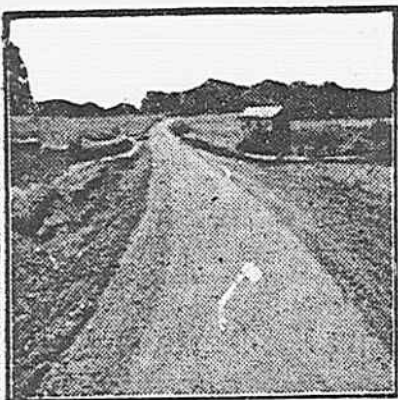


GOOD ROADS

PROPER WIDTH OF HIGHWAYS

Writer Advocates Narrower Roads and Restoring Acres of Valuable Land to Farming.

Just at this time many are interested in the question, how wide should our public roads be? A number of things should be considered in answering this question, says a writer in *Utah Farmer*. The kind of material to be used in making the road. The topographical conditions through which the road will pass, the proper drainage of the road. The special use to which the road may be put, if any. For years very little attention has been given to the waste of land in our road building. Land has been cheap and plentiful and years ago we did not



Good Road in West.

give the attention to proper road building as we do now.

Public roads have been of a uniform width of 66 feet and the by-roads about 40 feet. They have been too wide if we were to judge by the condition in which we find many of them. Wasted land on either side is used only to grow weeds.

Why not make them the width that is used and plant trees on either side as we have advocated in these columns before? Then the thousands of acres of land that are now practically wasted could be put to some good use.

Some of the Eastern railroads are teaching us a lesson in this regard for they are farming their right-of-way. On a recent trip East I saw great long stretches of land on either side of the railroad track planted to alfalfa. Acres were planted to truck gardening. I understand similar conditions are to be found in some parts of California.

For the sake of economy in building and upkeep let's build our roads more narrow. Restore the acres of valuable land to farming. Build scientifically constructed roads the proper width and plant trees on both sides.

KEEPING UP COUNTRY ROADS

Whether or Not Farmer Lives on Public Highway He Should Take Interest in Nearest One.

Every farmer should feel his dependence upon good roads. Whether or not one lives on a public highway he should take an interest in the nearest one to his farm or the road he must use to market his farm, orchard and garden products.

There are many times when a day's work can be spared for the road. After heavy rains the road may need certain repairs or improvements when the overseer is not ready to call out the hands. Why not individual farmers donate a day's work on the road at such time?

By keeping a road drag and dragging the road along one's land after heavy rains the road may be greatly improved. It is an easy matter to have an agreement so each farmer will drag the road in front of his farm. This would maintain the road till the regular hands could be called out at stated intervals or till the commissioner could make the repairs.

The time has come when we must consider the roads an asset, indispensable to the well-being of the farmer and his family. This being true, is it not every man's duty to do all he can to keep the roads in good condition?

GOOD ROADS IN CONNECTICUT

Concrete Highways Being Built in Twenty-Two Cities and Towns—Cost \$15,000 a Mile.

The construction of concrete highways is going on in 22 cities and towns in Connecticut, and when these contracts have been completed there will be about 70 miles of concrete-surfaced pavement in that state. The highways are 18 feet wide and cost \$15,000 a mile. The longest single street of concrete road in Connecticut is two miles in Cheshire, on the main highway from Plainville to New Haven.

Good Roads. Any neighborhood that does not have enough enterprise to keep two or three log road drags going for a couple of weeks during the late fall, is sadly behind the times. Farmers who are too lazy to do this ought to be compelled to drag their weary legs through the mud to town next spring—as they surely will.

Best Results for Dragging. The best results from dragging are obtained only by repeated application.

Buds and Flowers in Cooking. The French Canadians are said to use the acid flowers of the redbud, or Judas tree, in salads, while the buds and tender pods are packed in vinegar. Honey locust pods, often locally called "honey-shucks," contain a sweetish, thick, cheeselike pulp, which is often eaten. Those of the mesquite furnish the Mexicans and Indians with a nutritious food. The Creoles of Louisiana, famous for their cookery, are reported to use the young buds of the sassafras as a substitute for okra in thickening soups.

Nova Scotia's Fish Army. Nova Scotia is literally "the land of fish"—cod, herring, mackerel and the giant albacore or tuna. Nova Scotia is so much a land of fish, says a writer, that it produces over one-fourth the value of the entire Canadian catch, or \$9,166,851 worth. Every tiny haven around the extensive Bluenose Land coast harbors fishing smacks galore, while Lunenburg, Canso, Liverpool and Chester are home ports for hundreds of fleet-winged deep-sea banking schooners.

Reason and Emotion. What a mysterious conflict that is between the reasoning power, which keeps pointing out the right road, and an ill-regulated emotional faculty, which seeks to draw one along the wrong road. Indulging the wrong habits always makes the upward path so much steeper and the downward path so much easier. How fortunate that man is whose false steps are arrested by a friendly touch of common sense disguised in a flash of satire!—Sir George Reid.

Nature Is Outwitted. The man who invented the sewing machine achieved what he was after when he stopped trying to imitate the human hand. If you go into a factory you will see machines doing things which only human skill could do but a short time ago, but the processes are quite different from the manual method. The inventors have risen superior to the formulae that nature would seem to have laid down for them.

Natural Gas. Natural gas is probably formed in the earth by a process of natural distillation from the animal and vegetable remains of past geological epochs, and is nearly the same product as is distilled from coal in the retorts of gas factories, only instead of the heat of fires the internal heat of the earth, aided perhaps by chemical decomposition, has caused its formation on a magnificent scale.

Nature's Error. Sufferer writes us that if nature had known what she was about when she made man, she would have given him two noses—one to have a cold in and one for general utility. Then you could get the first one amputated (as in the case of tonsils or an appendix) and live comparatively happily ever after. We will call nature's attention to it.—Exchange.

Spartan Feminine Poise. Our idea of poise crystallized into definite form when a perfect 36, almost a stranger to us, with whom we happened to be lunching, inadvertently dropped a grape skin down her decolletage and, except for one slight and almost imperceptible wriggle, gave no sign of nervous disturbance as long as we were around.—Ohio State Journal.

Rabbit Hair Supplants Wool. Rabbit hair is supplanting wool in the felt hat making industry of Australia, where there are thirty factories in operation at present making use of rabbit fur for this purpose. It is said to be superior to the finest merino, and millions of rabbit skins are made use of annually.

Time for Strategy. There is no such thing as returning to the days of one's youth. If there were and we were asked if the teacher licked us, our reply would be "Not exactly; we made a strategic retirement after almost losing the seat of our trousers."—Houston Post.

Kissing. An optimist holds this pleasant prospect out to engaged couples: "Unmarried couples kiss and forgive. Married couples kiss and declare a truce while the heavy artillery is being moved up."—Kansas City Star.

Word From Br'er Williams. "Pay as you go" is a mighty good principle, but de price has got you goin' so fast you des throw 'em de money an' holler: "Keep de change!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Aspen Wood for Matches. Aspen wood is used almost exclusively in making matches in Sweden as it is easily cut and porous enough to be readily impregnated with sulphur or paraffin.

Beet and Wheat Food Value. That there is more food value in one acre of beets than in four of wheat is the contention of German agricultural scientists.

A Question. Why don't we get dimples instead of wrinkles?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HUSBANDS NOT SUCH BAD LOT

Stormy Days Cause Hubbies to Be Thoughtful of Wives Who Contemplate Shopping Expeditions.

Cold days stir up warm reactions in the heart.

Remember that cold Saturday morning when rain and snow swept the streets?

A young married man plowed through the gale to his office, and, once there, bethought himself that his wife had declared her intention of going down to Center Market to purchase a rabbit for dinner that evening.

Looking down upon storm-swept Pennsylvania avenue, relates the *Washington Star*, the loving husband immediately decided that his wife would be foolish to go out on such a bad morning, and that he wouldn't let her go.

"I'll just call her up and tell her it is too bad a morning for her to go out, when she doesn't have to, and that I'll bring the things home myself this evening," he thought.

Cynical reader, this story doesn't turn out the way you think. Truth must often disappoint the cynic.

Fair wife did not insist on going to market through the snow to bring home the nice rabbit for husband to devour. She was pleased that husband was so thoughtful.

And what is more: When the husband went to a phone to call up his wife to tell her to stay at home, he found the phone already in use.

"Hello, Mary," said the man on the phone. "It's a mighty bad day, and I think you had better not go down town this morning—"

The young husband went to use the phone in another room. As he walked in, he saw a comrade at the phone already.

"Helen," the man on the phone was saying, "I think you had better stay at home this morning. It's a mighty bad day—"

Husbands are a pretty decent lot after all.

IT WON HIM



Frances—I am afraid you don't like my game of bridge.

Francis—I am bound to like anything that costs me as much money as that.

WAR YARNS.

"Have you any war yarns?" asked the lady entering the department store.

"Surely, madam," replied the floorwalker.

"In which direction will I find the proper department?"

"Do you want them for reading or knitting, madam?"

THE BIG TOUCH.

"John let me take a dollar will you?"

"What for?"

"I've got to buy a lot of stuff I don't need so that the grocer will sell me a pound of sugar."

A GOOD REASON.

Teacher—Why has the giraffe such a long neck?

Charlie—Because its head is so far away from its body.

CONSTITUENT'S GOT BUSY.

"They went over that candidate's career with a rake."

"I heard he was an unusually well-cultivated man."

ONE IDEA.

Howell—What is the millennium from your viewpoint?

Powell—It is the period when there is no time between drinks.

HER GUESS.

Edith (with magazine)—What is meant by the dark ages?

Marie—The ages that we keep dark, I suppose, my dear.

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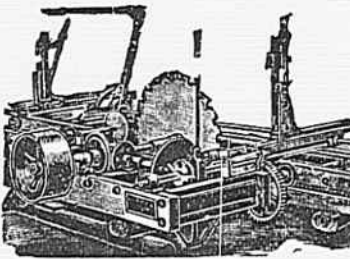
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