are still too many owners of flocks who stick to the idea that the dew is enough for sheep. A sheep can live longer deprived of water than a horse or a cow, but it suffers quite as much as either and it will not thrive.

It is wonderful how short pasture a sheep will do well on if shade and water be furnished, but close pasturing with sheep is the worst possible thing for the pasture. To prevent this a few acres may be sown to rape, which will relieve the pastures very much. Sown any time from the first of May to the first or even the middle of July, if there is sufficient moisture to start it, rape will be ready for feeding in about six weeks, and will furnish a feed the sheep will relish and thrive upon.

The flock should be salted regularly, at least once a week, in such quantities as they will clean up. If this is attended to regularly they will not eat enough to cause scours, as they do freguently when they are compelled to go a long time without. With this salt should be mixed some worm powder. There are several good ones. An ounce of prevention is worth a

pound of cure. If the sheep run where they can be got up once in a while and some pine tar rubbed on their noses it is a great help to keep away the fly.

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If the lambs are to be forced for an early market a lamb creep, where the little fellows can go and help themselves to grain, will be necessary. If they are to be fed into the winter not much grain is needed after grass gets good. But in either case do not let the lambs run too long with the ewes; it does not help the lambs and it is an injury to the ewes. Lambs born in March or April should be weaned in August, and not later than the middle; then place the lambs where they will have a little extra feed and place the ewes on the shortest pasture you have. If they are of the English breeds they will need milking out once or twice. Attention to this may save a ewe's udder that would be ruined if neglected. And be sure and do not practice that utterly shiftless habit of allowing the ram to run with the flock. A small lot anywhere will hold an orderly sheep; he can run with the colts or the calves, or anywhere but with the flock.

The owner should see his flock often, daily if possible. Should plan his fields, if possible, so as to have an occasional change of pasture, and should remember that the flock needs care and watchfulness in summer as well as in winter.

#### "Off Flavor" in Cheese.

#### J. A. Ruddick, Chief of Dairy Division

Description.—This term is frequently applied in a general way to a variety of bad flavours, but it more properly refers only to the well-known characteristic flavor which indicates early deterioration in the cheese. It occurs more frequently during the hot weather, but does not usually become noticeable until the cheese begins to "break down."

Cause.—The so-called "off flavour" is of fermentation origin, and is the

result of the milk being contaminated by filth in some form or other, and the cheese being cured at too high a temperature. It is only in extreme cases that cheese go "off flavour" when they are cured at a temperature not exceeding 65 degrees Fahr. If there has not been sufficient acid in in the curd this defect is more liable to appear.

Means of Prevention.—Greater care and attention to cleanliness in the handling of the milk, proper development of acidity in the curd, and control of the temperature in the curingroom so that it will not go above 65 degrees Fahr, are effective means for preventing "off flavoured" cheese.

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