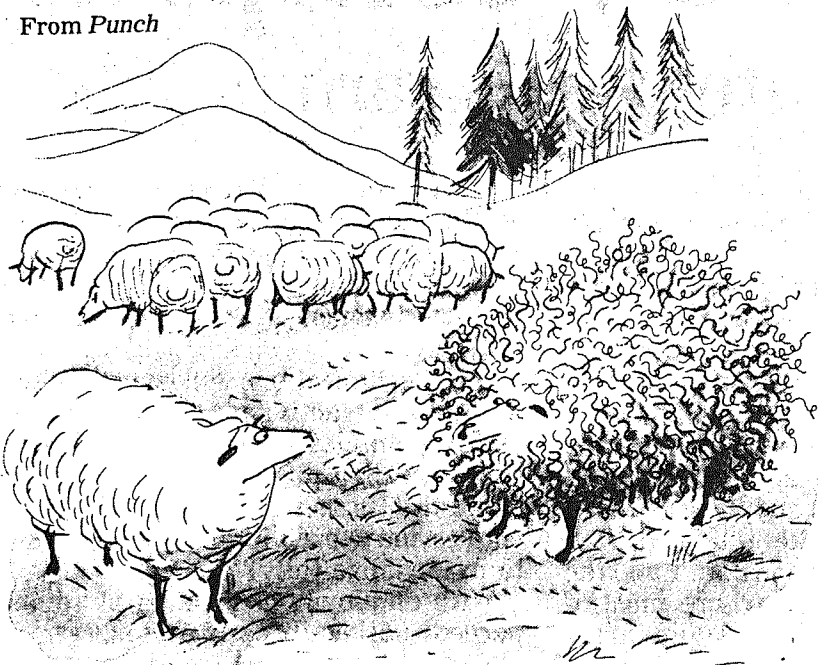


READERS IN COUNCIL

From *Punch*



JT

17/2/93

*"... had a sheep dip last night
and I can't do a thing with it"*

Darling

Antifur arguments don't convince

This is a response to the rash of antifur letters I have seen lately in your paper. I don't own any fur that I am aware of, and there may be reasons for not wearing fur. However, none of the arguments given against using fur seem to be very strong.

The point was made that unintended animal victims are caught in traps. This is true, and it is also true that unintended victims are killed on the roadway each year, in far greater numbers. But no one suggests that driving be banned for that reason.

A statement was made that the methods used to kill fur-bearing animals are inhumane. These included gassing, poisoning, neck-snapping, etc. Animals normally die due to starvation, disease and being killed by predators. These methods seem to be equally "inhumane."

It was brought out that fashion designers and furriers are driven by monetary motives. I fail to see fault in that motive. I believe all successful companies are driven by that same motive.

Finally, a statement was made saying that wearing fur is "absolutely unnecessary." This again, is true. There are many things that people do which are unnecessary. However, defining which things are necessary, and which unnecessary things that I am allowed to do is not a job I am ready to concede to the antifur group.

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