

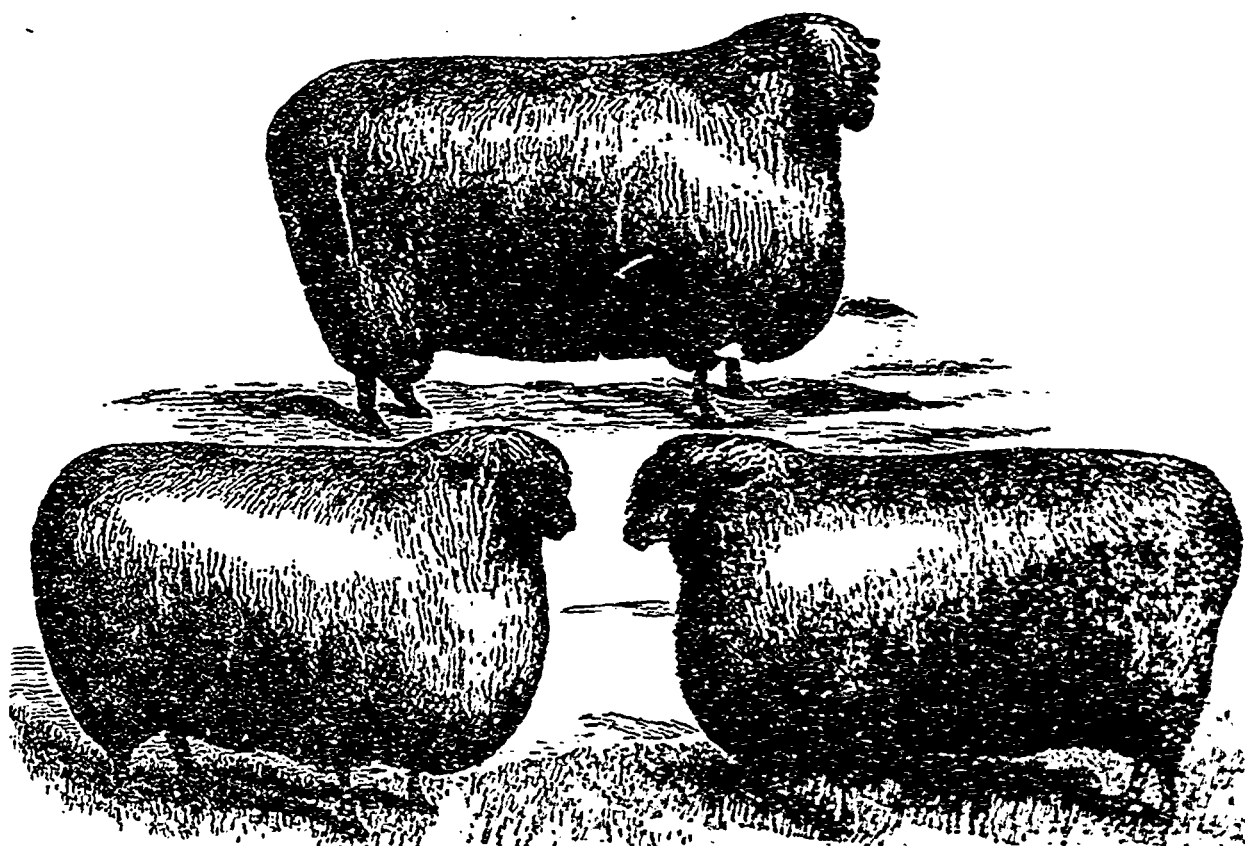
this year, so the hoeing was done early, and, in consequence, the plants all came away well, and will yield an enormous crop. It is when swedes have to be sown two or three times over that the return is small, and, often, white turnips have to take their place. Potatoes are an extraordinary crop at present the ravages of the disease are trifling.

Many of the gardens in Essex, England, are turning out four bushels (56 lbs.) to the square rod, or 640 to the acre, equal to 16 gross tons!

The Scotch, as is well known, trust to nobody but themselves, and are not subject to landlordism, as are their English neighbours, consequently they have not suffered from the times nearly so much.

lurked there unused. The Sawbridgeworth farm should teach us a lesson. v. J. rnal, vol. 1, p. 109.

The English people are always supposed to have good appetites for meat and drink, but at the Alexandra Palace, on the 2nd of August, the Bank holiday, they seem to have outshone themselves. There were consumed 720 dozen of spirits, 470 dozen of wine, 1600 dozen of ale, 750 dozen of stout, 350 barrels of draught ale of 36 gallons each, 103,000 bottles of lemonade, ginger beer, &c., 30,000 cups of tea and coffee, 12,600 one shilling teas, 27,000 lbs. of meat, 60,000 buns and cakes, 12 van-loads of salad, 280 bushels of potatoes, 7,600 dinners, 42,000 loaves of bread, and \$2,200



Cotswold sheep.

Beef is rather lower in price in both England and Scotland, but mutton keeps up, and is not likely to be any cheaper for some time. The American and Canadian bullock is very nice, but the 9st (72 lbs.) short-woolled down sheep is not, it seems, yet successfully grown in our climate.

The cattle in the G. T. R. cars are terribly crowded. I saw at Pointe Claire, on Thursday, 18 fine beasts, from Toronto, in a space which would only properly accommodate 16! Somebody will suffer in purse from it.

Why on earth cannot a company be started in these moving times to buy some dozen or so farms in the French district near St. Hyacinthe, and cultivate them with a steam plough, drag, &c.? Land that can grow such thistles must have some stamina in it, and it would prove, if successful, that the wheat growing powers of the ancient times are only hidden, and that frost, rain, and air, are the sole things required to unlock the concealed treasures that have so long

worth of fruit! The guests were cleanly in their habits, too, as they used in the washing room 13,000 towels, and 230,000 gallons of water. One hundred and seven thousand people were present.

The new process of saving hay, in England, appears to be perfectly successful. The apparatus, invented by Mr. Gibbs, of Gillwell Park, Chingford, Essex, consists of two parts, a frame upon wheels, supporting a sheet iron reciprocating trough, along which the hay is slowly passed, subjected to a powerful current of hot air, and tightened up by rows of revolving forks or pickers; and another piece of machinery on wheels, consisting of a combined fan and fire. The machine, tried on Lord Ashburton's farm near Alresford, Hampshire, dried 17 wagon loads (22 acres) in 7½ hours. Mr. Fuller, of Corsham, Wilts., made by its use the hay off 117 acres with perfect success, at an expense, including mowing, stacking, &c., of 9 s. 6 d. an acre, the usual contract price being 21 s. to 25 s. In wet seasons, like the present,