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## Notes by the Way.

*Sheep-sales.* — During the month of August occur the great sales and "lettings" of rams and lamb-rams of the English flock-masters, several of which we used to attend when we were farming in the old country. The greatest day we ever saw was a "letting" at Jonas Webb's house, at Babraham, Cambridgeshire, where rams of his flock were let for the season to the amount of between three and four thousand pounds.

Jonas Webb was game-keeper to Mr. Adeane, of Babraham Hall. His master was then keeping a small flock of Southdown ewes, and in or about 1840, having bought a couple of rams of "Ellman of Glynde," sent Jonas Webb down into Sussex to fetch them. On his return, Webb asked Mr. Adeane to let him a small farm then vacant, as he, Webb, had an idea that, from what he had seen of the Sussex flocks, they were capable of great improvement. Webb's request was granted; he set to work, and when the Royal Agricultural Society's shows were inaugurated, not more than five or six years afterwards, Webb's exhibits swept all before them. He improved the wool, increased the size; and as he himself told us at Windsor, in 1852, was prouder of his "legs of mutton" than of any other of the vast alterations he had worked in the frame of the Southdown sheep. As our dear old friend, Wm. Ridgen, of Hove, near Brighton, England, told us, Webb knows more about a sheep at a glance than I know after a half hour's study.