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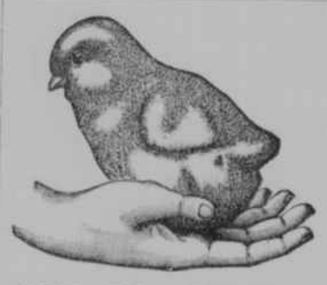

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PAVING WITH STONES.

It Can Be Done with Good Effect on All Farms Where the New Material Is to Be Found.

Since it is practicable for cities to purchase cobble stones for paving streets and gutters, it seems plain that such material would be just as useful on the farm where in many instances it may be had for the hauling. The fact is that small-sized stones if rightly placed form a most excellent surface material for places which become soft in winter from driving or tramping. Especially for a hillside road which washes into ruts after every rain, I know of nothing better than the stone pavement.

To lay a pavement of this kind, one must resolve to do the work carefully and as thoroughly as he can. If rightly done there will be no unpleasant jar to the vehicle when driving over it. The foundation or under surface should be solid. Use very little if any loose earth on which to lay the stones. After some practice it will not particularly matter whether the grade is perfect or not. If there are low places I like to utilize these for the larger stones. When paving a roadway place the larger stones in the center and the smaller at the sides. There is a knack of laying the stones which is not easily described, but is readily acquired if one is willing to experiment patiently. The stones will be of various shapes. A stone twice as large as the first is a good size. The stone should be rather long or oval. The best position is to set the stone on the end. The next best is to set on the edge, and the worst is to set it flat on the side. They should be disposed so that each stone you lay will help to keep into place the ones behind it, and when the job is done you can walk over it without disturbing any stone you touch. After the work is done spread just sufficient gravel over it to fill the crevices and no more. Clay may be used as a substitute, but gravel in some respects is better.

We have used stones for paving horse stalls with good results. Rather smaller stones than the above should be used, and they should be selected as to size. More care should be taken to prevent irregularities in the surface, and if any stone protrudes slightly it should be driven down with a sledge hammer. Go over the newly-laid surface with a hard-wood scantling placed on edge, and struck with a sledge or maul. Use fine gravel or earth as before. No doubt it would be still better to cover instead with a layer of cement. In this case the floor would probably be as good as the cement floor, but at less expense because of less cement. We have laid stone pavements at all seasons of the year, and had we the stone in abundance we would use they in preference to gravel. —National Stockman.

USEFUL CLOD CRUSHER.

Every Farmer Should Make One Before Spring Work in the Field Begins for the Year.

During the cold days of winter, when little or nothing remunerative at all is accomplishable out on the land, oftentimes can the opportunity be improved to construct many a simple and practical device with which to work when the snow melts away. Especially is this

EXCELLENT CLOD CRUSHER.

true concerning the clod-crusher pictured herewith, for not only is it useful for crushing lumpy soil, but also for rolling and smoothing land.

As can be seen, it is very simple to make, three logs as even in size and as round and true as possible being fastened inside a framework by round spikes (heavy wire nails) driven through the side pieces into the logs, in which manner the logs can turn freely. Where a large, carefully-made land-roller is not at hand, this easily constructed substitute is serviceable, for if necessary, it can be weighted.—Frederick O. Sibley, in N. Y. Tribune.

MUD AND MATRIMONY.

Perplexities Endured by a Newly-Married Couple on Account of Impassable Roads.

A paper published at Towson, Baltimore county, Md., recently published the following from one of its country correspondents:

"A reception was given by Mr. and Mrs. William Shepperd a few nights ago at their residence on 'My Lady's manor.' Unfortunately Mr. Shepperd was not present. He was detained on the road in moving a heavy load of furniture from Baltimore to his home. His team became stalled on account of the bad condition of the road, and he did not arrive home until after midnight. These are some of the perplexities newly-married people have to endure sometimes."

From a league member we learn that "the parties had been married only a few days before, and this was the reception given at the groom's home after their return from their bridal tour. Think of the groom having to miss his own reception by reason of bad roads, and imagine the feelings of the bride!" —L. A. W. Bulletin.

A Lesson from Germany.

"Many of the German highways across the country are maintained in this manner," says Cycling: "They are shaded by fruit trees. Passers-by pick up and eat any of the fruit found upon the ground, but may not take any off the trees. This rule is carried out by an efficient patrol. When ripe, the fruit is sold in one lot to the highest bidder, and the proceeds are used to keep up the roadway."

NEGRO PROPHETESS.

Dire Predictions of a Colored Chicago Street Preacher.

Washington's Birthday to See the End of the World—White Folks Doomed to Destruction—Has Many Followers.

"Betty" is a familiar figure among South side colored folks of Chicago. At one time she ranked high in their religious and social circles. To-day she is half crazed with religious frenzy and is startling the colored denizens of Dearborn street and Armour avenue with her open-air preaching and prophecies of the near-to-be destruction of the world.

It is not uncommon to see her wandering about the streets singing hymns in a loud voice and carrying an open Bible in her hand. But in the last week she has been outdoing herself and spreading an uncomfortable feeling among the more superstitious of her race.

Many have flocked to her standard, and the colored population is often treated to the unusual spectacle of a self-styled prophet giving them special warning to flee a wrath which is near at hand. If the statement of the latest prophet is to be believed, there will be no white folks saved and only those colored people who hurry into her ark of safety. The idea of a heaven with a color line drawn has caught the fancy of many of the prophet's followers.

Hence "Betty" preaches to large audiences, and, according to the Chicago Tribune, is adding daily to her list of disciples.

"God don't love ugly," the strident tones of her voice ring out in the clear, frosty air, "God don't love ugly, dat is de reason he's goin' ter destroy de white folks an' save only dose cullud people who flee de wrath ter cum. Doan stan' back dere wid yer fine clothes an' yer red necktie an' standin' collah," she calls out to a colored swell who has stopped merely to note what is going

BETTY, THE PROPHETESS.

on; "doan stan' back, but cum inter de fold. Yer doan need no red neckties in Heaven; de Lord has got robes what has bin washed in de blood of de lam'."

And then, as if overcome by the emotions of the moment, the woman closes her eyes and raises her voice in the shifting cadences of a homely melody:

"I've bin washed in de blood of de lam',
I've bin washed in de blood of de lam',
I've bin washed in de blood of de lam',
An' saved by his holy name."

When the refrain is finished she scarcely stops to catch her breath before she launches out into a torrent of invective and exhortation.

"On de 22d of February de farder of dis country was bo'n, an' on de 22d of February de Lord am goin' ter destroy de lan'. Cum into de fol', yer hard-hearted sinner, yer black-souled debbils, yer agents of der white fiens wot slays yer race, or else be forebber los'."

And so she has been going up and down the main thoroughfares of the colored community, shouting and singing her changes on the destruction of the world and of all the white people. What her following appears to lack in influence is made up in emotional enthusiasm and an implicit belief in the soundness of what might be regarded her wild prophecies.

The colored people who know her well say she has lived in Chicago for a number of years, and was at one time in good circumstances and a highly respected member of colored society. The loss of an only child seems to have wrought a complete change in her nature, and to-day she is a religious fanatic, shouting about the streets of the end of the world. The larger element of the colored people appear to take small stock in the woman and her prophecies, but she has, at the same time, a considerable following.

An old colored auntie said, after she had stood and listened for awhile to Betty's impassioned speech: "Well, I doan believe her, but suppose, honey, de worl' did come to an en' on Washin'ton's birthday? Dere cert'nly would be a hot time in ol' Chicago."

Teacher Is Out an Eyebrow.

Enos Shirley, of Terre Haute, Ind., who has been teaching school in Clinton township, Vermillion county, is shy one eyebrow and will be disfigured for life, because he tried to force the biggest boy in school into his seat. The biggest boy is likely to be prosecuted for mayhem, because he bit an eyebrow from Teacher Shirley's face as clean as if it had been removed by a surgeon. Seibert Dyer, the biggest boy in school, is 17 years old, and "big for his age," and is said to be bad for his age, too. He had pulled up some small shade trees. When reprimanded he started to leave the room. Teacher Shirley is a small man, but he undertook to put the big bad boy back in his seat. The fight ensued and the teacher lost his eyebrow.

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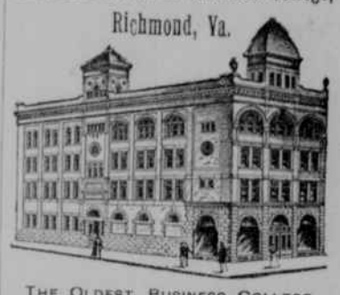

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