

Youngenstein (instructing)—  
What are you going to do with your daughter?  
I am going to marry her, Messer.  
Schindlerbaum?  
Old Schwindlerbaum (coldly)—Mela  
consent, Messer Youngenstein—Pack.

**It may be a great and glorious thing to die for one's country,** said the president, "but what is the good of doing an act that gives you no chance to respond to an encore?"—Indianapolis Journal.

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### AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

**GOOD ROADS CRUSADE.**  
Facts and Figures Collected by the League of American Wheelmen.  
The racing man and his many troubles have been attracting so much attention lately there is a tendency to forget the League of American Wheelmen has anything more serious to occupy its time. The fact remains that racing and the matters pertaining thereto are but a side issue and have little or nothing to do with the actual business of the league. The league, which was formed in 1880, had been in existence but a short time when it was discovered the roads of this country were vastly inferior to those of other countries. In view of the fact that bicycle riding was poor sport on any but the best of roads the league took up the matter of arousing interest in the question. Starting with a purely selfish motive the subject has grown till now the league is pledged to all its vast membership to continue the agitation till success shall crown its efforts to secure favorable legislative action on the question.

In order that the movement might prove a success the farmer had to be interested, as he was the principal beneficiary of the improvement would fall upon. At the outset the wheelman were unfortunate enough to incur the dislike and antagonism of the rural element through the fact that the courts had to be resorted to in order to decide that the wheel was a vehicle and entitled to a share of the road. The farmer contended that the bicycles scared his horses, and as a result they were greatly opposed to allowing the rights of the road to the recreators of the new method of transportation. The matter was fully settled in the courts, and in a number of instances the misguided farmer was compelled to pay for the machine that his own had impelled him to drive over. This state of affairs naturally led the farmer to believe the wheelman his natural enemy, with the result the good roads agitation met with scant courtesy.

That good roads are for the benefit of the farmer as much or even more than any other class, was a fact that had to be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the farmer. Progress in this line has been slow, but at last matters appear to be progressing nicely, and the chances are the near future will see a great movement in favor of road improvement. The poor condition of American roads arises from a number of causes. The country is never less densely populated than the farming districts of Europe. As a result, each of the rural residents is responsible for a greater amount of roadway than in his foreign cousin. Another and potent factor in the present state of affairs lies not in the total neglect of the highways, but because a great deal of labor that is now put on the roads is not applied in a manner calculated to produce the best results. Every community has laws requiring a certain amount of labor to be expended on the roads each year. This labor seems to consist in scraping the mud from the sides of the road and piling it up as high as possible in the center, thus forcing the teams to drive in the ditch to either side till the mud is gradually heaped down to the center again. Were the same amount of labor expended each year in building gravel roads the result would be miles and miles of valuable roadway. It is a steady demand and a constant source of revenue to the farmer. There is no manner in which money can be applied for improvement on farming property that will pay larger

returns than the money devoted to the roads. The League of American Wheelmen has been gathering statistics on the question for a number of years. One case that points a moral as well as can be desired is that of the village of Moorstown, N. J. For a number of years real estate there was not marketable at any price. The country was in a wretched condition. Finally the town supervisors got together and voted bonds to the extent of forty thousand dollars for road building, with the result that real estate is now enjoying a steady demand and the country is being supported by garden truck that can only be transported to market by teams.

Realizing that the matter of road improvement could best be brought to the attention of the farmer by the argument of dollars and cents, the league has compiled a great deal of literature on the direct cost of building roads

and the direct returns that such an outlay will produce. Taking the state of Illinois, it is found there has been built during the past ten years 985 miles of improved roadway. This improvement has been confined to thirty counties in Illinois. The other counties and the roads that are termed mud roads. Making calculations on the last ten years it is found the thirty improved counties has been assisted for the building of a highway of 43 miles at a total of \$9,344,346. In the mud districts there has been spent \$9,666,848, or nearly two-thirds as much, and they are in no better condition than they were ten years ago.

A comparison of values shows that the land in the improved counties has an average value of \$31.28 an acre, while that in the mud districts is valued at \$12.97 an acre. The total assessment on behalf of roads has been \$100 for each \$100 valuation in the improved counties, while those districts that have spent their money in piling the mud in the center of the roads a couple of times a year have saved 43 cents on each \$100, an amount that has in all likelihood saved many times over

### A PARALYTIC CURED.

His Grandfather, a Revolutionary Soldier, and His Father, a Soldier of the War of 1812, Yet the Third Generation is Cured—The Method.  
From the Herald, Boston, Mass.  
Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, a stroke of paralysis came to Mr. Frank Ware, the well-known Boston auctioneer and appraiser, at 235 Washington street. He went to bed one night about six years ago, seemingly in robust health. When he awoke his left side was stiffened by the deadening of the nerves.

The interviewer sought out Mr. Ware to get the facts. He gave the following particulars in his own way:  
"The first shock came very suddenly while I was asleep, but it was not long in its effects, and in a few weeks I was able to get about. A few months after, when exhausted by work and drenched with rain, I was taken by a second stroke, and the result was a second and more severe attack, after which my left arm and leg were practically useless."  
His grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and lost an arm in the war, died of paralysis. My father also died of paralysis, although it was complicated with other troubles, and so I had some knowledge of the fatal character of the disease which is hereditary in our family. I was a young man when I was struck, and in all probability, a third would carry me off.

"Almost everything under the sun was recommended to me, and I tried all the remedies of the day, but to no effect. The only thing I found that helped me was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I verily believe that it has been for those pills that I am here today. I had a slight relapse last attack six years ago. My left arm and leg were stiff and numb, and I had a little trouble in walking, but I was able to get about. I had a slight relapse last attack six years ago. My left arm and leg were stiff and numb, and I had a little trouble in walking, but I was able to get about. I had a slight relapse last attack six years ago. My left arm and leg were stiff and numb, and I had a little trouble in walking, but I was able to get about."

**SKILL IN THE DAIRY.**  
How One May Succeed Under Any and All Circumstances.  
In producing a pound of butter, says Prof. Robertson, there are 60 times more room for skill than in the production of a pound of potatoes. Dairying offers a man the best chance for putting his skill into money. The object of the butter-maker is to get the most milk possible from a cow with the least amount of feed. In every 100 pounds of water, 82 pounds of butter fat, 3 pounds of water, and 15 pounds of solids are other constituents in the milk. A cow is not a machine, but a living organism, and therefore will not give a different product because she takes different food. The food that she eats will become part of the fat in the milk, and give its peculiar flavor to the milk. These volatile flavors can be expelled by heating milk or cream to 150 degrees. The cream that is separated from the milk should be strictly fresh. Cream should be kept in a cool place, and use a suitable fermenting starter, and you will get a quality of butter in January as good as the quality of June butter. If cream is properly tempered, a few days in the refrigerator will be long enough to get butter.—Prairie Farmer.

**A ROAD PARLIAMENT.**  
Secretary Morton Issues a Call for an Important Conference.  
The secretary of agriculture is charged by act of congress to collect and disseminate information concerning the public roads. To this end and under authority of the act, Secretary Morton has issued a call for a "road parliament," in the hall of the house of representatives at Atlanta on the 17th, 18th and 19th of October, 1905, under the auspices of the Cotton States and International Exposition. The invitation is urged upon all state highway commissions, state and local road improvement associations, and upon commercial bodies and boards of trade and transportation. Agricultural societies and farmers' organizations, universities, agricultural colleges and engineering schools, societies of civil engineers, humane societies, the League of American Wheelmen, and savings and loan associations, and all other organizations or individuals especially concerned or experienced in the improvement of highways are likewise cordially solicited to be in attendance or represented.

**HORTICULTURAL HINTS.**  
The rose comes first in importance among flowers, and the lily next. Insects lay their eggs under the rough bark of trees. Keep all loose bark rubbed off.  
The remedy for scurvy black louse in the orchard is strong soap, we would say to an insecticide.  
If the orchard is old and unthrifty break up the ground in the fall or spring and heavily fertilize with barnyard manure.  
HEDGING does not increase the hardiness of the peach tree. If it is tender to begin with, it will remain tender after budding.  
As no blackberry is free from rust, it should be expected and guarded against by cutting off the affected parts and burning them.  
The orchard should be set on rich land, not only because the trees need such land, but profitable crops may be grown on it while the trees are maturing.

Of all the friends that the farmer and horticulturist has, in the way of insects, not one stands so high as the ladybug. They are the lions among insects; they live wholly on insects.—Farmers' Voice.  
**Money Value of Good Roads.**  
As an illustration of the importance of good roads it is stated that in Union county, N. J., the farming lands have increased in value an average of 200 per cent per acre owing to the improvement of road construction. An engineer recently calculated that the annual cost of bad roads in Virginia was no less than \$4,778,463,991. This he charges to interest on the depreciation of land, the additional cost of hauling, depreciation of vehicles and depreciation of horses. This amount of money, he adds, would cover the expense of building 1,710 miles of the best macadam roads each year.—N. Y. Sun.

### HOME HINTS AND HELPS.

**Lobster Salad (Indian style):** String the lobster very fine and mix with lettuce and dandelion, sprinkled with vinegar, oil and fine herbs.—Leeds Mercury.  
**Chicken Consomme:** Boil a fowl, including the head and feet, nicely scalded and cleaned; add to the liquor a blade of mace and an onion; boil for an hour, and separate from the bones, strain off and place on the ice to cool.—Harpers' Bazar.  
**Furred Kettles:** Water of every kind, except rain-water, will speedily cover the inside of a teakettle with an unpleasant crust. This may be easily guarded against by placing a clean oyster-shell in the kettle, which will always keep it in good order by attracting the particles of earth or stone.

**Scalloped Eggs:** Have some ham or tongue chopped very fine; add to it a little bread-crumbs, pepper, chopped parsley and some melted butter. Moisten with milk to make it a soft paste, and half fill some patty pans or scallop shells with the mixture. Insert an egg-stick on each, and put a pinch of salt on them, and sprinkle cracked dust over this. Place the shells in a pan and put in a moderate oven and bake until the white is set.—Boston Budget.  
**Chipped Potatoes:** Take pears not quite ripe, pare and core, and cut them into long thin strips. To eight pounds of the fruit put eight pounds of sugar, the rind of four lemons cut into strips, the juice of the lemons, one-fourth cup of oil, one cup of green ginger, and half a pint of water. Boil until the fruit is transparent if held to the light. The ginger must be first scraped thoroughly and cut fine, and the lemon peel cut into thin strips. Water until reduced to remove the bitter taste. Or you may use only thin shavings of the outer rind.—Farmer's Review.

**Crab Apple Preserves:** Take the crab apple, remove the seeds and drain without removing the stems. Boil in preserving kettle with just enough water to cover. Simmer slowly till the skin peels off easily, then drain, peel and core the apples, wash and drain. Cut the crab apples into pieces to correspond in size with the stems. Next weigh them, and allow one and one-fourth pounds sugar and one-half pint water to each pound of crab apple. Put sugar and water into kettle, and when sugar is dissolved, add the crab apples and simmer till clear and tender, skimming the scum from the top. Put away in jars or cans, with a few leaves of red pepper as jelly.—Orange Juice Farmer.  
**Pickled Onions and Cauliflower:** These pickles may be made together or separately. Select small white onions of an even size and peel them. Cut the cauliflower into pieces to correspond in size with the onions if you wish to use them together. Place in a steamer and steam till they may be pierced with a fork. Heat a quantity of vinegar in a granite or porcelain-lined kettle, adding enough white sugar to make it taste slightly sweet. Place the vegetables when steamed in self-sealing glass cans and drop in each can a few cloves and some small pieces of onion, pepper and if you have it a small red pepper pod. Fill the cans with boiling vinegar and fasten while hot. They will be ready for use when cool.—Western Rural.

**Swedish state telephone is soon to be connected with the state telephone.** The first call to the telephone numbers will be used, the telegraph clerks looking up the address. Messages may be telephoned to the telegraph office and telephoned back, thus dispensing with the greater number of clerks and messengers. Sweden nearly everyone uses the telephone.  
**Bull-headed British courage was shown in a recent sewer gas accident in London.** A man went down into a sewer and did not come up, and the sewer was full of gas. A man went down and followed, one after another, by three others. The sixth man who entered the death trap succeeded in bringing up the fifth still alive and in getting out of the hole of the sewer. A thousand and eighty-one wolves and coyotes killed in one medium-sized county would appear to be a fair record, but the farmers of Yellowstone county, Mont., who have collected bounties on them the last few years, complain about the meager results. Neighboring counties have done much better. Still, the sheep and poultry should rest a trifle easier even in Yellowstone county.

**Antismog Cow.**  
A stylish gown for the autumn is made of golden-brown English mohair, with a good and plaited skirt, five yards wide around the hem, full nut-ton-ledge sleeves draped slightly on a little of the arm, and a round waist outside pointed front and back. Three simulated box-plaits, narrowing as they go down, are lined with velvet, and edged with very narrow bronze and gold bead gimp. Loops of velvet trim the shoulders, and the same material forms the soft belt and gold buttons are placed on the upper half of the box-plait, and a clasp to match fastens the girdle. The waist is hooked in the back under the velvet plait. A very small shoulder-cape of navy blue velvet falls at the edge, and the long cape is edged with Vandyke points of bronze and gold bead passementerie. The skirt is untrimmed.—N. Y. Post.  
**Scorched Cloth.**  
What to do with scorched places on cloth is a question that never settles the careful housewife. If the scorch is not too bad, dipping the article in soap and hanging it in the sun for some hours will be likely to remove it. If the day is dull hang the place for a few days. Scorched spots that are very bad, and yet have not consumed the fibre of the goods, are said to be restorable by repeated dipping in a saturated solution of borax. The saturated solution, as the chemists call it, consists of as much salt or crystal as the water will dissolve. It is always safe to put in a little extra; if the borax stands undisturbed in the bottom of the bottle, one is sure of the full strength of the solution. Repeated dipping of this, with exposure to sun or fire light, will remove what are by most housekeepers considered hopeless discolorations.—Boston Budget.

**Small Courtships.**  
I don't go to court secret. The way to make yourself pleasant to others is to show them attention. The whole world is like the miller at Mansfield, who cared for nobody—no, not he, because nobody cared for him. And the whole world would care for you so long as you give them the same care. Let everyone, therefore, see that you do care for them, by showing them the small courtesies, in which there is no parade, whose voice is still to please, and which are almost entirely unnoted. They are the most valuable and little acts of attention, giving others the preference in every little enjoyment at the table, in the field, walking, sitting or standing.—The Atlantic's Friend.

**QUEER ANSWERS.**  
Replics Made to Examination Questions.  
Since it has been defined by Noah Webster as the "felicitous association of objects not usually connected, so as to produce a pleasant surprise," may not the pupils of some of our public schools, who are not taking literary answers to their examination questions, lay claim to it? The record as here given is bona fide, having been read during the last week at the graduation exercises of one of the leading grammar schools in this city:  
1. Who were the Pilgrims? A dirty, filthy set who lived under the ground.  
2. Name a domestic animal useful for clothing and describe its habits. The sheep is a domestic animal, because he lives in a stable.  
3. If you were traveling across the desert, where would you choose to rest? I would rest on a siol.  
4. Mention five races of men. Men, women, children and babies.  
5. Describe the white race and show that it is superior to the other races. A white man will not at you when he meets you on the street.  
6. What was the name of the first man composed? Dirt and people.

### ART OF CORRESPONDENCE.

To Write a Charming Letter on a Acquaintance.  
The most delightfully worthwhile of all accomplishments is, to my mind, that of writing charming letters. However sweet a song may be, it is evanescent as a breath, and survives in the memory only. The actual presence of those engaged in it, and the pleasure it gives depends upon many things—a melodious voice, an attractive appearance, may be cheerful rooms, congenial surroundings, freedom from the cares and interruptions of life. But it matters not how cold and bare a garret may be, nor how forbidding its outlook upon the chimney-pots under a wintry sky, or whether the lodge be in a wilderness of foreign lands, given some measure of leisure, good stationery and a convenient post office, all the world may be ours. We may daily send forth, on white wings, our highest thoughts and most graceful words, and a full need of appreciation will surely return to us.

Such a correspondence may be independent of the formalities of an introduction. No third person is needed if we wish to congratulate an acquaintance, or express our gratitude to a philanthropist, philosopher or poet. These dwellers in the realms of thought are peculiarly susceptible to this delicate form of flattery. Some men consequently have occasionally been the outgrowth of acquaintance thus begun. I knew a happy marriage to result from such a correspondence with a poet, and we all have known friendly relations ending only with the death of a poet, and we have been nourished as they were begun, by letters only.

Of course, in the high thinking that must govern correspondence bringing about such results, formulas of expression and matters of stationery are quite swept into the background. And yet I fancy the initial letters in most cases must be immaculate—prim, trim, little affairs, neat and trim as an epigram, producing something like the impression one receives from a perfectly-grooved hand extended for its first greeting.  
The introductory letters must be happily worded—clear and sans dire—but I am sure they should also be neatly written.  
A letter on earth and all ye need to know.—Kant.  
Familiarly to the injured does belong, for they prefer a friend who has done the wrong.—Butler.  
"Blessed is the humorist who originates," said the ordinary reader, "what's the greatest contemptuous critic, 'what's his greatest fault?"—Washington Star.  
"How do you like my new trolley hat?" "Trolley hat? I like it very much, but why do you call it that?" "Why, John says it's perfectly killing."—Brooklyn Life.  
FARMER GRAYNE—"I hear that your son Lyman is playin' in the college football club?" "Furder, I hear he's a terrific one." "No, an English lady." "Oh, I care 'at 'ow she was a Tartar."—Household Words.

**CHINESE TORTURE.**  
A Terrible Record of Descriptions in the Hunan Province.  
If ghastly tortures and severe punishment would stop crime, China ought to be a Utopia, with no bread and no law; yet during the past few months, mainly because of the presence of forced levies of troops in various provinces, crime has been more conspicuous than ever. The Hunan Province, especially, the Pekin Gazette's report from Hunan is appalling. Last year eighty-one men were summarily decapitated in this one province for robberies of the people. They were executed under a law which provides that in a case of robbery with violence, if but one member of a gang of robbers be armed with a gun, all are to be executed at once without regard to head or accomplice, or whether they have divided spoil. In all these cases the robbers had arms, and many of them confessed that they were disbanded soldiers.  
This list does not include over one hundred executions made in connection with the suppression of a revolt of the Kolas Hui, or secret society, whose object is to depose the present Manchou dynasty and put a Chinese in its stead.  
In Winchow the mandarin has recently taken the torture and punishment of pirates into his own hands. He actually had all the inquisitorial apparatus removed from the magistrate's court to his own official yamen and there set up. Every day ten prisoners charged with piracy are brought before him, and he amuses himself by torturing them in all the approved ways. The poor wretches are taken from the hideous jail, where vermin crawl over the floor and walls and the stench is unendurable to a European, to the yamen yard. They are so loaded with chains that they have to be helped along by an official on each side. Arrive at the yamen, they are made to kneel, without trousers, on a great heap of chains. Then a bar of wood is passed behind the knees, the back is fixed against an upright post, and pulling the victim's queue through a hole in it, the arms are stretched out and fastened to a crosspiece, and the thumbs are securely tied with cords. Then a crank is turned, and the devilish machine strains all the cords so that the poor wretch's joints are nearly pulled out of the sockets, and the agony is so great that the strongest man loses consciousness. When the sufferer has fainted servants rush forward and while several hold him in his face, others beat him with number switches. When he is revived he is taken out of the machine and returned again to the prison. The process is carried on every morning until the prisoner confesses or gives up the ghost.  
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