters Of the county that he came from How the lucky poker players Of the City Delegation Won a mortgage on his farm lands, On his sheep and on his horses, On his cows, and on his peach crop That he hopes to raise this summer. Oh, ye country legislators, Take a warning from this story: Never try the game of poker With the lucky poker players Of the City Delegation.

—Courier-Journal.

H. C. Dern, editor of the Altona (Pa.) Tribune, has used St. Jacobs Oil in his family for burns, bruises, etc., and heartily recommends it as a family remedy.

The city registry of New York on Wednesday was 58,000, being more than in any presidential year. The two days' registry combined are 113,260. There are still two more registry days.

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## SYMPTOMS OF WORMS.

The countenance is pale and leaden-colored, with occasional flushes of a crimsoned spot on one or both cheeks; the eyes become dull; the pupils dilate; an acute soreness runs along the lower eyelid; the nose is irritated, swollen, and sometimes bleeds; a swelling of the upper lip; occasional headache, with vomiting or burbling of the stomach; an unusual secretion of saliva; shyness of food; loss of appetite; the child is irritable, and sometimes convulsions; violent pains throughout the abdomen; bowels irregular; all kinds of worms, especially pinworms, are expelled with blood; the child is restless; urine turbid; respiration occasionally difficult and accompanied by a cough; stools sometimes dry and constipated; uneasy and disturbed sleep, with grinding of the teeth; temper variable, but generally irritable. Whenever the above symptoms are found to exist,

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