AGRICULTURAL HINTS

HIGHWAYS IN FRANCE.

Their Maintenance Is Reduced to a System Which Is Worthy of Praise and Emulation.

Nations which possess vast territories and which are in the habit of undertaking vast enterprises are apt to overlook details. And yet, when we stop to think, the perfection of anything and everything lies in the scrupulous attention that is to be given to details. Instruments of precision only differ with ordinary instruments in care given to details, to small perfections. An invention which is a success is the one in contriving which the inventor has given the most time to smallest particulars. The French have applied that principle to the administration of the maintenance of roads. The greatest attention has been paid to the smallest thing that contributes to the simple mending of a rut. The cantonnier who does the work is one of an administration that includes and employs the most skillful scientists and engineers in the world. The simple stone that he lays to help mend the rut has perhaps occupied 100 minds before it is put in its place. "Useless trouble," you may say. Not at all.

The object in the maintenance of roads is to have them all kept in such a state that carriages will roll upon them in the best conditions. It is, then, of the greatest importance to obviate all obstacles, all sources of resistance to the circulation, and to prevent or stop from the beginning all defects to which roads are liable.

This can only be done by constant overseeing and with a perfect organization of resources at hand, consisting of materials and manual labor.

FOR CONFINING SHEEP.

A Plan for Topping a Wall Which Gives the Animals No Chance to Gain a Foothold.

Sheep will go over a stone wall with the greatest ease. A top pole exactly over the center of the wall is not proof against their nimble feet, for it allows the sheep to place their feet on

TOPPING A WALL FOR SHEEP.

the top stones, making a jump possible. A single board, placed as shown in the cut, will retain sheep, provided the wall is not too low, since it projects into the pasture, and so gives the sheep no chance to gain a foothold upon the top of the wall. The board is shown in a perfectly horizontal position. It can be raised at an angle, if desired, by changing the shape of the bit of board that is nailed to the stake. If the land on both sides of the wall is owned by the same person, the stakes can be driven on the other side of the wall, the top end projecting over the pasture side of the wall, and the board nailed directly to the stake, without any bit of board beneath it.—N. Y. Tribune.

Give Your Farm a Name.

We name farm animals as a matter of convenience. So should we name farms. The farm with a name has a handle. The owners of farms change. Some die, more sell out and move away. It is hard to identify farms by the names of their owners or tenants. What was the Jones farm ten years ago may be the Smith farm to-day, and will be the Brown farm ten years hence. Very often indeed lawyers and others would be assisted in their work, misunderstandings and mistakes would be avoided, vexation would be escaped if farms could be identified by permanent names—names that belonged to them and not to their owners. If farms were named, it would be easy to give a preciseness to legal documents, advertisements, directions about routes, etc., that is impossible in a region of nameless farms.—Country Gentleman.

Horses Have Long Memories.

That horses remember their racing days is evidenced by the performance of Rachel B., 2:23½, by Allie West, at the Meadowlands farm one day last fall. After she had weaned her first colt by Wood Boy, it was decided to turn her out in the infield of the farm track. It was expected that the old mare would cross the track to the tract of clover in the infield, but instead she went to the sand, took the outside of the track and jogged around it three times, and then, turning above the wire, took the pole and went around. She kept going until stopped by the men. The next day when turned out she went through the same performance, and she made it necessary for the farm to find a new paddock for her. Rachel B. is 24 years old, and has not been raced in 17 years.

From the Tennessee Mountains.

A young man and young lady were walking hand-in-hand out Cedar street west of the capitol. They seemed mentally disturbed about something. Suddenly they stopped, and he accosted a passing footman with the question:

"Say, mister, kin you tell me the way to the upper gap?"

The gentleman addressed was nonplussed.

"I don't understand," he said.

"We want ter go ter th' Centennial, an' are lookin' fer the upper gap."

The dawn of intelligence appeared on the countenance of the gentleman, and he directed the rural pair to the Cedar street entrance.—Nashville Banner.

Women Making Bicycle Tires.

Work on pneumatic tires for bicycles is largely done by girls. Only where strength is required, as in putting the tire on the wooden rim, is man called into service. It is necessary when constructing tires to put the hands into the sticky mixture, which is applied to them to make them moderately impervious to injury. At first the hands are apt to crack, but they harden after awhile. Most of the girls employed in bicycle factories are very young. A few older ones are required to fasten the ends of the rubber tubes together and to put the valves in place. Such work requires judgment and deftness.—N. Y. Sun.

Compensation.

"Of cohse," said Mr. Erastus Pinkley, who was drifting into a philosophic vein, "you ain' gwinter be jes' saterfy wif dis life, not onless yoh show sense in yoh way o' lookin' at it."

"What's yoh way?" asked Miss Miami Brown.

"Yoh wants ter average flings up. It's ve'y possible dat a man may deserve ter be rich an' famous an' not git dar, but on de yuthuh han', it's ve'y possible dat a man may deserve ter be in jail an' not git dar, neither."—Washington Star.

Had His Revenge.

"I should er got dat post office," said one of Frank Stanton's colored politicians, "but dey gin it to a white man after all. But bless God I got my revenge!"

"Yo' rewenge?"

"Yes; I makes dat white man wait on me, an' fly roun' same's ef I had him hired. I goes in dar 'bout ten times a day, throw down a dollar, an holler out:

"Gimme a one-cent stamp, heah, durn quick."—Chicago Journal.

His Notion of It.

"Why," she asked, "do so many of the poets write about golden-rod? It seems as if everyone of them had tried to glorify it."

"Well," replied the man, who had worked on a farm, "the only explanation I can give is that the poets probably never tried to raise potatoes in a field where golden-rod had got a good start."—Cleveland Leader.

Man Uses Everything.

Modern man is gradually waking up to the fact that he can utilize everything. Coal is not only a source of heat and light, but a storehouse of colors, tastes, medicines, perfumes and explosives. From 100 pounds of gas tar in a ton of coal over 2,000 distinct shades of aniline dyes are made.—N. Y. Sun.

Fond Remembrance.

He—Darling, will you miss me when I am far away in a foreign land?

She—Yes, dear; but you will write to me often, won't you? What a chance it will be for me to increase my collection of foreign stamps!—Up-to-Date.

A Precedent for It.

Mr. George Washington Coonly—But doan yo' fink dat Sunbeam am a disappropriate name foh er li'l brack baby?

His Wife—What ob dat? Didn' youah mammy name yo' Gawge Washin'ton?—Puck.

Have No Photographs.

A Chinese woman can never gratify her vanity by having a photograph taken of herself, one of the customs of the celestials being that their womenkind must not be photographed.

Salts of the Ocean.

If it were not for the salts of the ocean the whole sea would become a mass of corruption, owing to the decay of the organic matter it contains.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Absorption.

"He seems to be perfectly absorbed in his family."

"Yes; even his brothers-in-law sponge on him."—Chicago Journal.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Feb. 12.		
CATTLE—Native Steers	$4 00	@$5 35
COTTON—Middling	....	@ 9⅝
FLOUR—Winter Wheat	3 90	@ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	80½	@ 80½
CORN—No. 2	46½	@ 47
OATS—No. 2	....	@ 36½
PORK—Mess New	13 75	@ 14 00
ST. LOUIS.		
COTTON—Middling	....	@ 9⅜
BEEVES—Steers	4 25	@ 5 85
Cows and Heifers	2 50	@ 4 50
CALVES—(per 100)	5 00	@ 7 25
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 75	@ 5 40
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	4 00	@ 4 50
FLOUR—Patents (new)	3 80	@ 3 90
Other Grades	3 00	@ 3 60
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	72½	@ 74½
CORN—No. 2	37½	@ 38
OATS—No. 2	26½	@ 26½
RYE—No. 2	51	@ 51½
TOBACCO—Lugs	3 50	@ 5 50
Leaf Burley	4 50	@ 12 00
HAY—Clear Timothy	10 00	@ 12 00
BUTTER—Choice Dairy	13	@ 16
BACON—Clear Rib	....	@ 8½
EGGS—Fresh	....	@ 17
PORK—Standard Mess (new)	....	@ 14 50
LARD—Prime Steam	....	@ 7⅝
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 75	@ 6 00
HOGS—Fair to Choice	5 15	@ 5 45
SHEEP—Fair to Choice	3 50	@ 4 [illegible]
FLOUR—Winter Patents	3 60	@ 3 80
Spring Patents	3 60	@ 3 80
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring	68	@ 71
No. 2 Red	73½	@ 74½
CORN—No. 2	....	@ 41⅞
OATS—No. 2	25½	@ 25⅞
PORK—Mess	13 85	@ 13 90
KANSAS CITY.		
CATTLE—Native Steers	4 50	@ 5 40
HOGS—Fair to Choice	4 90	@ 5 40
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	70	@ 70½
CORN—No. 2	....	@ 36
OATS—No. 2	....	@ 27⅞
NEW ORLEANS.		
FLOUR—High Grades	3 75	@ 4 35
CORN—No. 2	....	@ 50
OATS—Western	32½	@ 33½
HAY—Choice	18 00	@ 19 00
PORK—Standard Mess	....	@ 14 50
BACON—Short Rib Sides	8½	@ 8⅝
COTTON—Middling	9⅛	@ 9⅜
LOUISVILLE.		
WHEAT—No. 2 Red	79	@ 80⅝
CORN—No. 2	39½	@ 40½
OATS—No. 2	26⅝	@ 27½
PORK—New Mess	14 00	@ 14 50
BACON—Short Rib	8½	@ 8⅝
COTTON—Middling	....	@ 9⅛

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Had a Variety.

"What is your husband's favorite fiction?" asked the inquisitive person.

"I can hardly say at a moment's notice," said the patient wife, "whether he prefers the sick friend story or the detained at the office on business narrative."—Indianapolis Press.

Career and Character of Abraham Lincoln.

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and may be had by sending six (6) cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Good Credentials.

"Yes, it is terrible," moaned the Weeping Mother. "It is terrible to think of our little son in the hands of the kidnapers."

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Those Great Inventions.

Admiring Friend—What makes you think your discovery was so great a success?

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The next generation is a waiting race.—Chicago Daily News.

Cheap Rates to California.

February 12th and each Tuesday thereafter, until and including April 30th, Special Low Rate Colonist Tickets will be sold via the Southern Pacific's Company's "Ogden" and "Sunset" Routes to all points in California. The rate will be: From Chicago $30.00, from St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans $27.50, from Omaha, Kansas City, etc., $25.00. Corresponding low rates from all other points east and north.

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The third day after a man has put an article on sale, he becomes something of a cynic on friendship.—Atchison Globe.

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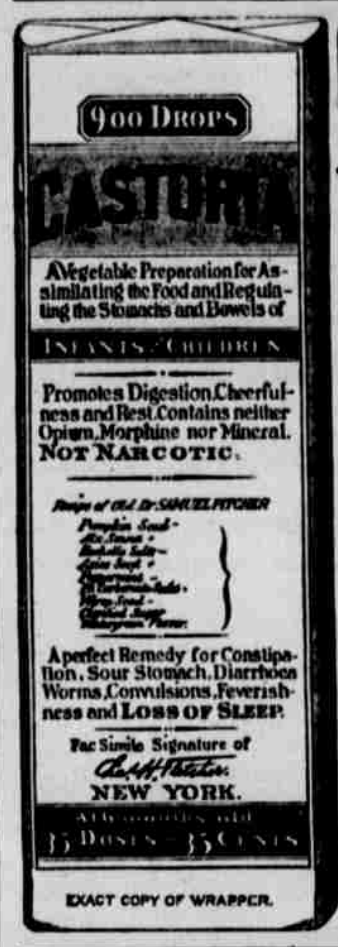

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