

WOMAN'S BIG GOAT RANCH

Her Flocks of Angoras Richly Reward an Energetic Widow.

Mrs. Armour, in Sierra county, N. M., owns a herd of more than 25,000 Angora goats, from which she is making \$25,000 profit a year. Her "Columbia Pascha" is the most valuable Angora in America, and worth \$1,500, says the Chicago Tribune.

In 1899 she was left a widow, penniless and with nine small children dependent on her for support. The ranchmen and miners took compassion on the destitute family and contributed a small sum for their immediate relief.

Then she pluckily cast about for some means of earning a living, so that she might not be a burden on the generosity of her friends. By chance she drifted into camp a ranchman with a herd of 50 Angora goats for sale. Nobody cared to buy them, for it was thought there was more money in cattle raising. With genuine intuition Mrs. Armour looked at their silken coats and knew that they would be valuable.

But she hadn't any money and didn't want to borrow. So she made a proposition to take a small flock of the goats, tend them and care for them and breed them, and at the end of the year divide the profits with the owner. The proposition was accepted. She took her goats and her children, and went up on the mountain side, 6,000 feet above the sea level, where the scrub oaks grow in profusion. Thus she secured the necessary fodder, and as for shelter the goats needed none. She located a claim, built herself a ranch, and settled down to work. At the end of a year her success was such that she had money enough to buy a flock of her own and start out independently.

Since that time each year has added to her prosperity. She now employs 20 men to care for her flocks. The greatest precaution is required to protect the goats from the ironwads of the mountain lions, or cougars, which are so numerous that the ranchmen have to organize hunts to get rid of them.

Through her industry and perseverance and pluck, Mrs. Armour has made herself wealthy. She has sent her eldest son to college, where he is now studying law, and her four other children attend school in Kingston.

The Reason.
George (aged six)—Say, pop, why do they have a fender on an electric car?
His father—It enables both the doctor and the undertaker to get a crack at your estate; otherwise, the undertaker would have it all his own way.—Chicago Journal.

A Matter of Form.
Mrs. Hauskeep—What have you got to-day in the shape of rhubarb?
Green Grocer—Well, we've got some relery; that's the nearest.—Philadelphia Press.

Cured Consumption.
Mrs. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by Rotermond and Slover Drug Co.

MANY BEGGING LETTERS

The Unpleasant Experience of a Millionaire.

The private secretary of a New York millionaire recently sold an old paper package of 7,000 letters, all of which had been sent to his employer in a little more than three months and every one of which was a request for pecuniary assistance.

"For a time," said the secretary, "we got those letters at the rate of 60 or 70 a day. It came right after Mr. Blank contributed \$5,000 to a fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of some West Virginia miners who were killed by a gas explosion. The gift was accompanied by a request that nothing be printed about it, but it got into the newspapers some how, and immediately the letters began to pour in, according to the New York Sun.

"We had always had our share of begging letters, but now we were swamped. The tales of trouble, misfortune and suffering which were spread out for our reading would have narrowed one's very soul, if he didn't know that they were largely manufactured.

"Most of the letters were from women, or purported to be, and all wanted money. The demand ranged from five dollars to \$500, and in every case an address was given and a request made that the money be sent at once.

"A vast variety of excuses were given for the demands, one of the most popular with women being that they wanted to have their sons complete their education, but couldn't unless they had a certain amount of money at once, and with men, that they had a chance to embark on a successful business career, and only lacked the few hundred necessary to get a start.

"Of course there were hundreds of stories of destitution, but like the others we tossed them aside without reply. For three months following this contribution to a fund for the relief of miners' families these letters continued to come.

"Then they stopped just as suddenly as they began, and we are now only getting the regular supply of five or six a week. There were in the lot that I sold to a junk man the other day in the neighborhood of 7,000 of these letters and \$100 in stamps had been spent in sending them to us.

"And not one was productive of a contribution from Mr. Blank."

Up to Papa.
Kittie Gotrocks—Papa says the man that weds me must have money, Mr. Swifter.
Swifter—Of course he must. Did he say how much he expected to contribute?—N. Y. Times.

Might Say Something Else.
Mrs. Wederly—You had better say grace again, my dear.
Wederly—Why repeat it?
"In order to give the soup a chance to cool."—Chicago Daily News.

Neuralgia Pains.
Rheumatism, lumbago and sciatic pains yield to the penetrating influence of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the nerve and bone and being absorbed into the blood, its healing properties are conveyed to every part of the body, and effect some wonderful cures. 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by Slover Drug Co. and Rotermond.

The Companion as a Christmas Present.

The Youth's Companion is one of the few gifts that are always appropriate and yet within reach of the smallest purse. It brings to every member of the family something of interest, something of value—a story that cheers, an article that carries the reader into far-off countries or among men who govern, a sketch that amuses, a poem that puts a bit of truth in a new and convincing way, a page of pictures that holds the children spell-bound. It is America's home paper—a paper received weekly in more than half a million households in the United States.

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