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H Poem for Today

YOUTH AND AGE

By Susan Coolidge



youth could know what age knows without teaching, Hope's instability and Love's dear folly. The difference between practicing and preaching, The quiet charm that lurks in melancholy, The after bitterness of tasted pleasure; That temperance of feeling and of words Is health of mind, and the calm fruits of leisure

Have sweeter taste than feverish zeal affords; That reason has a joy beyond unreason; That nothing satisfies the soul like truth: That kindness conquers in and out of season—
If youth could know—why, youth would not be youth.

If age could feel the uncalculating urgence The pulse of life that beats in youthful veins, And with its swift, resistless ebb and surgence Make light of difficulties, sport and pains; Could once, just once, retrace the path and find it, That lovely, foolish zenl, so crude, so young, Which bids defiance to all laws to bind it And flashes in quick eye and limb and tongue, Which, counting dross for gold, is rich in dreaming, And, reckening moons us suus, is never cold, And, having naught, has everything in seeming-If age could do all this, age were not old.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT, in driving over good roads as compared

THE MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAYS IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE.

Hillions Spent Annually on Them Advantages of These Bonds to the Farmers - What Good Highways Would Do For America. The question of good roads is para-

mount to every other now before the American people. It appeals to all classes and to all interests. Its proper solution will be of more benefit to the great masses of people than the building of the Panama canal. It will do more to extend the trade and commerce of the country. It will add more to the happiness, intelligence and prosperity of the people and will contribute more than anything else to their social elevation and moral strength. The amount of time saved in domestic commerce over and above that now expended in passing over the execrable highways of the country will go far to educate the people of the United States. The internal commerce of this country is probably equal to the entire international commerce of the world. Our for-eign commerce in 1902 amounted to \$2,-285,040,859. The agricultural products made nearly 63 per cent of the whole, or considerably more than all other products combined. Nearly all this vast amount has to pass over public roads to reach railway stations or a

There are some things in the old world from which we should draw instruction and wisdom. France has the best roads on earth, divided into four classes: First, national; second, departmental; third, military, and, fourth, unal. The national roads are ury. The departmental roads are a charge upon the departments through which they pass. The military roads are usually kept up by the gover but sometimes the government is alded in this work by the department through which the roads pass. The communal roads, like our civil district and townroads, like our civil district and township roads, are kept up by the communes, but even these receive assistance from the government when they pass through thinly populated regions. The national roads are paved like a street and have an average width of fifty-two and a half feet. The departmental roads are thirty-nine feet wide, and the other roads vary in width.

Not less than \$7,000,000 is annually ex"We want to get some particulars pended by the French government in making new roads and repairing old

The maintenance of roads in England is vested by parliament in turnpike trusts and highway boards empowered to levy local rates on all property. The revenues raised for repairing and building roads is over \$15,000,000 a year. This is equivalent to over 40 cents an acre, or over \$256 a square mile, for all the territory in England and Wales. If the same amount was levied by the United States in proportion to area, excluding Alaska and our new possessions, it would amount to about \$77,-

Among the many great advantages of these good roads in France and Engand is one that has not been mentioned in any discussion of the road question. A French farmer rarely carries his produce to market when he can work in the field. The time selected for doing this work is bad rainy days or very cold days, when no work can be done on the farm. At such a time the little covered wagon is filled with produce. The farmer is able to draw three or four times as much to market three or four times as much to market as a farmer can in Iowa or Tennessee. It has been estimated that it requires ten days' hauling on an average for each farmer in the United States to carry his produce to, market. The twelfth census reported 5,739,756 fasks in the United States, the number of persons over ten years of age engaged in agriculture at 10,488,219. On the supposition that it takes ten days a year to deliver the produce of each farm to market it will be seen that in the aggregate there are over 57,000,000

farm to market it will be seen that in the aggregate there are over \$7,000,000 days consumed in delivering the prod-uce of the farm to the railroad or to market. If this work is all done at a time when other work can be done on the farm and when the teams and men should be busy at other work it will cost \$114,000,000 annually to deliver the crops to market, allowing \$2 a day for man and team.

But this is not all. The increased tomage that may be drawn over good reads with the same team as compared with the tomage carried over had reads will shorten the time now required for the work and will make another great saving. So it may be set down as a fact that good roads will save an innocease sum in dolivering produce to market. There are many important becefits that need only be maintioned here—for instance, saving the wear and tear of wagons, the injury to teams, the losses of time going to and returning from market places, pleasure each one experiences

with bad ones, the social and moral effects of good roads and their contribu tion to domestic felicity, the largely-in-creased value of farm properties when situated on good roads instead of bad nes, facilities with which children may reach the schoolhouses and the means of consolidating small and in ferior schools into large graded ones. All these things would come as corol-

laries to good roads. We want permanent roads that will mark this age, as the Applan way marked the age of Applus Claudius Caecus, which, though built twenty-three centuries ago, is still in use. We should build roads of such character that the beginning of the twentieth cenall be referred to in the thir in the era of good road building.-J. B. Killebrew, Government Road Ex

Seaside Geometry.

In the Alleynian, the school mag azine of Dulwich, appears a witty paper on "Seaside Geometry," from which we take the following: Definitions.—The landlady of boarding house is a parallelogramthat is, an oblong angular figure which cannot be described, but which is equal to anything.

All the rooms being taken, a singie room is said to be a double room. Postulates.—A pie may be pro-duced any number of times. The clothes of a boarding house

bed, though produced ever so far both ways, will never meet. Any two meals at a boarding house are together less than one

square meal. On the same bill and on the same side of it there shall be two charge for the same thing.-London Ex-

press. The New Cop at a Fire. There was a fire the other day uptown, and reporters sprang up from everywhere and made for the scene. A green policeman, swelling visibly with importance, was trying to keep back the curious, who wou have hampered the movements of the firemen. When the newspaper men pushed their way through the

"We want to get some particulars about the fire."

"Ah, g'wan; get out of here!" he growled. "You can read all about it in the papers tomerrow."-- New York Press.

Hundred Mile Ocean Boulevard A syndicate of landowners in the New Jersey coast towns has employed a firm of Newark (N. J.) lawyers t draft, for presentation to the next leg-ialature, a bill looking to the construction of a boulevard along the whole sea front of the state, from the Atlan-tic Highlands to Cape May, says a Newark dispatch to the Philadelphia Press. The plan is to have the great enterprise undertaken by the state. That will obviate the obstacles some of the coast towns are disposed to throw in its way. Most of the have ocean drives of their own. It will only be necessary to link these ocean boulevard. The state will have to fill in the gaps. If the boulevard should be built it will be 100 miles long-the most extensive sesside drive in the world.

Reference has frequently been maj to the fact that the men who have millions at their disposal and are destrous of handing their names down to posterity as philanthropists, instead of endowing coheges, libraries, erecting monuments, etc., should build roads over which posterity may travel, says
the Good Roads Magazine. In the light
of the present it would appear that
nothing could be more philanthropic or
do more good to mankind in general
than the iniliding of roads of this kind. A road would last for all time and would benefit far more people than the library or some other public institu-tion. Who will be the first to make himself famous by building a memo-

The sobriquet "Father of His Country" was first applied to Ma-rius, the Roman officer who, B. C. 102 and 101, won signal victories ever the northern barbarians. Ma-rius declined the honor, but the name was afterward given to Cicero, then to several more or less worthy Roman emperors and finally to Washington, who by his enemies was also termed the "Stepfather of His Country."

SUGAR CANE SIRUP. Results of Two Years' Experiments

> Dr. H. W. Wiley of the bureau of chemistry at Washington has made a cane and its manufacture into table ered until too late to attempt treat canes are grown in the regions of the gold and cremated.
>
> South Atlantic and the gulf, where the gled and cremated.
>
> The treatment is mainly preventive. climate is favorable to the production of sugar cane. The soil of these localities, as it well known, is composed largely of sand, and the native forest ing. Quarantine all new birds brought be grown on rich alluvial soils. The birds. Spray the runs and all parts high purity of the julees of many of of the buildings with a strong solution the canes grown in this region attest of creolin or a 1 per cent solution the accuracy of this theory.

What Fertilization Will Do. nage of sugar cane produced per acre

The results of the agricultural experiments show that it is comparative—soft food and fed sparingly. All drop-ly easy on the sandy soils mentioned to pings should be disinfected and burned duce crops of from fifteen to twen- or buried deeply. ty-five tons per acre.

carried out in co-operation with practical Georgia cane growers and strup makers, and further details of them checked. makers, and further details of them as bulletin 93 of the bureau of chem-

Corn Belt Type of Pig. Today pigs readily mature at eight to ten months. The corn belt type is compact, blocky and short legged, with well developed shoulders, back, loin and hams, has a quiet disposition, a marked tendency to obesity and early maturity and is frequently deficient in bone and in reproductive power. This type is largely the outgrowth of feed, especially the use of corn, and environment. Another factor in the development of this type has been the market demand for young hogs weighing from 200 to 300 pounds.

It is fortunate for farmers that the market demands a type of hog that is the natural outgrowth of a comm feed and environment, as it is a well established fact that the risk is less and the gains more economical with an early maturing type than a late maturing hog.-Exchange.

In Feeding Sugar Beet Pulp. experiment station that an important at that time. Regent is a massive bird consideration in feeding sugar beet with true Minorca shape. He was pulp is cleanliness in the management bred and is owned by George H. of troughs and feeding places when pulp is used. Only such amounts of pulp must be fed at one time as the cattle will clean up with reasonable value at \$1,500. waste. Unless this be done the troughs will become filled with frozen pulp in the winter and with foul, soured pulp the winter and with foul, soured pulp It should be no easy matter to name during the warm weather. Also it was a breed that is as well suited to observed that estile would not eat pulp that had been nosed over and breathed upon previously. It was found to be born look dirty, the Plymouth Rock folly to place a large quantity of the feed in the troughs with the intention of having a single feed last the many tractable in disposition, of having a single feed last the greater lays a very large egg of a clear, chalky of having a single feed last the greater may a very may easy of a case, clear, or part of the day. That practice resulted in overfeeding the cattle at a single feed and causing an unlimited waste of pulp.

The plumage does not abow the dirt, and the Minorca if properly attended to will still look a handsome,

Ohio Tohnecu.

The United States department of agriculture has just issued a builetin (No. 29, bureau of soils) giving an account of its experimental work in the growing of Cuban seed lenf tobacco in growing of Cuban seed ient tobacco in the Miami valley. This work, conduct-ed by the bureau of soils, was begun in 1992 and has extended over three sea-ley and has extended over three sea-three pounds; hemp seed, three pounds; grow pounds; the pounds; hemp seed, three pounds; grow granulated bone, three pounds; fine granulated bone, three pounds; fi sons. The results achieved are pro-nounced very satisfactory. Already a majderable number of growers are roducing the Cuban seed lenf, and in-cations point to a largely increased roduction of this type for cigar filter urposes. The production of other types of tobseco, especially the Zimmer Spanish and Ohio seed lenf, is also discussed in the bulletin.

ing formula for the lessening of the approve pett: "Take some less of wines and hemlock juice, temper them to gether and steep a quantity of wheat therein for the space of one night. Then place the same in a spot where the birds resort to feed, and when they have esten thereof they will drop down lead drunk. Too note that the figure is still soft press into it seed of water cress which has been soaked for some hours in soft lukewarm water.

When the figure is well associated the figure is well. place the same in a spot where the birds resort to feed, and when they have eaten thereof they will drop down dead drunk. Too noich hemilock should not be used or there will be a danger of polanting the birds and readering then unwholesome food."

When the figure is well covered with a filled with soft inkewarm water mixed with a bit of unliaked lime. Before long the figure will be covered with a beam-tiful velvety green closk.

CHOLERA IN FOWLS.

Treatment Is Mainly Preventive-Inte Infected Birds. Medicinal treatment for true choles report on the investigations that have is of little value. The disease is a en under way in the culture of sugar rapidly fatal that it is rarely discov alrup at Wayeross and Cairo, Ga., of the principal problems presented for solution. Dr. Wiley notes first the agricultural problem. This relates to the character of the soil on which the canes are grown in the regions of the rest of the flock they should be stran-

the soil is perhaps less than that of al- As soon as the disease is discovered most any other forest growth; hence it happens that the virgin soil of these regions is not only deficient in the mineral elements of the plant food, or leave the case of the plant food, or leave the disease is discovered establish a peathouse remote from the other poultry buildings, a place that can be easily and thoroughly disinfected. Isolate all suspected cases in owing to the fact that they are composed chiefly of siliceous material, but
also in material of organic origin—
namely, humus. The natural fertility snough to turn it faintly milky, or which these soils have when first culti- give them drinking water in which has vated is therefore rapidly exhausted been dissolved one one-tenth of a grain by the ordinary system of cropping tablet of corrosive sublimate to the which has been practiced. It is a fact quart of water. A good home remedy which has been established by observa- in any severe diarrhea and often in tion and experiment that soils which mild cases of cholera is to drop twenty are somewhat deficient in fertility produce crops of exceptionally fine texture and character. This is due probably to the fact that an overabundance of plant food forces a plant to a somewhat coarse as well as vigorous to the disease bad better be killed cases of cholera is to drop twenty to thirty drops of spirits of camphor on sugar and dissolve the whole in a plant of water. Place this before the sick birds and allow no other drink.

All birds which show marked symptoms of the disease bad better be killed growth, thus modifying to a certain and cremated at once. This is safest extent the quality and flavor of the and best. Kill them by strangling out food products which grow upon it. It by a sharp blow with a blunt club, breaking the neck. Do not draw blood, is probable therefore that soil of limited fertility, such as the sandy soils of the regions mentioned, while producing a smaller crop of sugar cane will give one of greater purity and therefore of greater suitability for the fell. Rake up and burn all litter used the property of the pages of runs occurred by infected. manufacture of table strup than could in houses or runs occupied by infected

Some of the quarantined birds may According to Dr. Wiley, the results recover without other medicine than of the experimental work show that that advised for the drinking water, as without judicious fertilization the tonbefore mentioned. The proportion of creolin is about one teaspo is very small, falling sometimes to five tons and even less per acre. On the other hand, by judicious fertilization, other hand, by judicious fertilization, by proper rotation of crops and by the growth of cowpeas and other leguminous plants which help to furnish nitrogen for succeeding crops it is pos-sible on the sandy soils above describ-treated in the case of valuable birds. ed to secure very fair yields of sugar, These I give a one one-thousandth of a thirty-nine tons per acre having been grain tablet of corrosive sublimate harvested in one instance. Food given should be easily digeste

If no new cases develop within The experiments in question were twenty days after the last known case

A Grand Minores

The rose comb Black Minorca cock egent, whose picture is here reproduced from American Poultry Journal was the winner of first prize at the St. Louis exposition and created a sensation among the breeders and fanciers



MINORCA COCK BESCHIT.

well groomed fowl even in the most dingy surroundings .- A. V. Meersch.

Ration For Chicks. months try this mixture: Wheat, fifteen pounds; cracked corn, ten por beef scraps, two pounds; fine grit, three pounds; crushed charcoal, two pounds. Add clabber and green bone twice a week.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Moisten the Dust Bath. Moisten the dust bath slightly, as the fowls' natural dust bath consists of moist dust and not the dry powdered dust, as is supposed by the majority

VALUE OF WIDE TIRES. The Cost of Hauling Greatly Reduced by Their Use.

Wide tires should be used on all heavy vehicles which traverse stone roads, says the Kansas City Star. A six or seven inch macadam road will last longer when wide tires are used than a ten or twelve inch road of the same material on which narrow tires From the limestone quarries at Split

Rock to the works of the reducing

sompany in Geddes, Onondaga county, N. Y., is about four and one-half miles Three or four years ago the work of improving this four and one-half miles of roadway was accomplished. Rough largely of sand, and the native forest which once covered them was almost which once covered them was almost exclusively of pine. The pine tree is for hatching unless you know they are exclusively of pine. The pine tree is for hatching unless you know they are for hatching unless you know they are for hatching unless you know they are hand broken to two and three inch from almost any other forest growth, than almost any other forest growth, then almost any other forest growth, the forest growth almost any other forest ing stone over this road with wide tires and axies of different length, as follows: Front tire, seven-eighths of an tance between centers of front wheels, four feet five inches; the rear wheels wide, the distance between center of rear wheels being five feet eight inches.

front and three inches rear. The constant use of these wagons luring the last three years has produc ed a smooth, compact and regular sur-face between the quarry and the works. The wide tires and varying gauges excited much attention at first, and conflicting opinions regarding their utility were expressed. The result is eminently in their favor, and a general sentiment supports the use of these wagons for heavy loads. Loads of stone varying from 8,000 to 16,000 pounds are continuously hauled over this road with no perceptible wear. The cost per ton of hauling stone has been reduced from 80 cents to 60 cents, and a team can easily earn from \$3.50 to \$4 per day hauling wall stone, making two round trips of nine miles each total of eighteen miles per day.

HIGHWAYS OF SWEDEN.

ow the Government Aids in Build-ing Good Ronds. At the St. Louis good roads conven-tion Captain A. H. Bernhardt of Stockholm, Sweden, referring to the matter of how the Swedish government and congress gave their aid and support in building good roads, said that the means for building roads were appro-priated by congress in funds partly for estimating the cost and partly for the

onstruction of the roads.
"The means are distributed by the ment," he said. "The whole country is divided into road maintaining districts, each one being independent of the other. All expenses of maintaining the public roads are defrayed by the respective districts, with the exception of 10 per cent that is paid by the state. When a road is to be built application."

ers shout "dead turtle" and keep on, leaving their unfortunate companion in the background. The rules of the game demand that he wait there until the first successful racer reaches him on his way back and touches him with his elbow, by which he is supposed to instill new life into the poor dead turtle. The leavent government and congress, with sugges-tions from the state engineering depart-ment," he said. "The whole country When a road is to be built application is made for an estimate of the cost of When a road is to be built application is made for an estimate of the cost of same and specifications, and this work is carried out by officials of the state engineering department.

"If these estimates meet approval the road district can apply for means from the fund to carry out this work, and if the government feels satisfied that there are good reasons for the construction of this road the governm appropriates two-thirds of the estimated cost and authorises the proposed specifications. Then the district has to sign a contract with the state engineering department, in which it is specified mainly that the road is to be onstructed in a specified time and in ecordance with the specifications and hereafter to be maintained, and it is also subject to forfeiture in case of not

"While in progress the work must be in charge of an engineer recommended by the state engineering department, and the work is supervised by an offcial of the same department.

EXPENSIVE FLOWERS. The Tulip Crase In Holland In the

During the tulip crase in Holland in the last century in one year the sales aggregated 10,000,000 florins. Holland went tulip mad. The bulbs were quot-ed on the Stock Exchange. Ownership in them was divided into shares. Speculators sold them short. At one time more tulips were sold than existed. At Lille a brewer sold his trade and good will in exchange for a bulb, which was

thereafter known as the browery tulip. In Amsterdam a father gave one by way of dower with his child. Thereafter the variety was known as the marriage of my daughter. At Rotterdam a hungry sailor, happening on a few, mistook them for onlons and ate them. The repant accame as famous as Cleopatra's pectis and probably exceeded it in cost. At The Hague a poor fellow managed to raise a black tolle. a poor fellow managed to raise a black tulip. The rumor of that vegetable marvel spread. Presently he was visited by a deputation from a syndleste. For that ewe lamb of his the deputation offered 1,000 florins, which he refused. He was offered 10,000 florins. Still he refused. Cascades of gold were poured before his resisting eyes. Finally, tormented and tempted, he succumbed. There and then the deputation trampled that tulip under their feet. Afterward it appeared that the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had an the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had an the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had an the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had an the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already grown a gem precisely similar and the feet of the syndleste had already already syndleste had already already syndleste had already already syndleste had already already syndleste had already syndleste had already already syndleste had already s that a rival existed, had autherized the deputation, if needful, to offer ten times the amount which it

Look after small profits in your poul-try yard, as "cutting the corners"

A spraying with tice killer will rid the premises of lies and uites, but they will come back in the course of time; hence spraying should be in-duiged in each week. Drafts of air while roosti

furious to poultry.

Gravel or grit abould be sharp, so as to cut as well as grind.

Whatever is done to keep down lice will give good results throughout the summer. De not permit lice to appear and multiply—make war upon them at the start.

FOR YOUNG FOLKS (

MAKING UP.

When Little Brother's Sorry After Making Sister Augry. When little brother's sorry, At first he pouts awhile, And then about his dimpled mouth There grows a tiny smile. He looks at sister sidewise,



MAKING UP.

But sister shakes her flaxen head.
"Why, then," he cries, "my kite?
My knife? My candy iten?
(I've only had one bite!)
You won't have any toys at all?
Why, then, I'll give you—this!
Because, you sed, I'm sorry,
So, sister, take a klas!"
Hannah G. Ferrald in Youth's Companfon.

PLAYING TURTLE. Game In Which Every One Is "It"

number may play the game of turtie, and no one player is "it," for all are "it" together. The game begins by each choosing the kind of turtie he intends to be. One perhaps is a land tortoise, another a enapper, another a and turtle and so on. Then they all sit in a row, resting their chins on their knees, and each holding his left ankle with his right hand and his right ankle with his left hand. This is a very difficult position to keep. At a given signal the turtles start for a goal a short distance away.

It is the object of the game for the turtles to waddle to the goal and back to the starting point without removing their hands from their feet. Many let go before the proper moment; the others shout "dead turtle" and keep on, starting place first.

strange insect which is found only in Himeji, a pretty little town near the center of Japan. It seems there on lived a rich noble in a castle on the lived a rich noble in a castie on the outskirts of the town who was famous for the magnificence of his dishes, among which were ten bowls of solid gold, In his employ was a maidservant, O-Kiku, to whom was intrusted the care of the plate. One day a gold dish was missing. She searched diligently, but in vain, and in despair drowned herself in a well. Her ghost returned each night to the spot and could be heard counting the dishes slowly with sobs, "Ichi-mat, ni-mat, san-mai, yo-mai, go-mai, roku-mai, chi-chi-mai, ha-chi-mai, ku-mai," to nine when there would follow a loud, walling ery, and the uncanny count would begin over again. At last the uneasy spirit passed into the body of an insect whose liead somewhat resembled a ghost with long, tousled hair, and in that part of Japan it is considered unlocky to enlight the lucky to cultivate the chrysanthe

Many breeders believe that soft food that is, crushed grains or paste is more easily and completely digested by the birds and that it produces more tender desh, says American Agricul-turist. In reviewing experiments in this line Helen W. Atwater in a farm-ers' bulletin of the United States deperiments made at the New York state station chickens, laying hens and ca-pons all produced better results with ground than with unground grain. According to a test at the Canada ex-

as the girl's name, O-Kiku, mean

shoumatism and is frequently caused by the fowls being kept in damp, filthy quarters. Ascertain wherein the sur-roundings of your fowls are lacking and try to remedy the same. This is also caused by the fowis becoming too fat. Give your fowns a tenspoonful of baking sods to each quart of drinking water and feed a cooling ratios, such as wheat bran, middlings and vegetables of various kinds.

When Be Swore Of He swore that he would smake his tast Char on New Year's day. Me circumstance should tempt him from His stern resolve to stray.

His follows, straightway they began That excuses man to josh. They knew from long experience That awarding off is bonk.

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