

to permit the excretion of urine. The ewe should be given special attention and permitted to rest for a few days when the stitches may be removed. In stubborn cases it may be necessary to hold the womb in place by a pessary until it has regained its normal size and position.

ADOPTION OF THE LAMB.

The first action of the natural dam, after parturition, is to lick the lamb. The licking dries it and helps to start the blood into rapid circulation. Besides, the ewe gets the odor of the lamb, by which she subsequently recognizes her offspring.



Ewes and lambs on an Eastern farm.

Trouble sometimes arises in this respect from yearling ewes who, having their first lamb, become exhausted and unable to lick it. The result is that the lamb may die from the cold, and, if it does survive, the mother may possibly not claim it.

If a ewe, having lost her lamb, will not adopt another, some artificial means should be taken to attain this purpose. The old-fashioned method, which is yet in vogue and frequently produces the desired result, is to cover the orphan lamb with the skin of the dead one. This should be securely fastened upon the lamb. In about a weeks' time, if the ewe and lamb have been kept constantly together, it is possible