

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

WIDE ROADS ARE IMPORTANT

Time That Highway Builders Awakened to New Conditions—Involves Safety and Convenience.

The road builders of today are neglecting a very important point. The motor car is a new thing in the world and creates entirely new conditions.

The travel of the future will be very great. The fashion should be set at once for a 100-foot right of way on all main roads.

One half should be developed first; the other could be used by the former owners under a free lease from the counties until it is needed. It will surely be needed some day. Allowing ten feet for a sidewalk the first hard-surfaced road should center



Making a Road in South.

on the remaining 40 feet. The model to be worked to is two 40-foot road ways, two ten-foot sidewalks and three rows of shade trees—a most proper plan for a hot climate.

All travel of course takes the right hand road. The grade should allow crossing from one road to the other.

On a single road with a 50-foot right of way, two ten-foot sidewalks and 30 feet for vehicles, when autos are standing at each curb there is not room for safe passing of vehicles going in opposite directions and this difficulty and danger increases with the traffic.

A single-track road should be 60 feet wide.

The middle line of new roads is generally on a section line or other line between two owners. If the fashion is set for a 100-foot right of way owners will give the 40 feet.

If county commissioners will insist on the 100 feet and make it a statewide rule supported by public opinion, owners will fall into line and give the land.

The double-road plan allows speed with safety and the speed of motor cars will in the future be increased on long runs.

The point is that it is the duty of the pioneer road builders of today to provide for the travel of the future.

Fifteen years ago in Chicago a street a mile long between Grant and Lincoln parks was widened from 60 to 200 feet. It cost \$10,000,000.

If the people who laid out that street could have looked ahead the expense would have been only the amount of the surveyor's bill. In less degrees such things will happen some day in Florida wherever narrow roads are built.

California has awakened to the idea and has some main roads 100 feet wide.

As soon as Florida gets hard roads the travel by tourists and citizens by motor car and motor truck will rapidly increase and will grow in time to enormous proportions.

The climate and the motor car will accomplish it and it is time that the road builders awakened to these entirely new conditions. Besides the question of safety and convenience there is the question of beauty, of civic pride and the satisfaction of building right for all time.

Road builders must realize that the motor car has brought entirely new conditions.

They must lay out the roads wide enough for all time, while the land can be got for nothing. It is a duty.

Kindness to Cow Pays.

Be kind to the dairy cow. You can't pound milk out of her with the milk stool or run milk out of her with the dog when bringing her from the pasture to the barn. Get on good terms with the dairy cow, and her friendship will be seen by increased profits in the milk pail.

Surfacing Footpaths.

For surfacing footpaths, gravel, mixtures of sand and clay, and cinders will, in general, give good satisfaction.

JACK HAS HIS WAY

By LOUISE OLIVER.

"You don't love me—so there, Jack Haven!" sobbed Lura.

"Don't love you! Just because I happen to have an idea of my own about a wedding! I like that!"

"It's such—such a horrid idea. I'd rather not get married at all than have it the way you say. All my life I've dreamed of a white satin dress, and a veil, fluffy bridesmaids and millions of roses."

"And all my life I've had a horror of marching through a crowd of people, wearing white gloves and a flower in my buttonhole, and learning to keep step to that infernal 'Lohengrin' music."

"You don't have to," eagerly. "The groom doesn't have to march in."

"Don't, Lura, dear. It makes me shiver even to talk about it. Think of having to stand on exhibition for an hour afterward while a crowd of people you never saw before in your life weep over your shirt front, or fall on your neck and kiss you! When all I want on earth is you, Lura, why should I have to have the whole town around?"

Lura got up and faced him angrily. "I think you are a hateful, horrid man, Jack Haven! If you aren't willing to endure a little bit of discomfort for my sake you don't care enough for me to marry me—that's all! Here's your ring! I won't wear it an instant longer! Goo-good-night!" Lura rushed out of the room and up the stairs. Then Jack heard a door slam somewhere above.

The days that followed were lonely, miserable ones for Lura, followed by sleepless nights and hours filled with disturbing dreams.

After one particularly bad night spent in trying to rescue Jack from cannibals, Lura called him on the phone. "Jack, dear, will you come around tonight? I want to talk to you. I'm simply wretched."

"Yes, dear! If you hadn't called I'd have come anyway. I've reached my limit, too."

So the flowers in the moonlit garden witnessed an interesting little scene that evening, and the moonbeams caught the light that flashed again from the diamond on Lura's left hand.

"Dearest," whispered Lura, "let's not talk of a wedding any more. I know it makes you wretched to think of it, so I've decided to get married any way you say."

He caught her to him exultantly. "Then I move that we get married this very night. Just we two! No dressing and no fuss. Just a little walk to the preacher's and home."

Lura drew a sharp breath. Then she smiled bravely. "All right, Jack, I'll do it. Only you forgot one thing—if we go alone, Doctor Luke will wonder about father and mother not being along and he'll want to know all about it. He wouldn't marry me without their consent."

"Then we'll elope! We can go to Sharon in the car and be married. We can take a week's honeymoon and let things blow over before we come back. What do you say, girly?"

"I've already promised."

The compact was sealed properly. Then as there was little time to lose, Jack departed to arrange for the trip while Lura hurried to her room to do what she could toward her trousseau. She had promised to wait in the kitchen. Jack was to leave the car in the alley and come in the back way through the garage.

Lura groped her way uncertainly in the darkness of the kitchen, intending to watch for Jack from the window. Outside everything was as bright as day in the moonlight.

But in a shadowy corner near the stove she stumbled over a chair, and something heavy that had been on the seat lost its balance and fell upside down on her feet. It was Nora's pan of dough "raising" for the morning's baking. Lura sprang back startled, but she was too late. The dough was sticking like chewing gum to her shoes.

Finally she heard, "St—st!" from the direction of the garage. If it was Jack, why didn't he come to her? It must be a cat!

Keeping in the shadows as well as she could, she made her way through the garden.

"Jack!"

"Here, Lura. I'm caught on an infernal nail. I can't move. The cloth won't give. Unhook me—will you? If it was only my coat I could slip out, but it's—"

Lura was giggling hysterically, but managed to extricate her lover from his uncomfortable position.

Jack near, Lura was happier. "Look, dear! I can't go in these shoes. I got into some dough! And mamma's awake, so I can't go through the house for others. Do you think you could get me a pair out of my cupboard. The russet ones with the low—"

"Heavens, Lura! Let's get out of here. Where's your bag?"

"I won't be married in these shoes!"

"Oh—all right!"

Jack got the shoes, but returned bumped, bruised and wild eyed. They got into the car. Jack touched the starter. A whirl and they were off on the road to Sharon—and happiness!

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Optimistic Thought.

If we did not corrupt our nature, our nature would never corrupt us.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

Lincoln said: "Let it be said of me that as I passed along life's road I always endeavored to pull the thistle and plant a rose in its place."

PLENTY OF PANCAKES.

For a cold-morning breakfast or a chilly night supper the pancake still holds its popularity.

Bread Pancakes.—Soak some bread crumbs in hot water until soft, then press out all the moisture, and to one pint of the bread add two well-beaten eggs, a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, four tablespoonfuls of melted butter and sufficient milk to make a smooth batter. Just at the last add a teaspoonful of baking powder and fry in hot fat.

Rice Pancakes.—Boil a quarter of a pound of rice till quite soft, then drain and leave till cold. Mix with it one cupful of cream, four beaten eggs, a little salt, nutmeg to taste, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter and flour to form a smooth batter.

Italian Pancakes.—Beat well together two eggs, a quarter of a cupful of flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, half a cupful of warm milk, add a tablespoonful of melted butter and a few drops of lemon extract. Bake in buttered saucers in a hot oven for 20 minutes. Serve buttered and sprinkled with sugar.

Pineapple Pancakes.—Beat two eggs well together with a dessertspoonful of rosewater, two of rice flour, two of sugar, and then add half a cupful of cream. Put one tablespoonful of butter into a small fryingpan, and when boiling hot pour in the mixture so as to cover the pan thinly; fry a light brown; then drain well. Have ready some long slices of pineapple and roll one in each pancake. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth, then add one teaspoonful of vanilla extract, divide it into two parts and fry separately; do not turn, so that it leaves the pan like snow. Lay these across the pancakes.

Stuffed Pancakes.—Beat two tablespoonfuls of butter to a cream, then gradually beat in one tablespoonful of sugar, four eggs, one cupful of warm milk, pinch of salt, two tablespoonfuls of currants, the rind of a lemon and flour to form a thin batter. Fry lightly on both sides. As each is cooked, spread with fresh or preserved fruit, roll up and keep hot until ready to serve.

Misery may love company but remember it loves cheerful company.

All good work begins with contentment. The heart must sing while the hand toils, if good work is to be achieved.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

If you are ever unfortunate enough to spill indelible ink on linen, rub it quickly with salt and saturate with ammonia, then rinse in cold water. The ink will vanish in less time than it takes to write about it. Put your wax candles for the birthday cake and evening table on ice and they will not drip while burning.

Citron melon is far more delicate and enjoyable if grated than cut in dice as it is usually preserved. A spoonful of the grated citron on a dish of plain ice cream makes a simple dish quite elegant.

Take a nap everyday if it is no longer than five minutes. Learn to relax, let go of every muscle and rise refreshed and ready for more work.

For a variety, when using cream puffs, make them smaller than common; fill with ice cream and put into sherbet glasses, then pour over a maple sauce when about to serve. This sauce may be accompanied with chopped nuts if desired, making a most delicious dessert.

The following is one grandmother's cure-all. Take one tablespoonful each of the bark of sassafras, sarsaparilla, and cascara; add one tablespoonful of senna leaves and pour over it a quart of cold water, simmer slowly until reduced to one-half, bottle and keep in a cool place. For an adult a tablespoonful night and morning when the liver needs jogging or the appetite fails.

A piece of sandpaper is as valuable a help in the kitchen as it is at the desk in sharpening lead pencils. Keep a piece of sandpaper off the rough place on the broom handle or to scrape a dish that has had food burned on, to polish the flat irons, in fact a hundred uses will be found for emery and sandpaper.

If in a hurry for baked potatoes boil them a few minutes then put them into the oven to bake. They will cook in a much shorter time. Cabbage is of much better flavor if cooked uncovered and contradictory as it may sound neither does it scent the house as much.

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