Sheep require more nitrogenous food than any of our demestic animals, unless it be the horse. They will not grow the best fleece of wool if the nitrogenous elements are lacking. Without well-balanced food, strong healthy, muscular lambs need not be expected. They also need shelter, not only in. winter, but in summer. Nothing is more grateful to the sheep than a cool, dry shade. Yet, how few sheep pastures have any kind of shade. An English experiment is given by a writer on sheep, in which two flocks of twenty each, as nearly alike as possible, were pitted against each other. One flock had shelter and the other had none; otherwise they were fed and cared for alike. The twenty that had shelter gained 273 pounds more than those deprived of it, while those which gained the most ate two to four pounds less turnips daily, and fortysix pounds less of linseed cakes. This is an instructive lesson which it will pay any man who has a herd of sheep to heed, and practice accordingly.

## To Prevent Rams From Fighting.

If two or more rams are kept together, they are liable to fight, first in the spring when freshly shorn, second, toward autumn. When freshly shorn they sometimes fail to recognize each other, but toward autumn they become quarrelsome. At this latter season it is important to keep other sheep at a distance. If they are housed at night, they may be put into a tolerably small apartment; by keeping thus closely together they do not have soom to harm each other, and will soon become sufficiently acquainted so that they can be driven to pasture with but little fear of fighting. Should there be one or more that feel disposed to continue their combativeness, drive them to the barn, procure a piece of leather about seven inches square—an old boot top will answer—then with a sharp knife cut it so as to form a cap, the upper part of which is placed on top of the head, between the horns; then the two points on each side together, around the horns. A little practice will enable one to fit a cap in this manner as nicely as a shoemaker will fit a boot to a foot. If necessary the cap can be drawn tight to the nose by making holes, and tying from the sides under the jaw. This cap will entirely destroy a front view, and at the same time give a side view, enabling him to travel about where he chooses. This cap, when it is properly adjusted, will stop the fighting; at least it will so confound them that they cannot deliver effective battle.

### Notes.

Farmers who have sown gypsum on strawberry plants, to promote their vigor, have met some disappointing results. The gypsum produced so large a growth of clover that it became almost impossible to keep the rows clean, and in some instances the bed had to be abandoned.

Many are under the impression that fat hens lay the most eggs. This is an error. They should be kept in good condition, and no more. If too fat they become lazy and unprolitic, and are liable to drop dead with apoplexy, a disease very common with overfed fowls. It is a good idea to go to the roosts about twice a month, and by feeling | convicted. of the breasts of hens and pullets, it is easy to decide as to their condition. The Asiatics take on fat more rapidly than the small breeds. Give fresh meat every other day to hens, and be paid back with a plentiful supply of eggs.

The English dairymen are a head of us in some respects, says Prof. Arnold, viz: In skill in feeding, and in husbanding manure. They feed very economically. If our dairynen would economise as well, they would get rich and make their farms grow rich at the same time.

A New England dairyman states that he has fed green rye to his cows for three seasons, and the improvement in the quality of. milk, cream and butter are very marked. He uses no coloring for his butter, and finds the green rye better than many other kinds of grass. Considering that rye is a crop that grows well on nearly all kinds of soil, this is very encouraging.

causes scours, which counteract its good effects. Skimmed milk is rich in albuminoids | body was honest. and phosphate of lime, thus giving a strong muscular and bony development. A little flax seed will improve it, as it prevents constipation.

Do not forget to give the cellars a thorough and effectual renovation before commencing to store vegetables and fruit. Too much care cannot be observed in this. The health of the family, as well as the preservation of the articles stored, require this work. Brush down all the cobwebs on the wall, clean out all the accumulated dust, and give the walls and ceiling a coat of whitewash.

From the fact that sweet and sour cream require different temperatures for churning, the two should never be mixed. They cannot be churned together without loss. At least 12 hours should intervene between the churning and the last addition of cream, that the whole mass may become in the same condition. Thorough mixing of the cream by stirring helps to secure a uniformity of condition, but time or oxygen is an important element in the problem.

The best way to dry up a cow is to put fitted. her in the stable and give her hay for a week, says a contemporary. Milk her every other day, in part, and rub on the udder soft soap or strong soap suds. When a week has passed turn her to grass again and milk the bag out clean twice a week and then once. When managed in this way there will not be any inflammation. These rules are for drying up a cow when there is a full flow of milk. In winter most cows will dry up of their own accord. The udder in such cases should be milked out clean, taking care to squeese out the tests, or they may get st pped up.

A carpet trade paper tells a story of a perspiring salesman who seemed to be unable yet," he gave it up.

# THE LIME-KILD CLUB.

the meeting was declared open, I am giben visit a furrein kentry.

"Yes, sah; I'zegwine ober to Canada. "Werry well; de change of sights an' smells will probably do you good. I'ze glad to see you go, but I want to say a few words to you right now and yere. In de fust place, doan' emagine dat de hull United States am gwine to hold its breaf while you am gone, or be perched on de pedal of anxiety till you git back. Seberal men o' your size kin eben take de steamer fur England widout seriously blockin' de wheels of bizness or throwing a State into confusion. Dis may seem strange to you, but it am nevertheless a cold fack.

am de sole representative of dis kentry, an' dat you has de dignity of de United Staits to maintain. I' you hev sich a feelin' you won't dare eat onions nor drink buttermilk. break yer neck.

"Thirdly, doan' find fault wid de people bekase deir customs an' habits differ from sertions.

"Fo'thly, fur Heaven's sake doan' go to resources, inventions, wealth an' enterprise. facks dat we had better keep to ourselves. Fur instance, our fooss, lunatics an' drunkards am increasin' a good deal faster dan make you out a card o' membership dat will | riding past Hyde Park gardens. pass you into any Baptist prayer meetin' dat you happen to come across.'

"Mr. Ch'rman," said Trustee Pullback as he rose up, "I rise to a pint of order." "De pint seems to be well tooken," replied the President.

"Den, sah, I would inquar' why dis Lime-Kiln Club doan' take some ackshun on de Bulgarian queshun? It am a queshun which involves de peace of all Europe, an' I can't see-"

"Brudder Pullback," interrupted the President, "was you eber in Bulgaria?" " No, sah."

"Do you know whar' she am ?"

" N-not 'zactly, sah." "Eber see a Bulgarian?"

"Can't say I hev."

"Den you sot down! De man who mixes up wid all de quarrels in his own nayburhood has got his arms as full as he kin

FIRST REPORTS.

The Judiciary Committee reported that there was little doing in law, and what there was seemed to be all in the hands of the lawyers who were engaged in establishing the innocence of suspected men. They recommended that about half of every jury be sent to State Prison along with the party

The Committee on the Sciences had nothing new to report, but recommended such a change in the planetary system as would result in more moonlight nights. The recommendation was adopted and the club will see that the change is made. At least the President said so.

The Committee on Harmony reported that the strained relations with Mexico had limbered up until it was now possible for a Texan and a greaser to meet without wanting to eat each other up. The fishery question was still an open one, but there was no talk of war with Canada.

The Committee on Art submitted a report condemning the nude in statuary and paint ings. While they could not say that the moral effect was bad, there was no gainsaying the fact that the tendency was to ignore the clothing trade of the country.

The Committe on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer and janitor and found both correct, Skimmed milk and grass alone will raise | while the money claimed to be deposited in good calves if the milk is abundant, and not bank had been counted and found to pan allowed to become sour. When too sour it out to a cent. They had no recommendations to make, being satisfied that every-

"We hev no confidenshul clerk employed in dis establishment," said Brother Gardner as the Chairman of the committee sat down, "nor am any Sunday skule superintendent permitted to handle our funds accordin' to his own judgment. All monies comin' in or goin' out pass frew seben different hands, an' each pusson must take and give a receipe, De key to de safe am made in fo' pieces an' handed to fo' different parties. When we make a bank deposit it takes seben of us, an' de one who carries de money on his pusson am clusly watched by de odder six. If our cash account doan' tally up to a cent ebery day in de year you kin look out fur lower barometer an' high winds in de lake region. PERHAPS.

Sir Isaac Walpole secured the floor to suggest that, in view of the increased length of the evenings and the large atttendance at the library it might be a good thing to form a debating society. He had belonged to several during the last twenty years, and believed himself to have been greatly bene-

"We will take de matter under advisement," replied the President. "I has had some leetle experience wid debatin' societies an' dis yere scar on de back of my head was de result of once bein' on de negative side when de quesshun at issue was 'What Could We do Widout Wimin?' We will decide de case later on."

# A Fork in His Stomach.

The Academy of Medicine in Paris has just been listening to a report from M. Polaillon on an unusual surgical operation which ended successfully. The case was that of a young man who out of bravado had swallowed a fork. It was extracted by an incision in the stomach. For many days them out, and it's not time to take the train . day was allowed a cutlet. He is now quit baracter and andoubted integral ,llawe

wish him continued success.

A Strange Burial Place.

There are countless stories of the excentri "Brudder Glucose Smith," said the Presi- cities which men have shown shout the di dent, and be triangle ceased its tinkling and position of their bodies after death. The old atleman described in this extract from a to anderstan dat you am gwine away to London paper selected an unusually exalted

position for his final resting-place.
Riding on the top of an omnibus down Oxford Street one can hardly fail to notice a curious object on the top of a very handsome residence some few hundred yards to the right after passing the marble arch. seen from the road it appears to be a framework of glass, some twelve feet long by six feet broad and four feet high. Through the glass can plainly be seen a large, oblong box, painted black, which looks for all the world like a coffin.

This house, although under ordinary circumstances it would bring an enormous rental, being situated in one of the most fashion-"Secondly, doan' go away feelin' dat you able parts of London, has been untenanted for fully fifty years past. The story goes, and I have heard it from at least half a dozen omnibus drivers who daily pass the house, that the last tenant, who was also the owner Jist keep right down on de ground mong of the property, was an eccentric and very common folks an' a fall won't be so apt to | wealthy old gentleman, who served for many years under the government in India.

When he died he left a provision in his will that his body should not be buried, but ours. It would be quite accordin' to Hoyle | should be placed in a coffin inside the strucfur you to go over to Canada an' claim dat | ture I have referred to, which he had built all you saw was fifty y'ars behind us Yankees | some years previously, and almost every but doan' do it. Not one of 'em would be- body believes to this day that the old gentlemight hev great trouble in provin' your as- upon them are actually at the present mo- Unequalled Durability and Finish. lieve you in de fust place, an' in de next you | man's bones and whatever flesh may be left ment lying in this strange receptacle.

I have made inquiries of the agents of the braggin' about yer kentry an' its wonderful | property and they laugh the idea to scorn that the old fellow is really upon the top of A good deal of all dis kin be offset by sartin | the house, but at the same time they acknowledge that the curious structure, whatever it may contain, will never be removed, and they add that although the house has been our wealth, an' dar ain't a thousand public offered for years past at a greatly reduced officials in de hull kentry who am cl'ar of rental, nobody can be induced to take it suspicion. Jist keep yer brag to yerself, while the glass box and its contents remain walk around as a private individual an' you'll in their present condition. This is one out come home pleased with your trip. Dat's of the many explanations of the curious strucall, Brudder Smith, an' de Seckretary will ture which may be seen any day by those

# Dreaming.

BY J. R. WILKINSON. Mellowly the golden sun was gliding Adown the aisles of flaming west Bathing earth and sea in a sheen of glory, As it sank majestically to rest. Murmuringly the summer winds were breathing A song of love to the birds and flowers : Wooing the streams and distant woodlands; And toying with gems in the fairest bowers. Low were the tones, mysterious and soothing, That came from the depths of the strange, restless

Whispering the soul of the great Eternal; Far, far beyond where spirits are free.

Gently the twilight came stealing around me Mantling earth and sea in dreamy array; Palely the night orbs above me were twinkling, Silvering the waters away, and away. Serenely the queen of night in her beauty Looked on the sea, and the isles afar: Pointing her rays o'er the quivering foliage To the gates of day, just left ajar ! Sweet were my dreamings alone in the gloaming, On that summer's eve of the long ago; Loving and trusting in meek adoration, Quaffing from nature's mysterious flow.

Long I paused by the murmuring, sad voic'd sea, Fondly dreaming of love, with the world at my

So trusting in youth at the flush of it's morn; Soaring high on the wings of bright hope all com-

But darker, and denser the long shadows grew, Deepening in gloom as the night grew apace; Ghostly clouds hid the stars, sky, earth and sea; And the crecent moon veiled her beautiful face. And the wandering winds sighed and grieved, And the waves sobbed along the dim shore; And a voice like a prayer, a voice full of tears Wailed pitifully, nevermore !

And I wept, yet I scarcely knew why, Vague doubts and fears touched my passionate

Like the approaching tempest heard from afar, When its muttering thudders onward roll. I wandered away o'er the pitiless world, Fighting life's battle with might and main; Amid toil and tears, through long sad years, Weary of waiting, and all in vain.

All scathed and worn by the battle's fierce flame, With the day uncertain, and incomplete, Bright hope, love and fame, and friendship so dear, Lie a pitiful wreck at my tired feet. have come once again with the summer time,

At the evening's mystical after glow; To the lonely sea, 'neath a waneing moon, Where the waves still restlessly ebb and flow. And I gaze far out o'er the shadowed sea. Seeking for its dreamland isles afar ; But I scarcely can see for the blinding tears, Where the beautiful sunset gates are ajar ! But I seem to see up its golden aisles,

A fairer home, 'neath immortal skies; All bright with bloom, and the friends I loved, On the fadeless hills of Paradise!

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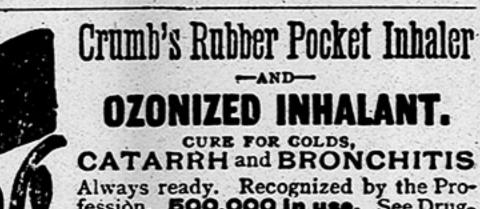
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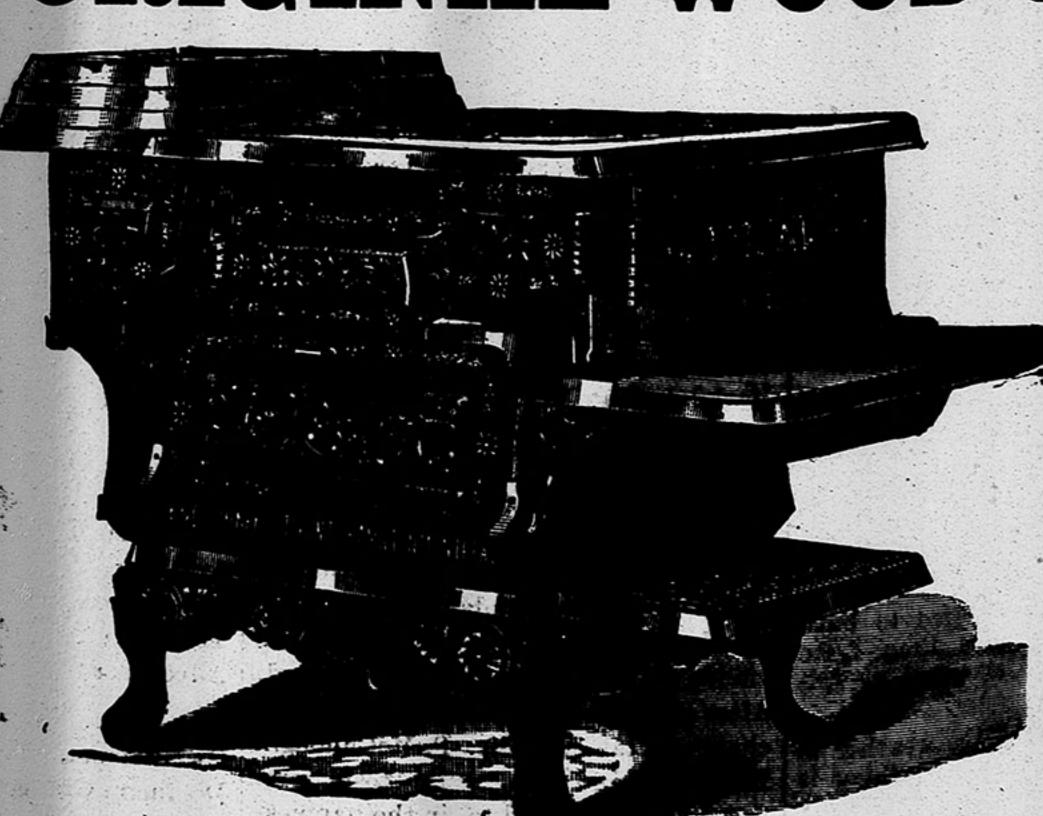
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