

FOR BETTER ROADS

GOOD ROADS WORK WONDERS

Improved Highways Give Farmer Chance to Reach Markets—Bad Roads Decrease Efficiency.

The railways and interurbans have and are having much to do with the development of this state. The evidence of their splendid work is seen on every hand. They have contributed to the building of towns, the development of rural communities and have made it possible for great industrial ventures to succeed. But they, while working wonders for the commonwealth, cannot reach every household as the highways do. The highway reaches the isolated man, which the railway but incidentally touches, and it means to this man or the community in which he lives whether the highway is of such a nature as to enable him to carry on his relations at the least expense and comfort. If the roads are bad he is hampered and loses much, not only from the value of his products which must be hauled to market, but he pays tribute in the wear and tear of his harness, vehicles and injury to animals. His inability to reach churches and schools easily reduces his ability to make the most useful citizen.

If he has good roads he reverses this and stands out with greater possibilities along all lines of endeavor in which he engages. —Greenville (Tex.) Banner.

GOOD-ROADS FEVER IN SOUTH

Taking Hold Everywhere and Different Counties Busily Engaged in Making Improvements.

It is a gratifying thing to note how the good-roads fever is taking hold nearly everywhere in the South. Hardly a county there that is not busily engaged in improving its highways. Many sections are finding, too, that



Cut Through Mine Hole Gap in Asheville-Charlotte Highway.

road-building is by no means the big and expensive job it was once thought. In a great deal of the sandy Coastal Plain country, from Virginia to Texas, nature has often mixed sand and clay in about the right proportions to make a good hard road, and all that is necessary is to keep the road well graded by means of scrapes and drags.—The Progressive Farmer.

DUST IS A DECIDED NUISANCE

In Many Cases Windows Have to Be Kept Closed Tight—Use Split-Log Drag After Rains.

(By W. C. PALMER, Agricultural Editor, North Dakota Agricultural College.)

When dry weather comes the dust from the road becomes a great nuisance to the housewife who lives near the road. In many cases windows have to be kept closed tight to lessen the amount of dust that seeps in. The most effective way of reducing the dust nuisance is the use of a split-log drag on the road after every rain. The road dust comes largely from the grinding up of the turned-up edges of ruts made by wheels and horses' hoofs. These cannot form unless water can stand on the roadbed and water cannot stand on the roadbed if it is kept well crowned and well packed as it will be if the road drag is used regularly. Dragging the roads will mean a good deal to the housewife, as well as to travelers and those who have to haul to and from the market.

GOOD CURE FOR SCALY LEGS

Good Plan to Anoint Legs of Young Chicks Even if They Do Not Show Signs of Disease.

Lard and kerosene is an excellent cure for scaly leg and it is a good plan to anoint the legs of the early youngsters at this time even if they do not show any signs of the disease. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Personality.
What a widespread and far-reaching effect personality has in the affairs of men. We hear it given as wide a range of definition as there are kinds of people. An agreeable personality and vice versa; a personality that is stupid or intelligent; gracious or churlish; overbearing or yielding; self-willed and oblivious of the rights of others or tolerant and reasonable; selfish or unselfish; conceited or modest; thoughtful or unthinking; these and many others are samples of a vast variety of habits of mind and manner from which every person may choose as they desire. But every person should remember that their personal bearing toward their fellows has a vast deal to do with their success in life. We rise or fall very often according to the estimate given to our personality by those about us. What is called "tact," which is but an abbreviation of the word contact, is the outcome of our personality. We mold and shape our personality very much by the amount of contact we have with our fellow beings.—Jefferson County Union.

Force of Rain in the Desert.

The following description of rain on the desert is given by a writer in Farm and Fireside: "In desert lands when it does rain," he says, "it may come with much more force than anywhere else. In less than no time the whole mountain side was a sheet of water running swiftly down. Soon a great torrent began to pour under the rock where we were taking shelter, undermining it and threatening to throw it down. We emerged from there and made a hurried run to another hiding place, more secure. Then came hail, and hailstones fell in such fury and of such incredible size that I thought they would kill old Barney, who stood exposed to their fearful peltings. In a little while the storm had passed away and the water soon ceased to come down the steep mountainside, and we went on our way, leading our horse."

Fort Guards America's Cradle.

In no territory of like extent in the United States is more historical interest gathered than in that which borders Hampton Roads. Here was planted the first English colony in America; here was held the first gathering of the people's representatives to make their own laws; here were erected the first fortifications in the English-speaking New World; here were fought the land battle that terminated America's war of independence and the naval battle that revolutionized the warfare of the sea. The first fortifications were Fort Monroe now stands were built 305 years ago, in 1611. Since that time, with short lapses, there has been some sort of a fortification always guarding the entrance to Chesapeake bay.

Only Two Left.

Lord Chief Justice Holt, when young, was very extravagant, and belonged to a club of wild fellows, most of whom took to an infamous course of life. When his lordship was engaged on a certain occasion at the Old Bailey, a man was tried and convicted of a robbery on the highway, whom the judge remembered to have been one of his old companions. Moved by that curiosity which is natural on a retrospection of past life, and thinking the fellow did not know him, Justice Holt asked what had become of such and such of his old associates. The culprit, making a low bow, and fetching a deep sigh, said, "Ah, my lord, they are all hanged but your lordship and I."—Case and Comment.

Do Poultry Feel the Cosmic Urge?

All animals, hens included, have peculiarities, and to obtain the best results in working with them we must take this fact into consideration. Not only is it true that each class of animals has its peculiarities, but individuals in the same class have their distinctive traits. To illustrate this, take for example two horses. One is a heavy work horse, and when you speak to him it is quite a while before he obeys. Yet he may be as willing and obedient as the other horse which is of driving stock and quick in its thoughts and actions. In fact, it is wrong to both to drive such horses together.—Farm and Fireside.

Those Chinese Junks.

The Chinese junk is to most western eyes a curious, not to say outlandish, type of vessel. Yet a nautical authority, in picturing and describing a famous craft of this kind which visited Europe and America as long ago as 1848, says that she proved herself an excellent sea boat, with powers of weathering a storm equal, if not superior, to vessels of western build. This junk, the Keying, is also declared to have made a run "equal to the time of the best packet ships of the period." Information of this kind about foreign methods is often truly educative to Americans inclined to be boastful.—The Outlook.

Last Word in Realism.

One Sunday evening the pastor of a rural church selected Hades as the text of his discourse. As he expounded and applied the subject an absent-minded man in the congregation, toying with a well-filled match safe in his pocket, ignited the contents. The sulphur fumes reached a pious woman in the seat just ahead. "It is wonderful, Mary," she whispered to her companion "simply wonderful! I have heard Brother White preach many a sermon, but none so realistic as this."

HOME TOWN HELPS

TO EXTEND USE OF PARKS

Minneapolis Has Been Considering Suggestions for Improving Recreation System.

Minneapolis has been studying suggestions for extending the use of parks. The subject was embodied in a report by F. S. Staley of the bureau of municipal research of the Civic and Commerce association.

"The conspicuous flaw," says the report, "in the present recreation system is the inadequate provision for active play of men and women more than 20 years old. Children will come to the playgrounds almost without invitation. It is more difficult to reach adults, yet they need the outdoor life quite as much as the children. The park is a more logical center than the school and park buildings can be readily adapted to such purposes."

"The park board should increase its efforts to make the parks real competitors for the saloon, the commercial dance hall and the movies. This will involve obtaining park areas adjacent to the thickly populated districts, a policy to which the board is already committed."

The survey also urges a park to care for the floating population.

"Thousands of men temporarily out of work," it reads, "spend their time in the saloons and cheap lodging houses, where they are permitted to sit down. This privilege is denied them in Gateway park. Both from the health and police standpoint they are better off outdoors than in cheap houses open to them."

Everyone who has visited Minneapolis will remember beautiful Lake Harriet and its park. It is surprising then to see that this report advocates publicity to advertise parks to the people of the city.—Kansas City Star.

PLANT TREES ON HIGHWAYS

They Make Travel a Delight and Increase the Value of the Adjoining Property.

Perhaps the idea of trees of one variety is a good one. But why not a variety of varieties? Also, why shade trees alone, if these be understood to eliminate all consideration of peach, apple, pear and the remainder of the 57 or more of precious memory? No man who has been a boy in rural life can see other than wisdom in the suggestion. As for willful rapine, what boy ever stole from the tree that hung its fruit invitingly over the ancient worm fence?

Here is an opportunity for the present generation of farmers everywhere to do a bit of missionary work that will cause the coming race to rise up and call them blessed. They themselves will live to enjoy the sweet shadows of the trees. Every motorist will find fresh delight in the drives along the bosky roads. The value of the farm lands adjoining will be enhanced far beyond the cost of the experiment. If the shadow of a rock in a weary land moved the ancient desert prophet to a metaphor adequate to explaining the solaces of his life's lean journey, how much more highways, glistening white between an enclosing vignette of green would serve to illustrate the delights of a far better country!

Profit in Paint.

If paint didn't do anything, but make the family feel more cheerful and give them more pride and self-respect, it would really be worth all it costs; but in this day of high-priced lumber and building material, paint really pays two profits—pays one profit in beauty and a second profit in lumber and dollars saved. Back in the day when the South was full of magnificent timber and we didn't think of trees at all except as something mighty in the way when we wanted to clear a "new ground," back in those days a man might have lived in an unpainted house and consoled himself that he wasn't losing much except cheer and beauty. But that day has passed. It's true that painting now pays its way besides adding beauty. In other words, you can get the fun and satisfaction and good cheer that come from living in a house that's painted—you get all this "free gratis" as a sort of surplus by-product of the good common sense business deal that you make when you have your house protected by paint.—Progressive Farmer.

Value of a Clean City.

When a stranger visits a city the lasting impression which he carries away with him is usually his first impression. If the city is neat and attractive his first thought about it is apt to be enthusiastically favorable; if the city is unkempt and ugly he is glad to leave it, never to return. He is far more likely to come and settle down in an attractive city than he is in an unattractive one, and the citizens take an interest in and are proud of their city just in proportion to its attractiveness. It is the duty of our city to be attractive.—From the recent report of the city plan commission of Newark, N. J.

FIRST ATTENTION TO CHICKS

Keep Them Quiet and Warm Until Thirty-Six Hours Old—Then Give Sand and Water.

Many young chicks are breaking their way into the world and will need our attention if they are to grow and bring a profit. Do not be in a hurry to feed them, but keep them quiet and warm until thirty-six to forty-eight hours old. Then give some fine sand or grit, and water.

After this, feed some hard-boiled eggs, dry bread or cracker crumbs, oatmeal or prepared chick food. Feed a little at a time, and often until a month old, when four times a day will be sufficient. After three months, feed three times a day until grown. Finely ground feed should be given until they are about a month old, when a gradual change can be made to fine cracked grains, which may be fed until they are about two months of age. Then another gradual change can be made to cracked corn and whole small grains.

GOOD FIRST FEED FOR CHICK

Rolled Oats Are Very Nutritious and Relished by Young Fowls Just Out of Shell.

A good first feed for little chickens is to throw a limited amount of rolled oats on the floor, only the amount that the chicks will clean up in about one hour. Rolled oats are very nutritious and relished by the chicks and are excellent as a first feed. However, their continued use is not advisable. Hard-boiled eggs, ground in a food chopper and mixed with dry bread crumbs may also be successfully used as a first feed.

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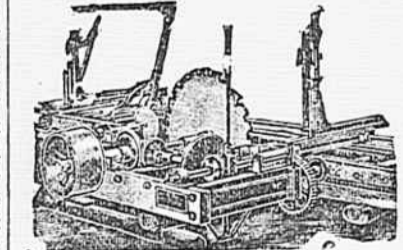
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