

**Improve-
ment in
weight and
Mutton
Quality**

The owner of sheep ranges stocked with fine wool sheep like Shropshires, the Down breeds, Merinos, kom-bonlets, etc., may take comfort in the fact that persian lamb fur can be produced in two crosses on their fine wool stock. The first cross gives an average of thirty per cent increase in weight, and greatly improves the mutton—according to tests made by Armour and Company—and gives black lambs of wonderful hardiness and rustling



No. 7. Karakul Ram lamb one month old.
His mother is a medium fine wool Karakul and his father a coarse wool Karakul. The curls are becoming open and the fur is therefore becoming less valuable daily.

**Bokharan
Persian
Lamb
Deterio-
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qualities. A considerable number of the skins are good Astrakhan fur. In the second cross ten dollar skins are frequently produced providing a coarse wool Karakul ram, free from fine wool blood, is used. It should be noted that the herds of Bokhara are largely composed of Afghan fine wools crossed in some instances with Persian fat rumps, while pure coarse wool Karakul representatives are very few in number. Owing to the lack of breeding intelligence among these people, the Karakul strain is not kept pure and the production of persian lamb fur will soon cease in that country. Furriers can testify to the decline in quality in recent years owing to fine wool introduction. This is an additional reason for haste in establishing the industry in America.