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Blandford,  
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General Pitt-Rivers,

Sir,

I beg to inform  
you I have today made  
a post mortem examination  
of the yak calf. Death  
was due to inflammation  
of the fourth stomach and  
small intestines and  
the inflammatory condition  
had been produced by  
hair - a considerable mass  
of which I found in the  
fourth stomach. A quantity  
of milk had curdled into

a hard mass round the hair  
& this had probably set up  
the irritation. There was  
a very considerable quantity  
of hair scattered through  
the food in the rumen.  
I handed Bailey a portion  
of matted hair taken  
from the calf's stomach  
and asked him to  
submit it to your inspection.  
There is probably some  
unsuitability of diet or a  
lack of some natural require-  
ment which causes the  
Yall calves to lick hair  
in such quantities.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
R. Barrow.