

After the sheep have been trimmed, it is advisable to put blankets on them to keep the fleece clean and smooth in transit to the fairs. Do not try to make a sheep fit a blanket, but make the blanket fit the sheep. Otherwise, if not properly adjusted, it will often disfigure the wool by cutting in at one place or another, especially around the neck.

The sheep should have their feet

and accustomed to being handled and trained to stand in a correct position. Failure to do this causes many sheep, on account of their unweildly conduct, to show to great disadvantage when brought into the show ring.

It is usually with no small degree of pride that the shepherd views his flock before sending them to the show. They are the result of his untiring efforts to bring them the nearest



Trimming the Feet of a Fat Sheep

carefully trimmed before the show as it strengthens their pasterns and greatly improves their carriage. Too much stress cannot be laid upon this point as it is often the deciding issue between two individuals in the show ring.

During the time the work of fitting and trimming is being carried on, the sheep should be caught occasionally

to the ideal which he has in mind. He has spent much time at his work and his heart is in the welfare of each individual and its outcome in the ring. To show the qualities of a true showman, he should be magnanimous in success or take his defeat in good spirit, resolving, in any case, that next year his efforts will be redoubled.