

THE ANGORA GOAT RAISERS

The Industry a New One in Virginia, But Profitable.

WILL BECOME POPULAR

The Diamond V Ranch in Powhatan County Raising Fine Strain of Animals.

The raising of Angora goats in Virginia for profit is a new industry now in its infancy, but with promise of unlimited extension the poor overgrown waste of brush, weeds and undergrowth in Virginia will be turned to good account by that wonderful and valuable little animal. The Angora goat, whose habitat is from the cold and bleak shores of Alaska to the sunny hills of Asia Minor and Cape of Good Hope. He is often spoken of as the silver fleece on account of his abundant coat which protects him from all cold and has the color of shiny silver. He lives and produces fine Mohair near Yuma, Arizona, the best place on the map for his brothers lives in cold, rainy Oregon, and the Arctic shores of Alaska. He does well in all countries, and does not suffer from heat or cold; his thick fur coat protecting him from the freezing elements. He needs a good shed to keep out of the rain, and all run for two miles to keep from getting wet.

They dislike wet weather as they have no oil and grease on their skin like sheep. They are hard, healthy animals, requiring less care than any other stock on the farm, and requiring less feed than a flock of chickens.

M. S. Valentine of the Diamond V ranch in Powhatan, says he has kept goats in a three foot wire fence, also in a four foot rail fence, when there was a plenty of grass around them and they did not jump out at all, but will climb anything they can get a foot hold on. The scenes depicted with this article are from the Diamond V Angora ranch at Rock Castle, Va., owned by Mr. M. S. Valentine.

DIAMOND V ANGORA RANCH.
The Diamond V goat ranch is situated in Powhatan county, Va., near Rock Castle, and has the advantage of two shipping points, one over the Chesapeake and Ohio James River Division, and one over the Southern via the Farmville and Powhatan Railway.

The proprietor, who has spent some time in the West studying the Angora goat industry, says that the prospects for Angora goat raising in Virginia and the Southern States have the brightest future of any industry in the South.

The V so-called, because of its brand V on the nose of the animal, has one of the finest flocks of Angora goats in the South, and is constantly increasing its herd by addition of the finest animals money can procure. They intend to increase the herd to 1,000 breeding does and gradually cull out those that are not of the very finest mohair coats and pay strict attention to fine, first class herd bucks for stock purposes.

They received a fine lot of Angoras recently from the West as an addition to their herd.

Their lines of bucks are descended from early importation from Turkey. Their California bred bucks are as fine as any in the land, and their does are unsurpassed. The crop of kid for this year have been better than expected, and the mohair brought a very satisfactory price.

There is a most profitable investment so far, and it is believed will prove more so in another year or so.

The goats are no trouble now at all, and only require salting once a week and a general round up for branding all of the kids early in the fall.

It would pay any one to take a trip to this ranch to see to what valuable use a worn out and grown up farm can be put. This ranch will become the largest of its kind east of the Mississippi, and its owners look to a grand future for it.

The Diamond V Ranch expects to get a Mexican herder or two and build them a log cabin or two in the woods, and they will cook their own meals and attend to the goats during the spring season and attend to the shearing, which is all done by up-to-date machine shears, which save one-fourth to one-half of an inch in length and about three-fourths to one and one-fourth in weight of the mohair.

The Diamond V Angora ranch has enough obbers to cull every month, and to sell, but they are shipping in constantly to keep in stock for the immediate delivery orders.

COST OF STARTING.
Angoras range in price from \$5 to \$25 for good does, and from \$25 to \$75 and \$100 for bucks. Mrs. Armes, of New Mexico, paid one thousand and fifty dollars for the buck that heads her herd, and Brother Armes, of Kansas City, paid \$1,000 for the buck that heads his herd. At Armes, the buck whose mohair sold for \$3 per pound.

A consignment of sixty-five low grade does sold recently on the Kansas City market for \$1.50 each, and thirty-one good does brought \$1.75 each at Kansas City. Recent letters from three of the largest Angora raisers in the West state that they have no does for sale at any price, but offer their kids at \$10 to \$15 each.

One of them says, "I have already orders for 7,000 Angora does and not one to sell."

The Angora goat business is booming like fury and the demand for Angoras is increasing very rapidly.

Anyone should be able to get a very fair herd of from 10 to 20 does for \$10 to \$15 each and full bucks from \$20 to \$30 each. Although Angoras are going up everywhere, as farmers all over the country are beginning to appreciate the value of the Angora as a labor saving device and an investment that pays an enormous dividend in the eastern States, where there is so much waste land and brush and weeds the Angora goat has come to stay, and the farmer will provide grass pastures for this valuable animal after he has browsed off the undergrowth and the waste at all exterminated.

Buy good stock on the start even if you have to start with a smaller herd at first for the best are the cheapest in the end, and the best are the most profitable. Buy the best and bring the high priced mohair and the \$25 kids.

You can always count on receiving as much for your increase as your original herd cost. The Angora men are beginning to realize that the high priced, low kempy mohair is very little in demand and brings low prices at the best. While the mohair mills are crying in tones, loud and strong, more American goat raisers at the same time want it of good quality and are willing to pay good long prices. Of course, breeding the does twice a year detracts from the mohair, but more than pays in the price obtained for the double kids.

THE PROFIT.
Angoras pay a profit right at the start for the spring clip of mohair should bring enough to pay a man a good interest on his money, say \$2.00 to \$2.50 each, and if good 18 inch mohair should pay \$1.00 to \$2.00 each in mohair alone.

The spring crop of kids generally run 100 to 110 per cent. increase, so the herd

is doubled the first year and a liberal interest on money invested is received.

They will have done \$5.00 worth of work cleaning up land in every 10 hours. They will have turned that land into a beautiful grass or hay pasture, and the accumulated fertilizer in the sheds amounts to at least \$5.00 to each ten head.

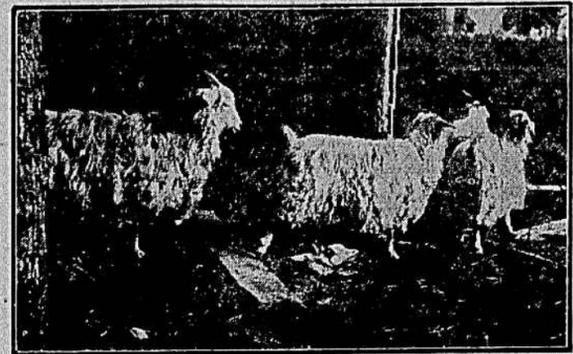
Good manure in California is sold at the ranch for \$6.00 per ton to nursery men for their trees.

When the goats are fenced in they require no herder at all, just an occasional salting about once a week. Their resting place can be changed by moving the salt box to place desired. Angora goats will always come up at night and no particular care need be exercised except in kidding season.

THE SALE OF CARCASS OR ANGORA MUTTON.

There has always been a strong and deep seated prejudice against the use of the goat for meat. This is founded on ignorance, rather than on experience. As far back as Abraham's day we read of goats (doublets Angoras) being used for meat and milk, too, when cattle and sheep were plentiful. The meat of the Angora is the best of all goat meat. The Angora has no bad odor, as has the evil smelling Billy of Heron's Alley and tin can fame.

A gentleman of Texas found a ready and increasing demand for his canned Angora mutton, but was compelled to close his cannery on account of the supply not being sufficient to supply the demand. The Agricultural Department in making inquiries as to the market for Angora mutton found that the demand was far in excess of the supply. In one week in 1899, eight thousand were received and sold in the Union Stock Yards



GOING OUT FOR THE DAY'S WORK.

at Chicago, Ill. In Lime county, Oregon, 27 Cotswold sheep sold for \$2.35 each and at the same time 60 Angora muttons sold for \$3.50 and \$5.00 each. A recent report from one of the officials on Angora mutton says that the most prominent rail roads in the West tried to make a contract with the large packers in Kansas City, for a regular supply of Angora mutton to be used on their buffet cars, but were unable to do so, although they offered high prices, as the packers were doubtful of obtaining a regular supply of Angora goats. Anyone who has traveled in the large cities west of the Mississippi has often seen signs on the billboards of fare as Angora Venison, Angora Mutton, and Angora Steak. Angora goat meat is cooked in every style known to the arts of cooking. It is a great deal better than sheep in that it has no odor, often perceptible in sheep and has that wild gamey flavor of Venison or Antelope.

The Angora wether is always tender up to eight or ten years of age, and is considered a most excellent meat by all connoisseurs.

The mohair is sheared in the spring as



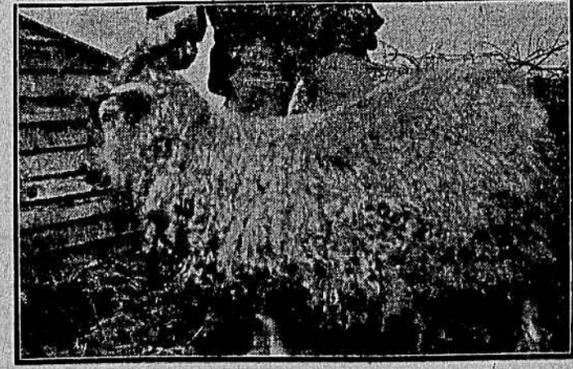
IN THE SHEDS.

early as first of April, and is generally sheared by men with hand shears, but the more up-to-date and economical machine shears is rapidly taking the place of the hand shears. The machine is turned by a hand crank and clips the mohair and weight, not to speak of the labor saved. A good man can shear from 100 to 200 goats per day with the machine. He then sorts out the mohair and packs it in bags, rolling up the fleece inside out. The short mohair goes in one lot, the combing hair or all hair over 1-1/2 inches. Next the carding hair or all hair less than 1-1/2 inches long. Then the long hair 12 inches or longer, which brings from \$1.00 to \$3.00 and \$4.50 per pound. That is shipped to New York to be made into artificial flowers which were formerly made of silk, but the bright and active

his fine flock of thoroughbred Angoras now at the Diamond V Ranch.

German at Scotland Neck.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., Aug. 27.—A very delightful dance was given at Scotland Neck last night by the members of the Roanoke German Club. Music was furnished by the Scotland Neck Band. The German was led by Mr. Norfleet Smith, of Richmond, Va., and Miss Josephine Bowen, of Jackson, N. C.

Those dancing were: Miss Bowen with Mr. Norfleet S. Smith, Miss Lizzie Kyan with Mr. Geo. Dunn, of Norfolk; Miss Liza Smith with Mr. Earnest Leggett, Miss Burwyn, of Jackson, N. C., with Mr. Stuart Hall; Miss Nathalie Smith with Mr. W. B. Dunn, Miss Nannie Smith with Mr. James B. Hall, Miss Pauline



THE HERD BUCK.

mind of a prominent New York manufacturer discovered that these articles could be made of mohair, thus reducing the cost a great deal, and making a new place for mohair.

"Did you ever heard chorus girls, who give the song and dance to an interested audience? Well they are nothing else than the hirsute overcoats of patriarchal Angoras, combed out and dressed with his long white beard if it wasn't for the Angoras. Mohair is so fine that 5,000 hairs can be laid side by side in the space of an inch. Cheap kinky mohair

is used for rugs, blankets, and the plushes used in railway and street car seats.

There was imported into the United States last year by one factory alone, 25,000 pounds of mohair from Turkey, because they could not obtain it in this country.

SKINS, ETC.—USES AND DEMANDS.

The skin of the Angora is very often made up into beautiful robes for baby carriages. They can be very easily dyed any color wished, and will hold color indefinitely.

Perhaps the young ladies who admire the so-called "real monkey skin" muffs and cloaks will be surprised to learn that they are only straight haired goat skins, dyed black. The present raw pelts of Angora goats are worth from \$2.00 to \$2.50 each, according to length of hair and condition.

AS BRUSH CLEANERS.

The Angora goat is without doubt the greatest worker on the farm. Ten goats to the acre will clean up the densest undergrowth of vines, bushes and weeds in the world. They will eat almost everything, but the rocks and earth on the land. If a farmer has a hay field with thistles or weeds in it, let him turn in his goats and he will find that they will not touch his grass until they kill out all of the thistles and weeds.

Up at Rock Castle at the Diamond V, the goats have cleaned up quite a nice little place for their owners. In this country where land is costly to clean up and cheap in the brush state, the people have the chance of their lives to improve their conditions and that of their farms by putting in a lot of Angora goats.

BEST APRON GINGHAM. 6 1-2c value, Monday, five yards to a customer, 4 1/4c.

Laces
that cost almost twice to make—a big cap purchase reduces the price.
A Fine Maclin Torchon Lace that cost 5c, here Monday 27 1/2c
Another wide Lace that sold at 10c, Monday's price... 37 1/2c
Just read! Wide Cluny Lace, that sold at 15c, Monday's price... 67 1/2c

Embroideries
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Fine Quality Embroideries 27 1/2c
A bargain lot will be a fine lot of Cambrie with good work, only... 8c

White Goods.
Only the most desirable patterns at such prices as these.
Fine Lawn, 40 inches wide, 47 1/2c
White Goods, in fancy stripes, 5 1/2c
Figured Madras that sold at 12 1/2c, here Monday, at... 8c
Striped White Goods that sold fast at 15c, Monday... 9 1/2c
60c Organdies, 25c

Umbrella Special.
Fancy and Natural Handles, our regular \$1.48 quality, for... 98c

Table Damask.
German Linen, all pure linen, 50c value, for Monday, at... 48c

BEST TABLE OIL CLOTH. 1 1-4 yds. wide, the regular, 20c quality, 2 1-2 yds. yards to a customer, at 9 1/2c.

Mr. M. S. Valentine, of Rock Castle, has an ideal goat ranch of about 1,000 acres, most of it brush land, all fenced in with wire fencing and is raising Angora goats for the mohair. He fed them last year through the winter on oats and says he paid out only \$2.25 for enough grain to feed 22 head, and they wintered well. They commenced eating buds along about last of March and will run to a cut down pine or cedar tree when snow is on the ground.

The Diamond V Ranch, Rock Castle, Va., has a herd of between seventy-five and a hundred of the finest Angoras as ever were seen in the State, with a magnificent California buck at the head of the herd.

The mohair sheared from these bucks is twelve inches long, of the \$1.00 to \$3.00 a pound variety.

Mr. Valentine has spent some time in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas, studying the situation and expects to go back this fall and bring back quite a lot of the silver fleeces into Virginia to add to



IN THE SHEDS.

of America offer women what no other country can—that is the opportunity to enter her to compete on an equal footing with men in every profession and mode of livelihood.

To the grammar school she owes her foundation preparatory to the higher education in the private and finishing schools and colleges which prepares her for her chosen profession.

To-day we find in the public and preparatory schools a higher standard than in any other country, and one which gives her a practical education, one which has often been the only one some of our most successful business women have been able to avail themselves of.

In the public schools a fine course in bookkeeping, typewriting, stenography, mechanical trades and domestic science is given in connection with a course in English, mathematics and the history of the country opened their doors to women the ban from all professions was removed and women are found in all ways where her physical strength prescribes her limits. As the mental standard of the women is raised, so a country advances as a nation.

The development of the mind and character of the women who are to rear the men upon whom the destiny of country must rest is a labor which lies at the very foundation of our nation's building, and cannot be entrusted to chance.

This is the work colleges and educational institutions are doing for women.

No young woman of ability, no matter how limited her sphere or hampered her life, but education, and none who desires to enter the professional world but will find the need of this mental training and enlargement.

Women taking up a profession in which they must compete with men—and there is few where they do not—must be willing to prepare themselves for their careers as men are obliged to; there is no "short cut" for women only, and though well fitted by a special aptness and ability, the well-trained student and thinker alone attains distinction.

To-day is one of specialists, and women in choosing a profession should consider this just as men do.

To be an expert in one line of work is better than to be a generalist in many. The numberless professions. For every line of work there are schools and colleges, and even for those who must continue to labor, the well-organized and thoughtful night schools, night lectures at all colleges, and the correspondence schools,



THE HERD BUCK.

Shields with Mr. Frank Smith, Miss Kate Whitaker with Mr. Cherry, Miss Ann Clark with Mr. Haywood Hyman, Miss Rebecca Smith with Mr. Joseph Cotton, Miss Martha Durham with Mr. C. H. Herling, Stags, Messrs James N. Smith, Henry Clarke, Harper Alexander and Isaac Smith.

After the German the following were entertained by Miss Clarke at her hospitable home.

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Notwithstanding that goods were superlative values at former prices our unchangeable policy of clearing out all goods in their season forces still greater reductions. Here are some of the bargains:

<p>Better Take particular attention to what these desirable sold for and what you get them at Monday. Sheer Lawn Waists that sold at 50c, for... 39c Fine Lawn Kimonos, were bargains at 60c, now... 39c Striped Madras Waists, sold fast at \$1, Monday... 75c Top Skirts, all sizes, were cheap at \$1, Monday's price... 62c Sample Skirts, slightly soiled, white and linen, about one-third the price. Richardson Spool Silk, black and all colors, here Monday, at per spool... 1c</p> <p>Men's Shirts. White and colored, broken sizes, 50c value, will be sold Monday... 29c</p> <p>Men's Hose, 25c Value... 17c</p> <p>Boys' Waist. Percale, 25c value... 19c</p> <p>Ladies' Hose. Lace, 12 1/2c value... 8c</p> <p>Boys' Hose, Ribbed, 10c value... 5c</p> <p>Leather Bags. Broadened handles, small purse and card case, worth \$1, all for... 69c</p> <p>Wash Suit Madras, full skirt, stylish waist, worth \$2, Monday's special... \$1.25</p>	<p>Corsets Sale. Odd assortment of Corsets, slightly soiled, that will be sold Monday... 25c Another lot, odd sizes, the best \$1 quality, for Monday, at... 69c</p> <p>Corset Covers. Broken assortment, slightly soiled, reduced to, Monday's sale... 21c Silk Mousseline that sold at 25c, will be sold Monday, as long as they last, at... 93c</p> <p>Ladies' Hose. The best 25c quality... 19c Boys' Hdkkerchiefs, Good 5c value, for... 3c Ladies' Handkerchiefs, All pure linen... 5c Cannon Cloth, Linen finish, Monday... 93c Remnants Silk, Plain and figured, at half price Monday... Goods at quick moving prices Monday. Wrappers, Percale, made full, good patterns, 75c value, Monday... 59c at... Silk Special, Small quantity of \$1 Silk to close Monday, at... 39c</p>
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Education to whom a profession is not a necessity or choice, a college education is just as essential. The over-indulgences of home life and associations foster characteristics and inclinations detrimental to one's future happiness and the happiness of others. The mental and moral discipline of a college education are necessary to the broadening of one's views and the proper development of noble men and women.

Start colleges and schools should be chosen for the better physical development and the absolutely different point of view so essential to an equal development mentally. While many self-made men and women in high positions, they are fast entering the minority, and higher education is to-day a necessity.

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