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this farm did not belong to the Ellmans as the Canadian farmer owns his. They were merely tenants of Glynde, and it was only when he was old and had retired from active farming that he went to live on a small estate of his own, High Cross near Uckfield, in his native county of Sussex. He seems to have loved his native Downs so well that he never wanted to leave them, though with his abilities he could have made his mark anywhere.

These Downs run along the Southern coast of England, great billows of land nowhere of any particular altitude, interspersed by hollows where the farmhouses stand among clumps of trees and sur-rounded by cultivated fields. Here and there are tiny villages in other valleys, through which streams that have their source up in the Downs flow to the sea, becoming bigger and lazier as they get into the flat, rich lands. The South Downs are on a chalk formation, and the soil is never deep, always the chalky rocks are near the surface. The herbage is of short, fine grass, and on these banks the "wild thyme blows," giving off its exhilerating perfume as you tread it underfoot. Walking over these Downs the air is so fine and bracing, the sea never far away, that one never gets weary, as in many walking excursions. At night we may be glad to rest but the feeling of fatigue after a long day's walk is a pleasant one, quite different from that produced by work in the enervating atmosphere of a city, and the springy turf makes walking a delight when compared to the city's hard pavements. In these surroundings John Ellman spent his life, and there, too, from time immemorial have lived the Southdown sheep he loved so well. Perhaps their ancestors beheld the making of Stonehenge, that mighty monument of which we know so little. If these primeval Southdowns were like their present descendants they would not be greatly interested. Day by day they see carriages and motors arrive at the edge of the Downs and unload their cargoes of tourists who go to look at Stonehenge. The sheep look up casually but appear to be much more interested in cropping up enough of the short grass to keep them in their present comfortable condition. They are a placid race and have learned to mind their own business. Even on summer days when the grassis at its best we should judge that to get a plentiful meal of that and of the wild thyme would guarantee a quite sufficient amount of pedestrian exercise to ensure a proper digestion. Dyspepsia and nervous prostration must be unknown to these happy fellow ceratures of ours. The cynical may, perhaps, suggest that if we modern sufferers had more to do and less to eat our circumstances might be similar.

Be that as it may, the short herbage and the amount of activity these sheep take have produced between them one of the hardiest breeds of sheep going, with an old reputation for the flavor of its mutton and the fine quality of its wool. The breed is so old and its good qualities so fixed that even removal to different climates does not seem to cause deterioration. What this breed of sheep was like when John Ellman began to improve it we cannot say. Certainly the Southdown sheep was not the thing of beauty he made of it. He had the sure instinct of a man of genius in selecting the most desirable type, and he kept his ideal ever before him, and within a few years had not only improved the Southdown flocks on their native hills, but had given advice to people who asked it, all over England and Ireland. He made no secret of his methods and was no churl, keeping the knowledge he had gained to himself. As this became known his influence spread gradually to all classes of society. He corresponded with classes of society. He corresponded with many of thearistocracy and was acquainted with the king himself, "Farmer George," who not only interested himself prac-tically in live stock, but we believe made some contributions to the agricultural literature of his time. "Mark thou the man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings, he shall not stand before mean men," says a wise man of old, and mean men, says a wise man of old, and John Ellman is a proof that the Bible speaks truth. By his association with these influential people, who had what Mr. Ellman only had in a very limited way, a command of money, he was able to bring his business more prominently. to bring his business more prominently before the public. So far as the improvement of his flocks and herds went he does not seem to have required much money. His father's flock and those of his neighbors and friends provided sub-

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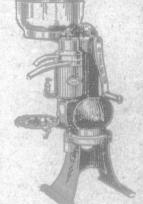
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