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The Selection of Show Sheep.

This is a matter of the greatest im portance, which cannot be hurriedly don-It requires many careful inspections, and ought to be done by gradually reducing the first selection by careful drafting down to the required number. So far as regards the old ram or two-shear sheep the selection is naturally limited, but at no age can any breed be better or more typically represented. In these classes the majority of champion animals are found, and, further, at no other showyard age can the visitor or export buyer secure a better or more complete idea of what a ram of the breed should be than when such exhibits are mature sheep. Then selection of yearling sheep, both

time, because in most flocks the number from which selection can be made is larger, and maturity and full development have not been reached. The first object to be aimed at is to select only sheep well made, symmetrical, and proper ly formed. Then come breed type and character-masculinity in the male, and sweetness in the female. Wool, too, is a most important point, and no animal should be selected that has not a fleece of even and uniform character. No animal male or female, should by taken for the show-yard lot that cannot walk well and is not able to carry itself in proper form In the case of ewes. It is essential that the select lot should be uniform in color, etc., that will enable

thoroughly and well-matured pens to be finally selected for exhibition. With the selection of lambs, of both sexes, the shopherd finds a task of very great difficulty. This arises very much from the fact that with the very rapid growth of the lambs it is almost impossible to as estain with any degree of certainty how the individual lamb or lambs will grow and develop. For this reason, it is necessary to have a considerably larger number in what is generally termed the show-yard lot. It is often drawn upon to a greater extent than many anticipate, on account of the number of lambs that fail to keep up the touch and handle under the great stress of show-

In general terms it may be said that the ruling conditions here are the same should be given to the pedigree, because ri the individual characteristics of the parents are known this is a good indication in most instances of what the lamb of the truest tests of any flock is uni

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For lambs, there is but little time, and hence the risk in their preparation is much greater than among older sheep. With an early selection, gradually reduced as time goes on, and the whole lot kept going ahead, those not required for the show-yard will make full value in the market. Exercise is a very important point in successful preparation. Neglect of this has been the reason for many heavy losses, most of which were quite preventable. The successful exhibitor of horses or bulls, or the successful exhibitor of thoroughbred stock, all know this, but not so, unfortunately, with many a sheep exhibitor. Why this is so is inconreivable, for time and again so many prizes have been lost through neglect of this point, that it might be expected that even the novice would not fail to note it. One of the most successful shepherds, some twenty years ago, has, time after time, said, "Eh, sir, 'tis not always the best sheep that wins, but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it goes to the sheep that is best trained and exhibited.'

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