

*Breeding Sheep.* The animal used for breeding must have all the excellence of size, form, quality and condition of the fat sheep and in addition must be strong in constitution, conform to the breed type and show pronounced sex characteristics.

*Constitution.* A sheep with a strong constitution has the general appearance of being very vigorous and thrifty. A large nostril, strong muzzle, full chest, wide spring of rib, wide chest floor, and a capacious body are all indicators of a strong constitution.



Fig. 29. Properly trimmed and blocked for showing. This grade Southdown wether was shown by the University of Kentucky at the 1920 International. He won third in the carcass contest, and dressed out 56.4 per cent.

*Breed Type.* The points usually considered under breed type are color, size, fleece and skin. For example, a Shropshire with a speckled face or a Hampshire that is small like a Southdown is said to be "off type." Breed type is one of the first things to be considered in judging pure bred breeding sheep.