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MAIDSTONE SHEEP FAIR.

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~~It's the Michaelmas~~ Sheep Fair at Maidstone ---

Thousands of good-looking sheep and rams arrive after a long journey in railway trucks. Out of these trucks they ^{are} bundle, and some of them enjoy a sedate slide. Mind, now!

So there they are -- a veritable sea of pens packed to overflowing with some of the most valuable stock in the country.

Stockbreeders from far and wide put the animals through an exhaustive examination. After this, they are passed on to the sorting and grading department. Oh, there's plenty doing in the life of a sheep when the Fair is on.

Then a visit to the auctioneer's ring-- this is where the chief business of the day is done. Of course many of these animals are expensive -- they fetch anything up to £100, or more. But think of the excellent wool they produce and what is even more important, the mutton they provide for our Sunday dinner.