

SHEEP AND THEIR FLEECES
HOW PROTECTED WOOL RESTRICTS
THE MANUFACTURER.

No Carpet Wool is Grown in the United States—Manufacturers Must Always Have Australian Wool to Make Fine Dress Goods—How Protection Cuts Both Ways.

Wool is a staple of infinite variety. No two sheep, even of the same breed and pasturing on the same grass land, will yield fleeces that will bring exactly the same price.

So with breeds of sheep and their natural pasturage. A hundred sheep are transported from Saxony to Yorkshire, England. In a few years' time the fine merino wool of the Saxon sheep will either be considerably coarser in quality or lighter in weight.

Experience in sheep breeding has taught the wool growers of the world that certain localities are best suited for certain breeds of sheep. It does not follow that any of these breeds should be of a previously known variety.

The locality of the sheep run has much to do with the value of the fleece. In England, where the pasture is like a garden lawn and where the shepherd has not too many sheep to attend to, the fleece is comparatively free from dirt or artificial impurities.

On the other hand, fleeces coming from the Argentine Republic are noted for the number of burrs knotted in them. This makes a serious difference in the price paid for the wool.

Sheep were first brought to the United States in 1609. Exactly 200 years afterward the first important consignment of merino sheep arrived here. It numbered 4,000. Since then the merino and English strains have been blended in all the flocks in this country.

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thing over the free importation of fine wools, because some of his wools are now used for this purpose.
But as soon as the American manufacturers had an unrestricted entrance to the London market the price of the world's wool clip would go up like a rocket.

THE BRITISH COBDEN CLUB.

Some Prominent Americans Who Belong to It.
A favorite argument of the high tariff "spoil brigades" during the last presidential campaign was that the Cobden club of London was expending vast sums of money in order to win the election for Mr. Cleveland, who was in favor of a reduction in the present outrageous tariff.

Although the accusation afterward turned out to be a beautiful example of those who live in glass houses throwing stones, yet many people in this country have not a very clear idea of what the Cobden club is and what are its objects.

The Cobden club was founded in London in 1835, the year after Richard Cobden's death. Its object was to perpetuate the memory of the man whose name it bore by propagating his economic theories.

Every year the club publishes some work in furtherance of these principles. It also awards medals for the best essays on any subject connected with political economy to the students of various leading colleges throughout the world, including Yale and Harvard in this country.

Once a year the members who may happen to be in London at the date fixed dine together, and the expenses of this dinner are paid out of the club funds. With the exception of the year 1881, the annual income of the club has never exceeded \$15,000.

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England seems to be the only densely populated country in the world where sheep farming is carried on successfully. The great sheep runs of Australia have only their owners and shepherds near them. So also in the Argentine Republic, and in Texas the inhabitants near sheep pastures are much fewer than in other parts of those countries.

Regarding the tornado in Kentucky, prof. E. Stone Wiggins says it was caused by the peculiar relation of the planets to the earth, which rocked the North Atlantic like the rocking of a ship in a storm.

He says the sun and moon keep two currents always in motion, but when other heavenly bodies unite with the former the velocity of these currents is increased, and when their speed is sufficient they break in whirlpools, which we call cyclones.

The professor says he knew that if the Northern and Southern currents united over Nova Scotia without previously breaking into cyclones there would be a disastrous tidal wave along the coast of New England.

Wiggins' Theory of a Tornado.
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