

SMILES

A little boy, aged four years attended Sunday-school for the first time. After arriving home, his father asked him what the lesson was about. He thought a moment before answering: "The teacher said, 'Don't get scared, you'll get your quilt.'" His parents were somewhat puzzled over the answer and could not imagine what their young son meant. A little later the little girl, aged seven, with whom he had been to Sunday-school, came to play with the boy. She was asked what the Sunday-school lesson was about. She gave the correct version: "Fear not, the Comforter will come."

There's nothing to equal the Yankee sense of humor. One of the boys in the trenches, who has evidently been greatly troubled by cooties, says he knows now why the pictures of Napoleon always show him with his hand inside his shirt.

"What military experience have you had?" asked the registrar in a little town in the South, of a flashily dressed negro who had presented himself for registration.

"Ise done been shot at twice, sah."

Officer: Now, Smith, you had twenty-four hours' leave to see your wife and child. You have been away forty-eight. What have you got to say for yourself?"

Smith: "But it was twins, sir!"

Householder: "Rastus, we are house-cleaning, and I wonder if I could get you to clean the cellar."

Rastus: "Depends, suh. Ah's a specialist, suh. Ah specialize in wine an' beer cellahs."

Wife: "Hello! Dr. Bunyun? Yes? Come right away. Mr. Little has another one of his spells."

Doctor (half hour later): "Why didn't you send for me sooner? You should not have waited till your husband was unconscious."

Wife: "Well, as long as he had his senses he wouldn't let me send for you."

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Willets is able to be out again. It is nearly two months since she kicked at the cat, and broke her knee-cap against the door. Society has missed her very much.

Guide: "Sir, there is an extraordinary echo to be heard at this spot. For instance, suppose you shout, 'Two mugs of beer' as loud as you can, and listen."

Simple Tourist: "Two mugs of beer!" (Pause.) "I can't hear the echo."

Guide: "No, sir? Well, anyhow, here comes the beer."

He held her tightly in his khaki-clad arms till she wondered at his silence and gently murmured:

"Do you love me, my hero?"

"Yes," he sighed.

"Yes, what?" she softly queried.

"Yes, sir," and then he knew his foot had slipped!

Colonel (to Rastus): "Don't you know enough to salute your superior officer?"

Rastus: "Don't be offended, kunnell. When ah'm peevish this way, ah don't even speak to mah own mothah."

"When I come around again, the surgeon says to me: 'I'm blooming sorry, mate, I don't know what I was thinking about,' he says, 'but there's a sponge missin', and I believe it's inside yer.' 'What's the odds,' I says, 'let it be.' And there it is to this day."

Gullible Old Gentleman: "Bless my soul!"

Unable Seaman: "I don't feel no particular pain from it, but I do get most uncommonly thirsty."

Negro Sergeant: "When I say 'Bout face!' you place de toe of yo' right foot six inches to de rear of de heel of yo' left foot and jus' ooze aroun'."

Rastus, awakened by reveille, got up, and, scratching himself, remarked: "Man, ah feel like fohty cents this mawnin'."

"What do you mean, nigguh?" asked Mose; "you mean thirty cents."

"Ah said fohty cents," replied Rastus; "don't forget to add that wah tax."



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GOOD REASONS FOR GOOD ROADS

There is a worthy movement on foot for better roads. Every business man, every home provider, and every motorist should support it. Good roads benefit all classes of people in their everyday life.

This vast country has grown so enormously and so fast that its railroads cannot deliver the goods, nor carry the people as the prosperity of the country and present demands require.

With good roads the farmer can deliver all his products direct to towns within a radius of fifty or more miles and though making more profit himself, he is reducing the high cost of living.

The merchant is able to take advantage of new sources of supply, to buy his stock under favorable conditions, and give it on sale to his customers in less time than he could have secured delivery by the slower and costlier railway express and freight service. With motor trucks he can then redeliver to his customers and give better service over a larger territory. Automobile delivery will increase his business, lessen his cost, and increase his profits.

Millions of dollars are lost every year through perishable goods spoiling on the railroads because of freight delays and complications. Intercity motor express over distances of a hundred or more miles has already become a profitable business where good roads exist. Single large firms have actually saved over \$100,000 yearly by using motor trucks and they will undoubtedly contribute largely to organized improvement of roads.

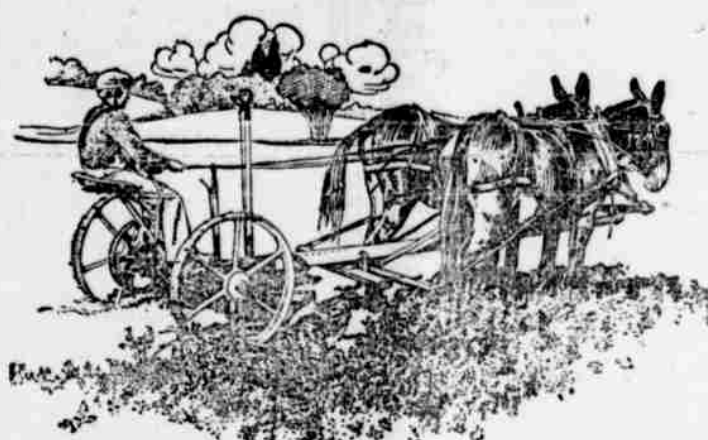
Good roads are a paying investment. Local authorities in cities, towns and counties should act without delay to meet the growing national and local demands before trade goes in other directions. It is almost impossible to get back the lost advantage after other districts have won it.

Good roads bring automobilists. They spend money. Good roads bring trade, and increase property values. They attract home-seekers and industries. This country has more than six million automobile owners, one to every eighteen of the population, and about fifteen of those ride in automobiles. Owners will not go where bad roads exist and risk costly damage to their car, not only to tires but to the battery equipment used for starting, lighting and ignition. With ignition gone wrong a car cannot travel, though that difficulty is rarely experienced if magneto ignition is used.

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