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Fig. 5.—Cross section of the carcass of an average lamb in carload rated as No. 1. This meat is well finished without excessive fat and the lean marbled in an attractive manner. A roast from this carcass would be appetizing and would satisfy the most fastidious.



Fig. 6.—Cross section of carcass of the average lamb in common carload. The lack of finish is obvious. After cooking there would be no fat left.

WHY DOCKING PAYS.

1. The tail is useless and a detriment.
2. Manure gathers on a long tail, but . . . docked this cannot occur. Maggots often appear on the rumps of lambs and sheep where manure is caked. These pests cause considerable loss and stop growth. In the case of small lambs, often the manure cakes so hard that it is impossible for the bowels to act and death follows.
3. Docking is a sign of careful management. It makes the animal more attractive and, therefore, easier to sell. A buyer will not purchase the neglected flock until he has purchased all the good quality lambs.
4. All ewe lambs should be docked because it makes breeding easier and does not waste the strength of the ram. A long tail obstructs and impedes during the breeding season.