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CHINCHILLA FARM.

Chinchilla Arms..where the doormat is a sterilising box to protect the health of the precious tenants from human callers.

Here live the producers of the world's most valuable fur..South American chinchillas. Eighteen years ago, 11 of these toy-like creatures first reached California from their native Andes, 18,000 feet up. The trip to sea level lasted 3 years to get them acclimated gradually. Now, there are more than 1,100. They mate for life and average six babies a year:

Hardly more than a handful, each one is literally worth its weight in gold: So rare, that all the chinchillas in captivity could furnish pelts for only 12 coats.

As pets, they are a bit expensive..\$1600 apiece! Little vegetarians who never bite, well hardly ever!

Presto change-o! The happy ending for all good chinchillas is around a lovely lady's shoulders. And girls, this is a real bargain..only \$65,000: .