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Sample of Fleece Grown in California Ex-
amined by English Experts and De-
clared to be Superior to Any
Produced Elsewhere.

A stir has been caused in England by
some mohair fleeces grown in California,
and it is stated that if fleeces of the same
uniform quality can be grown here in
any amount the triumph of the United
States as a mohair producer will be as-
sured. United States Consul Merker,
at Bradford, Yorkshire, England, writes
on this point as follows:

"There has been on exhibition at this
consulate for the past week an Ameri-
can-grown fleece forwarded to Brad-
ford by Mr. C. P. Bailey, of San Jose,
Cal. The fleece is that of a two-year-
old graded doe and is understood to
have been grown on Mr. Bailey's ranch
in Nevada. The quality of the hair has
been the wonder of all who have seen
it. It has been closely examined by
several leading mohair dealers and im-
porters, all of whom have expressed the
highest opinion of it. One of them,
Jonas Whitely, ex-mayor of Bradford,
said: 'I have now in my warehouse
about \$200,000 worth of mohair, both
Turkey and Cape, and I am entirely sin-
cere when I state that there is not a
better fleece in the lot. I will buy all
the American mohair like that that may
be offered me at the market price. It
should be uniformly equal this fleece
I do not know but what I would pay
more than the market price. It is re-
markable in being almost free from
kemp, and I do not know that I have
ever handled a fleece with so little kemp
in it. The amount of nolls is also less
than usual, which is very important, as
it leaves more weight in long staple
to go into tops. I say unhesitatingly
that the sample fleece before me is as
good mohair as this is grown.'"

SNAKE IN HIS BICYCLE.

Supposed Reptile Caught a Wheelman a
Fall and a Scare.

A bicyclist went hurrying up the
boulevard a couple of nights ago in New
York City. He was not scorching, but
he was making good time. Suddenly it
seemed to him a huge snake whirled
out of the grass beside the road. Before
he could turn or do anything to save
himself, the reptile was entangled in
his wheel. He could hear the crunching
of the big snake's body as it was torn
and twisted by the swiftly-revolving
spokes, and then things somehow
seemed to come to a sudden end as the
guy cavalier was tossed 30 feet or so on
the rebounding but not revivifying
asphalt, and landed on the northern end
of his spinal column.

"What's the matter?" asked a sym-
pathetic policeman, helping him up.

"Snake," gasped the fallen traveler.

"You don't look it," returned the
blueshirt.

"Oh, no; not that. My wheel. It's
wound around the tire. Take care!
Don't go near it. It will bite you."

But the rash policeman ventured
near. And then amid the dusky
shadows of the night arose a loud
and raucous voice in cackling. It was
the policeman laughing. "You slob,"
he said. "It's nawthin' but a busted
tire what somebody's left behind upon
the road."

ASTOR RUNS A LOCOMOTIVE.

Carries an Illinois Central Train Along at
a Rapid Pace.

The latest head of the great house of
Astor has demonstrated to a party com-
posed of the officers, directors and sev-
eral of the largest stockholders of the
Illinois Central railroad that he can run
a locomotive engine with as much ease
as he can operate his horseless carriage.
In fact, he took possession of the engi-
ner's side of the cab at Fulton, Ky.,
the other morning after breakfast and
did not yield the throttle to the engi-
neer until six hours later he had
brought the train to a standstill at
Horse Branch, 175 miles nearer Louisi-
ville. Mr. Astor frequently attained a
speed of 60 miles an hour, and on one
stretch, between Mayfield and Paducah,
of 65 miles an hour. He made five stops
for railroad crossings and three other
stops for water. He showed a familiar-
ity with the running gear that sur-
prised the engineer more than it did
President Stuyvesant Fish and the other
members of the party. The party
came to Louisville in the afternoon, and
young Astor was toasted for his feat at
the Pendergast club in the evening.

OVERLAND FROM NEBRASKA.

After Ten Years of Four Cows and Per-
sonal Debt Smith Returns to New Jersey.

An old-fashioned prairie schooner
was drawn into Williamsport, Pa., the
other day by two tired and bony horses.
The team is owned and driven by John
Smith, and in the wagon were Mrs.
Smith, a daughter and a 15-year-old
son.

The family is on its way to Hoboken,
N. J., and has driven during the last
30 days from a farm in western Ne-
braska an average of 30 miles a day.
The journey was begun with five horses,
but three died.

Two years ago the Smiths went out
west and settled in a farming district
of Nebraska. Four crops and grinding
poverty made their life a hard one, and
they decided to come east.

During the
The number of emigrants employed in
the west is falling in the North and
is over 1,000. They fall in front of 150
years. Over 20,000 men are employed in
this industry alone and they remain
at an average less than two months of a
time.

Statement of
The average weight of the brain of
the average Chinaman is lower than
that of any other human race. The
brain of the Chinese is only 1,200
grams.

Calcasieu Rice.

Farmers seem to be preparing
taken up the question of good
roads. The Rayne Tribune, for
instance, says on this subject:
"One of the most serious draw-
backs to a community is bad roads.
The very life of a town depends
on the country, and without that
there would be no towns. When
the farmers have to undergo the
severe strain on horses, breaking
of wagons, buggies, etc., in order
to reach towns to do business,
then it is time for action, and that
action should be taken as quickly
as possible. When a person stops
for a moment and fully realizes
what bad roads mean, then he can
behold the serious hardships it
works both to the gentlemen of the
rural districts and the busi-
ness men of cities and towns.
Nearly all the parishes of the
State are clamoring for better
roads, and the time is ripe for
something to be done. We think
a great deal of the fault lies in our
present manner of working the
roads. It would be far better to
have a direct tax collected from
each male citizen, say at least \$1 a
year, than to put up with the pre-
sent system. Let the parishes hire
help, or let out by contract the
keeping of the roads in good re-
pair, and you will see a vast im-
provement."

Very little machinery is being
sold this season, and the little that
is sold goes on the irrigated farm,
and the most of them are pretty
well supplied by this time. A few
years ago, there was a brisk de-
mand for seeders of various kinds,
and the drill was used to some
extent, but that demand has ceased
since the hard times fell upon us,
and much of the rice is now sown
by hand on the smaller farms.
When times were good and a good
price was realized for the rice,
farmers bought too much ma-
chinery, and they have this ma-
chinery to pay for during these
hard times, and it has taught them
a lesson which is a valuable one
to them, and in the future there
will not be so many farmers plung-
ing into debt.

The pumping plants are a great
help to the small farmers who have
to depend upon the clouds for
water, for they obtain land to work
on these farms, and are sure of a
crop, but usually only get one-half,
where the water is furnished. In
the long run this pays better than
the providence rice, and this plan
enables the farmer to get the soil
matter out of their own lands, and
many are pasturing their old rice
fields, which is an excellent way
to manage an old rice field, but a
still better way would be to plough
the land, and then the wild rice
will come up, and it would be an
excellent idea if the land was
ploughed three times during the
season, for lots of the wild rice
will remain in the ground, and
some will come up every time that
the land is ploughed. A cultivated
crop is the best crop to plant
in an old rice field, where the land
can be drained sufficiently well,
for then the land is worked dur-
ing the summer and the red rice
will come up, and then it is much
easier destroyed than when the
seed is in the ground.

Many farmers have turned their
hogs into the rice fields, and they
find plenty of forage, but they do
not answer the purpose like cattle
do. Our people are getting a very
good start on hogs, and in a year
or so we will be shipping a good
many hogs to market from this
section. There has been a great
many cattle sold this season so
far, and some farmers have sold
themselves short of teams, but it
was a necessity, as debts had to
be paid. A large number of native
ponies are used on the farms now,
but only a few years ago cattle
were largely employed on the farm.
The large number of Northern
horses which have been shipped in
here from the North has crowded
the cattle off of the farms, and the
cattle buyers are now picking up
all the cattle they can get hold of,
and they go at very low prices.—
Calcasieu Rice Bird, in Southern
Farmer.

After hearing some friends
continually praising Chamber-
lain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-
rhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of
Anheim, California, purchased a
bottle of it for his own use and
is now an enthusiastic over its
wonderful work as anyone can
be. The \$2 and 50 cent sizes for
sale by M. D. Rogey, A. Meyer
and L. G. Bagley, Drug Store.

Good Roads.

The country press has again
taken up the question of good
roads. The Rayne Tribune, for
instance, says on this subject:
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backs to a community is bad roads.
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provement."

The last proposition of the Tri-
bune puts the matter exactly
right. The old system of trying
to keep the roads in good condi-
tion by requiring each citizen to
work so many days upon the pub-
lic highways is a complete failure,
and has proved such wherever it
has been tried. Good roads can
be secured only by the expendi-
ture of money, and a road tax is
essential for success.

The road tax has been adopted
in several Southern States of late
years, and has been invariably fol-
lowed by better roads. Louisiana
has not got that far yet. Strange
to say, when it is considered that
it was one of the first States to
take up the agitation for good
roads, it has done as little for
their improvement as any part of
the country. We understand,
however, that the Legislature at
its next session will be approach-
ed on this subject and asked to
pass a road law similar to those
laws which have accomplished so
much elsewhere in the way of road
building. A law of this kind will
have the support and backing of
the entire community.—Times-
Democrat.

New Kiss Me.

A funny incident occurred in a
neighboring city, says an exchange,
a few days since, and one too good
to be lost. One of our celebrated
composers has written a pretty
song entitled, "Kiss Me." A very
pretty, blushing maid, having
heard of the song, and thinking
she would get it, with some others,
stepped into a music store to make
a purchase. One of the clerks,
a modest young man, stepped up
to wait on her. The young lady
threw back her veil, saying:

"I want 'Rock me to sleep.'"

The clerk got the song and put
it before her.

"Now," said the young lady, "I
want 'The Wandering Refugee.'"

"Yes, ma'am," said the clerk,
bowing, and in a few minutes he
produced the "Refugee."

"Now, 'Kiss Me,'" said the
young lady, of course meaning
the song above mentioned.

The poor clerk's eyes popped
fire almost, as he looked at the
young lady in utter astonishment,
for he was not aware that a song
by that name had been published.

"Wh—what did you say, Miss?"

"'Kiss Me,'" said she.

"I can't do it; I never kissed a
young lady in my life," said the
clerk.

And about that time a veil
dropped, a young lady left in a
hurry, clerk felt sick, and dealer
lost the sale of his music.

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orders for stationery, such as
letter and note heads, bill heads
(4 sizes), shipping tags, envelopes,
statements, cards, etc. Our stock
work and prices are sure to please
you.

TOLD OF TALMAGE.

The Lord Has Been Good to Him, And
His Life Has
Been Spared to Take Into Himself a
Third Wife.

In Sing Sing yesterday, the en-
gagement of Miss Susie Mangam,
of that village, to the Rev. T. De-
Witt Talmage, of Washington, was
announced, says the New York
Press of Dec. 9.

Miss Mangam is a daughter of
Daniel D. Mangam, who is a grain
dealer in this city, and lives in
Sing Sing.

Mr. Mangam is reputed to be a
millionaire. Miss Mangam has
been a popular young woman in
Sing Sing society.

Daniel D. Mangam, Jr., brother
of the future Mrs. Talmage, two
years ago married Dr. Talmage's
daughter. This will make Miss
Mangam, after her marriage the
stepmother of her sister-in-law
and stepmother-in-law to her own
brother. Dr. Talmage will be his
daughter's brother-in-law.

Dr. Talmage has spent much
time recently at the Mangam home.
The date of the wedding is not an-
nounced, but the preparations are
under way, and it is thought it
will take place in holiday week or
shortly after the new year begins.

Miss Susie Mangam will be Dr.
Talmage's third wife. His first
wife was Miss Mary C. Avery, of
Brooklyn, who was drowned in the
Sohykill river in 1863. She
bore one child, Jessie, who is now
the wife of Warren G. Smith, a
jeweler of this city.

In 1864 Dr. Talmage married
Miss Susan C. Whittemore, of
Brooklyn, who bore him six chil-
dren.

T. DeWitt Talmage, Jr., the old-
est son, is dead. The other children
are the Rev. Frank Talmage,
who is pastor of the Second Pres-
byterian church of Pittsburg, May,
who is the wife of Daniel D. Man-
gam, Jr., a grain broker; Edith,
who is married to Allan Donnan,
a tobacco merchant of Richmond,
and Maud and Daisy Talmage, who
are unmarried.

Talmage's second wife died at
the age of 37 years at Danville, N.
Y., on Aug. 5, 1895.

On May 9 and 10, 1894, Dr. Tal-
mage celebrated the twenty-fifth
anniversary as pastor of the Cen-
tral Presbyterian church of Brook-
lyn, which is familiarly known as
the Tabernacle. Three times
while Dr. Talmage was pastor the
building was burned to the ground.

It is estimated that the lectures
delivered and the books written
by Dr. Talmage have netted him
\$350,000. When asked on one
occasion what he had received the
doctor declined to say, contenting
himself with this statement: "The
Lord has been good to me."

Cupid breaks his bow at the
sight of a face full of pimples.
Hollow cheeks, sunken eyes, and
a sallow complexion will defy his
best intentions. Beauty is more
than skin deep. The skin is mere-
ly the surface on which is written
in plain characters the condition
of the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden
Medical Discovery is good for the
complexion because it makes the
whole body healthy—because it
clears and purifies the blood,
makes the digestion strong and
clears out impurities of all kinds.

By increasing the ability to assim-
ilate nutritious food, and by the
infusion of its own ingredients it
enriches the blood and so makes
solid, healthy flesh. It cures dis-
eases of the lungs, liver, stomach,
bowels, skin and scalp, simply
because all these diseases spring
from some cause—a disordered
digestion and consequent impure
blood.

Don't be persuaded into buy-
ing cheap imitations without reputation
merit—Chamberlain's Pain Ex-
pectorant is more, and its merits have
been proven by a test of many
years. Such letters as the follow-
ing, from L. G. Bagley, Hockessin,
Cal., are constantly being received:
"The best remedy for pain I have
ever used is Chamberlain's Pain
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it in my family for several years."
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migraine and all other pains.

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Chocolate Creams..... 25 cts. per lb
Our Own Mixed..... 25 cts. per lb
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We also have a nice line of
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cts. and give the little folks a
Merry Christmas.
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will buy.
Yours for a Merry Christmas,
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