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"HOTHOUSE" OR WINTER LAMB RAISING.

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Hothouse or winter lamb production represents a special phase of sheep husbandry. Under the ordinary and generally accepted routine of lamb and mutton raising, the season of marketing extends only through a comparatively short period in late summer or fall, when the year's supply is placed upon the market within the space of a few months, leaving the consumer without strictly fresh and tender lamb for the remainder of the year. In an effort to place this toothsome article within the reach of the epicure, the winter lamb trade has developed until at the present time it is considered worthy of the thought and attention of progressive and experienced sheep raisers who are situated in favourable localities where a sale may be found for their product at prices which will remunerate them for the extra care and attention that winter lambs will necessarily require.

DEFINITION.

"Hothouse," "milk lambs," and "winter lambs" are titles used to designate this special product. They are oftentimes misunderstood. The term "hothouse" owes its origin to the manner of preparing the lambs for the market, which comprehends careful and scientific feeding under housed conditions.