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GROUP OF HAMPSHIRE DOWN SHEEP.

THE PROPERTY OF CHAS. S. DOLE, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL.

HAMPSHIRE DOWNS.

The Hampshire Downs, long a favorite variety of the very interesting breed of middle-wool sheep of England, have as yet been but sparingly bred in the United States. They have a length of body, combined with rotundity, which rarely fails to fill the eye of the seeker after mutton points. Under average conditions they are found to sustain

themselves to the satisfaction of feeders, but as young and as matured animals—furnishing lambs for early market that lose nothing under the severe competition to which all candidates for honors are subjected. The dark faces and legs characteristic of the Down breeds are preserved in the Hampshire, and furnish a fitting outline to its otherwise admirable carcass. This interesting

type of sheep will be more fully discussed in *THE GAZETTE* in the near future, in common with the other varieties of the middle wools, which will be taken up by our associate, Hon. A. M. Garland, as soon as his labors upon the tariff commission shall have been completed, which will be within a week or two. The above picture was sketched from life by Lou Burk.