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HAS COME TO STAY.

Hostility to the automobile on the part of people who cannot own one, or who have suffered from "scorchers," or who are naturally timid, appears to be fast dying out.

The automobile is winning its way, just as the bicycle did before it. As it becomes cheaper it becomes more and more popular. All that is needed to make it more common in Florida is good roads. By the time we get the roads it will have become a universal fact, just as the bicycle did, and after that—well, it may go again just as the bicycle has gone.

The hostility to the "mobile" is the same hostility that we find against anything new, whether it is a self-driven wagon, a labor saving machine or a new political doctrine.

There never was a new mode of locomotion that did not in its early stages arouse dire hostility.

There was never anything new offered to humanity that a lot of people did not find fault with.

The opposition to Stephenson's locomotive is historic. Professor Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, was almost driven insane by the ridicule heaped upon him. In our own times the opposition to the trolley car has been so strong, even in New York City, as to retard its use there.

The few killings that followed the introduction of electricity on street cars filled the public with dread bordering on terror. But they have gotten used to it in cities now, or perhaps defects have been remedied. Anyway, trolley cars are now considered the safest as well as the best and cheapest method of public transportation.

The bicycle "scorchers" is still prominent and now and then he claims a victim, as of yore, but little is heard of him any more. We have gotten used to him. Perhaps we have learned to get out of his way.

It is to be the same in the case of automobiles. There have been and are abuses with automobiles—the same sort of lack brains which the bicycle scorchers shows in infringing on other people's rights. But common sense will prevail in the end.

There is really more danger to the public in cities from horses and their driving than there is from automobiles. But we are used to horses. We do not think of the danger. We have adjusted ourselves to that condition. When automobiles become as familiar we shall be able to consider them, too, without prejudice.

The automobile is the vehicle of progress. It can not be stopped. It has come to stay.

THE "SPENT MAN."

Some entries recently taken from the records kept at the municipal lodging house in Chicago are eloquent of misery. For instance—

—, 21 years old. Began work when 13 for Queen City Cotton Co.; worked steadily for five years. Seemed discouraged. Low vitality. Worked as common laborer two days. Gave up. Passed on.

Laconic pathos! Gave up! Passed on! And this:

—, 22 years old. Pennsylvania. Began work at 9; dog in glass works; steady four years; gave out; restaurant work; tramping since; power gone; passed on.

In the city lodging house this sort of man is known as a "spent man." The candle of his life has been burned at both ends. The spark of vitality has been fanned into quick consumption. Stunted in body, blunted in mind, crushed in spirit, he is no longer a man. He is a wreck—a derelict, drifting on the sea of life. He is just able to keep afloat. He "gave up." His power is gone. He "passed on."

Why should men, created in God's image and destined to three score years and ten, be old and worn out at 21? In two words—child labor.

Society made these men slaves in childhood—sentenced them to hard labor in infancy. It crushed them in one-third the time it takes Nature to make men decrepit. It put them to work as "dogs," carrying the glass blower's product to the moulding room all night long, when they should have been in their trundle beds. It bent their boyish backs to the loom when they ought to have been playing at leap-frog.

"Passed on." To what?

To tramping and vagabondage. To petty thievery. To beggary. Seldom to murder or capital crime. There is not left enough in them for such an effort. They are the floozies and jetsam of society. Firmly conscious that the world has not been quite fair to them, they are not savage. A worn out slave is not savage.

Behold your work, O goddess of greed! You killed the body and the soul of these men when they were just out of the cradle! Are you proud of your handiwork? God made them living souls; you made them things!

Spent men! Passed on! And the world must feed them. In a peculiar sense the world owes them a living. It has worn them out. It is just that the world should take care of its worn-out things. The law of compensation holds. Whatever the world sows, that shall it reap.

If it sows child labor it must reap vagabondism. Civilization needs a new Dickens to make our hearts ache at the recital of these wrongs.

AMONG FLORIDA EDITORS.

The democrats in the interior of Florida should insist upon a plank in the next democratic platform of fair and equal freight rates for the interior. The interior does not want a rate that will cripple or injure in the least any railway or that will prevent the construction of these great arteries of commerce. All it asks is an equality of rates, and this is a fair proposition.—Ocala Banner.

Bonding for roads is a heavy burden. Better follow the example of Orange county and raise the funds by means of direct taxation. The interest paid on bonds would, in itself, build many miles of good highways.—Bartow Courier-Intendant.

Florida is always busy. She is always shipping something to market. Just now it is strawberries, celery and tomatoes.—Ocala Banner.

No "old fogies" and no "slow coaches" ought to be elected for councilmen in a city like Gainesville. Select men of liberal views—not men who will be likely to countenance extravagance and waste—who will be certain to take great interest in municipal affairs and labor zealously for the advancement of the city. The best interests of Gainesville demand that at the next election the voters of the city select the best men, irrespective of party affiliation. Gainesville must prosper!—Gainesville Star.

Earl Burlington is erecting a saw mill on the site of the old shingle mill. He expects to have it in operation in a short time. Later on when it is fairly under headway he intends to put in a first class planer and keep an assortment of dressed stock on hand to supply the local demand. This is one enterprise that is very much needed here and will be appreciated by every one.—Clay County Times.

Leon county is no slouch in the way of raising vegetables its own self as well as some of our neighbors to the south of us. Yesterday Mr. W. O. Ames exhibited in this office a magnificent head of lettuce, 45 inches in circumference, a beauty to gaze upon and doubtless much prettier to the taste. He also had a sample of some luscious cultured strawberries. These samples are another evidence that the old red hills of Leon have within them the possibilities of any other section of our highly favored state and its soil only needs the proper care and cultivation to equal any of them.—Tallahassee Capital.

The Star is requested to announce that there will be held in the court house at Starke, on the 1st day of February, 1905, a general mass-meeting of the temperance people of Bradford county. The object of the meeting is to organize, and take such steps as are necessary to get up an election to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines and beer shall be prohibited in the county. A general invitation is extended to all persons who are interested in voting the county dry, and it is hoped that there will be a good meeting. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 10 o'clock a. m. Lake Butler Star.

It has been well said that "bad roads in a settled community are an open verdict convicting the people of ignorance and shiftlessness." On the other hand, good roads are a sure indication of thrift and intelligence among the people residing along their course. This is a truth that is going to be remembered by every delegate to the good roads convention at Jacksonville this week.—St. Augustine Record.

"Bob" Davis' Tribute to Judge Locke.

During the discussion of the Swayne impeachment case in the House of Representatives last week it was several times intimated that the proceedings against Judge Chas. Swayne grew out of the prejudice of the people of Florida against him because he was a northern man and a republican. Mr. Powers of Massachusetts, himself a republican, was defending the people of Florida against this charge when he was interrupted by Congressman Bob't W. Davis, who said:

Mr. Davis of Florida—I wish to say to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. Powers) that, as one of the representatives from Florida, I thank him for what he has kindly said to us. I desire to say, further, that we have two Federal Judges in my state, one for the northern and the other for the southern district. They are both northern men, and both republicans. The judge of the southern district is James W. Locke, and there is no man in Florida more honored, more loved and more respected by the people of that state than Judge Locke. (Loud applause.)

Mr. Powers of Massachusetts—I thank the gentleman from Florida for his statement concerning the matter. It covers the situation which I assumed existed in the south. I have talked with lawyers upon the floor of the House, and I find that that situation exists in nearly all the states of the south.

The Farm and Grove.

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IMMUNITY FROM COULD.

It seems almost useless to again thrash over the old straw of cold and protection, but new facts are always appearing and new people arriving who need instruction in the facts already known to their predecessors. The time is close at hand when Floridians look for danger, and know that they may be called upon to exercise both intelligence and fortitude. There is, therefore, some excuse for presenting a few simple facts which may soon be called into use. Very recently, moreover, the papers are alluding to the claims of an alleged discoverer of an absolute protection against the serious effects of cold. As this "discoverer" offers to part from his discovery for a consideration, interested parties will do well to look into the character of the guarantee he offers.

The first point to recall to the attention of those whose groves or crops are possible sufferers from untoward cold, is this: There is nothing new or chimerical in the subject of protection against cold. There are numerous means by which damage may be positively prevented. It is one thing to be able to change the temperature of a given spot, or to protect a given grove, plant or crop against damage from cold. It is quite another matter to effect a change, or secure the protection when and where needed and in an economical manner. There is a five acre orange grove in Florida entirely under roof, heated by steam radiators to the temperature of a comfortable habitation, the coldest weather. No one will for a moment suppose that the fruit produced on these heated trees is produced at a profit to the grower. So when the matter of protection is considered, it is not what is possible, but what is practical, that is profitable that interests the owner of threatened property.

It must be accepted that water is a considerable body does protect. This protection is due to the fact that water cools more slowly than air. When the air becomes cold, the water still remains warm. Protection is afforded, therefore, by the presence of a stove, or any other warm substance, makes the immediate surroundings warmer. Any article which intervenes between the source of warmth and the thing to be warmed interferes with effects. Therefore, groves, orchards, tall grass and all other obstacles to the free passage of air from the warm water to the colder neighborhood are in the way and should be removed. Neglect of this simple fact has cost individuals in Florida ruined crops and damaged groves. Many a house has been destroyed by fire.

For more moderate protection, 2 to 6 degrees, smoke rather than heat is more effective. In such cases the more smoke and the less actual heat the better will be the results. Wet straw, hay or manure are better than wood. Good fire, tall grass and other things, which are in the way of the fire, should be removed. Neglect of this simple fact has cost individuals in Florida ruined crops and damaged groves. Many a house has been destroyed by fire.

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A Graduate's Story

(Original.)
"Father," said Frank Notkins one evening when the family were sitting before a cheerful fire, "you promised me when I became of age you would tell me that story of your student life. I'm twenty-one today."

"Well, Frank, I'll keep my promise. When I was in college I made the acquaintance of a girl we will call Nancy. You see, your mother might be jealous, and I wouldn't like her to know the girl's real name. Nancy and I kept getting spouner and spouner, and her father getting on to the situation, forbade me the house. It wasn't that he had any objection to me except that I was only a college boy with two years of study before me, besides a course in agriculture, to be taken after graduation. As for Nancy, he proposed that she should spend three or four years more on her education. Perhaps if he had let us alone we might have got over it in time without making mistakes of ourselves. As it was, he drove us into one of the silliest performances on record—an elopement.

"The time we chose for this absurdity was in midwinter, just after one of the heaviest snowstorms we had had in years. Our plan was for me to pick up Nancy on the road, take her in my sleigh to the junction, get settled there, drive her back and say nothing about the matter till we had finished our education. Nancy was at the place of rendezvous all done up in furs and with a pair of cheeks which the frost tinged with the hue of red apples. She jumped into the sleigh, I pulled up the robe, and we started.

"Nancy told me that her father was suspicious of her, and she thought he had been watching her, so I had better drive pretty fast. This I did so far as I could, but the road between our college town and the junction is hilly, and the snow was deep and untrodden with occasional bad drifts. So our progress was necessarily slow. Nancy kept looking back uneasily, and when we reached the top of a rise about a mile from the town Nancy, upon glancing to the rear, gave my arm a grip, exclaiming:

"Oh, my goodness gracious!"
"Turning my head, I saw a sleigh descending the next slope behind us drawn by two horses, who were galloping through the snow, scattering it like spray. Of course I knew we were followed, and giving the horse a cut, we started down our decline, scattering the snow in the same fashion. But I knew that one horse was no match for two horses with an equal load, and it occurred to me that our plan would be nipped unless I could hit upon a stratagem.

"Nancy! I said, 'I'm going to drop you in a drift!'"
"What for?" she asked.

"I'll do it when your father is on the other side of the rise and can't see us."

"But what will I do there?"
"Lie low till he has passed, then walk home. He hasn't seen who is in this sleigh; the back is too high, and the robe behind is above our heads."

"All right," said Nancy. "This looks like a good place where we're coming to."

"I pulled up beside a drift more than ten feet deep and that I should not show any tracks, took Nancy up and tossed her feet foremost into it. The snow was light. She went down three-quarters of her length and wriggled down the rest of the way. I drove on and when I got to the top of the next hill looked back. In a few minutes the pursuing sleigh appeared, and I knew I had not been seen dropping Nancy. I kept up a good pace, hoping to draw her father on so far that he wouldn't run against her on the way back. I led him as far as the bridge, when I slowed up and let him overtake me. When he saw no one in the sleigh he looked somewhat mystified for a moment, then said savagely:

"You young rascal, what have you got under that robe?"
"Nothing."

"Yes, you have. You students think you're a match for Satan in deviltry, but you can't fool me. Pull up the robe!"

"I drew up the robe so that he could see the bottom of the sleigh. He was thunderstruck. But, too disgruntled to apologize for his mistake, he turned about without a word and drove back to town. It's four miles between the town and the junction, and since I had dropped Nancy a mile from the town I knew she would have plenty of time to get back home.

"When I saw her again she told me that when her father came in he said nothing to her about her ride, but later asked her where she had been."

"To Aunt Sarah's," she answered.

"The little liar!" put in Eleanor Notkins.

"Liar?" exclaimed the mother indignantly. "Not at all. She stopped at Aunt Sarah's on her way home so that Aunt Sarah would confirm what she intended to tell her father."

"Why, mother," asked Eleanor, "what do you know about it?"
The mother, with a vexed smile, bent again over her work.

"She ought to know," said the father, with a twinkle in his eye. "She's Nancy."

The daughter laughingly embraced her mother.

"But when were you married?" asked Frank.

"Oh, we tried it again in a week and succeeded," said the father.

"You were a pair of stilies," said Eleanor.

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Satisfaction.
Mrs. Upmore—You found a house to suit you at last, did you? Mrs. Highmus—Yes. I found one yesterday morning, and I amused myself the rest of the day by going around among the real estate agents and asking them if they had an eligible flat to rent to a family with fourteen children. You don't know how much fun it was to watch them go into convulsion fits—Chicago Tribune

Made Her Curious.
Wretch of a Man (at the club)—I say, you fellows, my wife went off to see her mother lately, intending to stay for six weeks, but I brought her home in a hurry. Do you know what I did? I sent her a paper every day with a paragraph cut out, and she was so full of curiosity to know what local news I was keeping from her that she came home at the end of four days.



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