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## ROAD BUILDING EXPERIMENTS

Results of Tests Made Near Harrisburg, Pa., of New Methods.

Important changes in the matter of constructing state highways are likely to be made as a result of experiments being conducted by the Pennsylvania state highway department. These were begun two years ago, when it became apparent that under the stress of increasing automobile traffic the ordinary standard macadam roads could not be kept in first class condition without expensive repairs.

The various experiments have been made in the vicinity of Harrisburg, in order to be frequently inspected. The first was a piece of road built on what is called the penetration system in 1908. Upon the usual foundation was placed a layer of crushed stone, half the thickness of that ordinarily used in macadam construction, and into the interstices was poured an asphaltic oil containing about 80 per cent of asphalt. The surface of the road was then covered with dry stone screenings and the mass rolled. Although subjected to heavy traffic for over a year, the road shows but little evidence of wear and is nearly dustless.

Two pieces of road closely resembling the ordinary sheet asphalt pave-



SPRINKLING ASPHALTIC OIL

ment, which were built last year, show practically no evidence of wear. Telford blocks, laid by hand, were used as a foundation, and on top of this was placed a mixture of crushed stone and asphalt, mixed hot and rolled. A surface of fine stone screenings and asphalt was placed over this.

Another experimental road now being constructed has a telford base, upon which is placed a layer of crushed stone and asphalt mixed with the stone cold and the asphalt hot. The surface is sprinkled with hot asphaltic oil and covered with a thin coating of coarse stone screenings.

These various methods exceed the cost of ordinary macadam by at least 25 per cent, but this extra cost is supposed to be more than compensated by the reduced cost of upkeep.

The department is also experimenting with a dust layer for ordinary macadam roads known as glutin. It is a byproduct of wood pulp making. The liquid has the consistency and appearance of tar. It is soluble in water, and one of its peculiarities is that each succeeding rainfall renews the bonding or cementing qualities of the compound. A piece of road dressed with it early this season is being carefully watched by the department.

## A BOON TO ANY STATE.

Money Value of a Hard Wagon Road to the Farmer.

The reduction of a cent or two in railroad rates or a similar increase is of far less importance to the farmer than the condition of the wagon road on which he hauls his produce to the railroad. If he must waste a day going and coming, if he must haul a small load for fear of getting stuck en route, if sometimes he cannot get through the road at all, even though the market price of his product be at that time unusually high, what does a slightly lower or higher rate on the railroad profit or harm him?

On the other hand, a hard, level road is his good servant. He can make the trip thereon quickly at almost any season of the year. He can haul a large load and so have to make the trip less frequently. A good road means, therefore, a practical reduction in the cost of getting his products to market. It means more money for every bushel of wheat or potatoes or other crop. It means a lower cost for all the supplies he buys in town.—Minneapolis Journal.

## Bad Roads Did It.

A farmer plod, so we've been told, With a team of horses strong Drove down the road with a heavy load While singing his merry song. But his mirth in song was not so long, For his horses gave a leap, As he ran amuck in the mud he stuck Clear up to his axles deep. Bad roads did it!

And a wheelman gay went out one day For a joyful morning spin, With the weather bright, his heart was light, As he left the country inn, But he went not far when he felt a jar Which started his troubles and care. He was laid up ill, while the doctor's bill Came in with the one for repairs. Bad roads did it!

In an automobile of wood and steel A millionaire prim and neat Went out for a ride by the river's side In style that was hard to beat; But, alas, he found that the broken ground And the ruts and the holes so great Had smashed a wheel of his automobile— What he said we cannot relate. Bad roads did it!

But we're glad to say there shines a ray Of hope that will right this wrong When in every state they will legislate To help the good roads along. So the man with his wheel or automobile Will never again get blue, And the farmer with smiles will travel for miles.

On a road that is fit to use, Good roads will do it!  
—Harry Hillard in Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

## What "Hamlet" Lacked.

In a mining camp town "Hamlet" was one evening given by a strolling company, and this is the criticism that appeared next day in the local papers, written by the miner dramatic critic:

"There is too much chinning in this piece. The author is behind the times and seems to forget that what we want nowadays is hair raising situations and detectives.

"In the hands of a skillful playwright a detective would have been put upon the track of Hamlet's uncle, and the old man would have been hunted down in a manner that would have lifted the audience out of their cowhides.

"The moral of the piece is not good. The scene where Hamlet sasses his mother is a very bad example to the rising generation.

"Our advice to the author is more action, more love-making and plenty of specialties. The crazy girl scene should be cut out altogether and a rattling good song and dance substituted."

## Charles V. at Table.

Emperor Charles V. of Austria, by far the most powerful ruler of his day, was thus described as he appeared at table by Roger Ascham, secretary to the English ambassador, in 1550: "I stood hard by the emperor's table. He had four courses; he had a good beef—very good—roast mutton, baked hare; tueses he no service in England. The emperor hath a good face, a constant look; he fed well of a capon; I have had a better from mine hostess Barnes many times in my chamber. He and Ferdinand, king of the Romans, ate together very handsomely, carving themselves where they list, without any curiosity. The emperor drank the best that ever I saw; he had his head in the glass five times as long as any of us and never drank less than a good quart at once of Rhenish wine." It was notorious that the emperor ate and drank immoderately, and as a natural result he suffered terribly from gout from the time he was thirty years old.

## Game to the Last.

Douglas MacDonald and his old cronies, Donald MacDougal, were once opposed to each other in a famous curling match, and the last two stones to finish the game were the two cronies'. Donald MacDougal, with enormous deliberation, threw his stone. He threw it well. He made what is called a pat lid and jumped for joy. Then it was Douglas MacDonald's turn. His case seemed hopeless, but such a spid, did throw did he make that the pat lid was knocked off, and his stone lay at the side of the tea, winning the game. In his joy the old fellow jumped sky high. He came down so hard that he broke right through the ice. He sank, but, bobbing up again, he shouted from the cold water: "Hi, lads, we've won, and if I dinna come out o' here alive be sure ye pit that stone on my grave!"—Exchange.

## Dirt and Death.

When a celebrated Paris physician was asked how the city could prevent the coming of a plague then ravaging other European places he answered, "Boll your ice!" That tersely called attention to the necessity of utter cleanliness and that even ice made from impure water carried disease. "Yellow fever," said Henry Ward Beecher, "is God Almighty's opinion of dirt." The chief contributing cause toward modern efficiency in surgery is that surgeons have learned to keep clean. Nothing is so spotless as a good hospital. Everything is bodied and sterilized—beds, instruments, clothing, washrags, floors, hands and finger nails. That is why they save lives there. Nobody would die if he could keep perfectly clean. Death is the final triumph of dirt.—Chicago Tribune.

## He Understood the People.

One of Jay Gould's campaigns as a dealer in railroads was with the Wash system of railroads. He got control and after effecting a reorganization which increased the capital stock and also the bonded debt sold them out. It is related of him at this time that an associate said to him, "Mr. Gould, don't you think you are bonding this much higher than the property will stand?" "That may be," answered he, "but the American people are mighty partial to bonds."

## She Has Positive Proof.

The Cook—Sure, an' ye don't mane to tell me that ye think it's bad luck to break a mirror? The New Maid (earnestly)—I don't think; I know it. The Cook—Glory be! An' how do ye know it? The New Maid—Every time I break one I lose my job.—New York Journal.

## Part of the Role.

"Shall we pose as millionaires or as foreign dukes at the hotel?" "As the latter, my boy. As millionaires we might be expected to display some evidences of wealth, but as dukes nobody can possibly take it amiss if we skip."—Kansas City Journal.

## Currying No Favor.

"Lend a hand, Hiram, and help ketch the alderman's pig." "Let the alderman ketch his own pig. I'm out of politics for good."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Taken at His Word.

Creditor—Suppose I'll have to wait till the day of judgment for what you owe. Debtor—Yes; call late in the day, though.—Fliegende Blätter.

Thought works in silence; so does virtue. One might erect statues to silence.—Carlyle.

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We knew that the method was wrong. That the after effects only weakened the bowels. But we had no gentle laxative in the old days. So we waited as long as we could, then took a big dose of physic. The method today is to take one Cascaret at a time—just as soon as you need it. Then the bowels are always clean. They cost only 10 cents per box at any drug store.

## MARK TWAIN'S MAXIMS

A Few Taken From His Book, "Pudd'nhead" Wilson

We ought never to do wrong when people are looking.

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.

Nothing is so ignorant as a man's left hand, except a lady's watch.

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

When in doubt, tell the truth.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford to and when he can.

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

Hunger is the handmaid of genius.

Every one is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice.

Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed down-stairs a step at a time.

It is your human environment that makes climate.

It is easier to stay out than get out.

Man is the only animal that blushes or needs to.

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist but you have ceased to live.

Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

In statesmanship get the formalities right; never mind about the moralities.

First catch your Boer, then kick him.

I have traveled more than any one else, and I have noticed that even the angels speak English with an accent.

## Early Home of Dickens.

Pall Mall Gazette.

Johnston street, Somers Town where the London County Council have decided to erect a memorial tablet to Charles Dickens, was associated with what was practically the first ray of sunshine that broke through the clouded sky of the novelist's childhood. It was in 1825, when Dickens was 13, that a sudden improvement in his father's finances enabled the family to leave the Marshalsea prison and take a house in Johnston street.

For Charles, who had boarded out during his father's detention in the debtors' prison, this meant the resumption of home life. It meant also relief from the slavery in the blacking factory, for his father was now able to send him to a fairly good school in the neighborhood of their new abode. The Dickenses remained in Johnston street for four years and descriptions of the locality occur, it will be remembered, in Nicholas Nickleby and Bleak House.

Banker Charles W. Morse is crushed because of the refusal of President Taft to pardon him. His wife is coming to live with him.

## FRUIT CAKE

A Recipe Which Can Be Depended Upon

Dorothy Avery Howard in Washington Herald.

If you have not already made your fruit cake hasten to get them out of the way this week, for the week before Christmas will find you in such a rush that the cakes may not be a success. There are all kinds of recipes for this annual cake baking, but many of them are no good. The experienced housekeepers will need no advice on the subject, but to the young bride, who has never tried to make this kind of cake, which is called one of the most difficult to undertake, a few suggestions and a tried recipe may not fail of appreciation. She need not fear to trust these, as they have been tested by one of the best housekeepers I know. And the cake is not as expensive as some which taste no better. One pound of butter, 1 pound of sugar, 12 eggs, 1 pound of flour, 2 teaspoons each of cinnamon and mace, 1 teaspoon each of allspice and nutmeg, 1.2 teaspoon of cloves, 2 pounds raisins, 2 pounds currants, 1 pound citron, 1 pound almonds (after shelling), 1 wine glass of brandy, and 1 lemon. Cut the citron in rings, blanch the almonds and chop fine. Mix all the fruit but the citron with enough to coat it. Mix spice with sugar, cream the butter, add sugar, the beaten yolks, beaten whites, lemon rind and juice, brandy, flour and fruit.

A pan with a stem in the middle makes the cake soak better, since the heat radiates all through it. Line the pan with grocers' dark-brown paper, which has been greased, to keep from burning.

Another thing which is most important of all, do not attempt to bake the cake yourself unless you are experienced in this line; for this is the test of cake making, and you cannot afford to throw away the ingredients of fruit cake or have it burned. Even some of the best cake makers send their Christmas cakes to a reliable baker, who charges only 25 cents for relieving them of all the responsibility, to say nothing of the saving in their gas bill and their time. When the cake is done, sprinkle it every few days for a week or so with port or some good wine, to insure it from getting too dry.

Now, I have figured out just the exact cost of the cake; the materials of which were bought in Washington last week at prevailing prices of the green grocery stores.

For a thirteen-pound cake there are one or two slight changes in the recipe.

Two pounds raisins	.20
Two pounds currants	.25
One pound citron	.25
One pound almonds	.50
One pound figs	.20
Three pounds flour	.10
Twelve eggs	.40
One pound butter	.38
Spices	.10
Wine and brandy	.10
Baking	.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.73</b>

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## Crab Makes Its Own Wig.

There is a small crab found upon the English coast that is so afraid of his enemies that he has found out, or has perhaps been taught, a clever way to hide himself.

The writer once saw one of these crabs which was kept as a pet, and he was luckily enough to visit him when he was in the very act of making his wig. The crab first tore off a piece of green, ribbonlike seaweed with his pincers and put one end in his mouth.

This he sucked and nibbed and moistened with some kind of glue that hardens under water, and then he pressed the sticky end upon his back. By and by his broad back was covered with a regular green and waving wig, so that as he crawled about he looked like a bunch of seaweed in gentle motion.

We must suppose that he makes a very sweet mouthful for a hungry fish and that makes the wig to preserve him from being gobbled up. From time to time the wig requires repairing of course.—Ex

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