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## BABY "BURDIZZO",

"I WOULD NOT DREAM OF DOING A LAMB OTHERWISE.,

COPY.

"Wakanui", ASHBURTON, NEW Zealand.

November 15th, 1926

The Manager,  
The Farm-acy,  
P. O. Box, 217,  
PALMERSTON NORTH. New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

I must apologise for not acknowledging the receipt of the Baby "Burdizzo" you sent me some time ago.

SINCE I HAVE GOT INTO THE WAY OF USING THEM NOW, I CONSIDER THEM AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. I have done a few lambs for my neighbours round about, and have been requested to do more for them and quite a number of farmers have become intersted in them.

As for myself I would not think of doing lambs any other way than with the "Burdizzo".

When the pincers arrived I had tailed a number of lambs, but had a mob of 300 ready to tail, so I reckoned on doing half with the knife and the rest with the "Burdizzo".

I started off and got six done with the pincers, when I felt like having the instrument over the fence. I found it so awkward after being used to the knife; that was all I did that time with the pincers.

However, as time went on I kept on doing a few more with the pincers until now, as I stated before. I would not dream of doing a lamb otherwise.

THEN I BEGAN TO NOTICE THAT THE LAMBS DONE WITH THE "BURDIZZO" HAD A BETTER BLOOM ON AND DID NOT SEEM AT ALL CHECKED LIKE THE ONES DONE WITH THE KNIFE.

However, to put it to a real test, a fortnight ago I weighed 6 lambs, castrating and tailing 3 with the knife and 3 with the "BURDIZZO". These lambs are being weighed each week and I intend to keep this up until the lambs go to the works.

It is a hard job at the tail end of the lambing season to get 6 even lambs and to start with odds which were against the pincers, still the lambs done with the "Burdizzo" are easily in the lead now.

I will furnish you with fuller details of this trial later.

I am,

Yours truly

(Signed) Albert Amos.

## KIDS AND TWO YEAR OLD ANGORA RAMS IN FIVE MONTHS FLEECE:

COPY.

P. O. MORTIMER, Cape Colony.

June 2nd, 1927.

E. & R. Cawood,  
Breeder of Pure Bred Angora Goats  
(Champion of S. Africa, 1907),  
Stud Book No. E. 18

Messrs. Burdizzo Pincers,  
PRETORIA.

Dear Sirs,

With regard to the "Burdizzo" pincers you supplied us with we are now in a position to state definitely that the pincers paid for itself in one day many times over.

We were, as we mentioned in our previous letter, unable to castrate our kids last year owing to the drought, and this year we takled them when two years old in the heat of summer and in the middle of the serving season, when the rams were rampant.

In four hours we castrated 400 two year old and older rams, with four boys, two of which did nothing else but clean the bags with shears.

We watched them carefully after the operation and kept a strict count, ad did not lose one single Ram.

They were in five months fleece at the time, and we fully expected a great many of them would shed the fleece after the operation, but this was not the case: their fleeces improved immediately after the operation. So soon as the riding stopped which it did immediately after the operation, the condition improved.

We have in past years used the knife on a like number and ages and have lost in some cases up to the 20% besides three weeks worry and expence in dressing and attending to them. They have lost condition to such an extent that it was months before they started to grow mohair.

We have used the pincers on 150 Persian Rams 8 months old with the same remarkable success.

Yo ask us to make some observations and compare lambs cut with the knife with those cut with the "Burdizzo". We are sorry we can not oblige you in this as the knife is a thing of the past with us.

Horses five years old which we have operated on with the "Burdizzo" were in their work again after the third day.

Please use this letter where ever possible, as we feel it is one way of reaching our brother farmers who have not yet made up their minds to go in for a pair.

We cannot reccomend them too strongly and blame ourselves for not having had a pair many years ago.

Thanking you for your advice and assuring you that we will do all we can to induce our neighbours and all we come in contact with to do their castrations in the most humane and scientific way and thereby save themselves trouble and loss.

Yours faithfully,  
(Sighed) E. & R. Cawood.