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## ROAD MAINTENANCE

POINTS ON KEEPING IMPROVED HIGHWAYS IN GOOD CONDITION.

Constant and Careful Attention Very Necessary—Value of Scraping to Improve a Road's Condition—Importance of Draining.

The maintenance of a road already in good condition and of sufficient strength, if properly carried on, is almost entirely a question of wear, says Robert A. Meeker, state supervisor of New Jersey's highways, writing in the Good Roads Magazine. The rapidity of this wear varies with the nature of the rock used for the road covering, but even with the softer rocks there need be no deterioration if proper attention is given to maintenance.

The problem is to reduce the wear, both from traffic and the weather, to a minimum by substituting other material for that worn out, and to do this in the most economical manner.



REPAIRING A ROAD.

Drainage is good drainage of surface and subsoil. To attain this object the material used for the surface should be laid in order to resist the wear of the traffic, should not contain too much small stone to absorb moisture and should be thoroughly consolidated and of sufficient depth to bear the loads to which the road is subjected, so that the water may be confined to the surface.

On a flat, water may be seen standing on the surface within a few inches of the surface of the road, in which case both the subsoil and the road covering must be softened by it and remain so long after the water in the ditch is gone. A deeper ditch, a larger culvert or a drain cleaned out through the adjoining lands is usually sufficient to remove the cause of great mischief. On a hillside, springs under the road and land water from the sides can be cut off and led away by underdrains at a trifling cost.

The road covering may often be improved in composition and rendered harder by scraping, and a fairly good surface can be maintained at all times by proper care. With material of all sorts the influence that a good surface has in keeping down wear is greater than might be supposed.

Everything should be done to make a road strong enough to bear the traffic without bending or cross breaking and a reserve of strength is always desirable. Fluctuations of traffic are most trying. A road may be strong enough to bear the ordinary loads that pass over it and still be unable to support the excessive weights that may be brought upon it. When we know a road is to be subjected to heavy strains, it is always better to strengthen it by placing an extra coating upon the surface rather than wait until the road is broken and disrupted. When a road is broken or cut into by excessive weights it is no longer a mere matter of replacing wear, but of expensive repair, and often of entire rebuilding.

To replace wear that is unavoidable is a very simple matter when constant attention is given to the road. It is only when the surface is neglected for a long period that the matter of repairs becomes a serious one. A little attention to drainage, the removal of slight obstructions from the gutters, the clearing away of rubbish from the mouths of culverts, the removal of grass and brush from ditches and the careful spreading of small quantities of stone over depressions as soon as they begin to appear will keep a road

## RAISING DUCKLINGS.

The Suitable Methods Employed on a Successful Ranch.

The method of brooding and of feeding ducklings at one of the most successful ranches in Massachusetts is thus described by a writer in Bell's Poultry Journal:

All ducklings are brooded in hot water pipe houses of the ordinary box boiler pattern, with one row and one return pipe, each two inches in diameter. It is aimed to keep the temperature under the hovers at between 80 and 90 degrees and the house itself comfortable for the ducks. There is always plenty of fresh air in the houses at all times, and when the ducklings are two weeks old they get an outdoor run on green grass. The little birds are kept comfortable, clean and well fed. Their runs and hovers are bedded with planer shavings.

## BEEF CATTLE.

What Production Offers Profit to the Farmer.

A recent bulletin of the Mississippi station, prepared by A. Smith and C. I. Bray, states that "the farmers of that state and throughout the cotton belt generally are slow to realize the benefits of stock raising and cattle feeding and that it is more remunerative than continuous cotton growing." Cotton growing has heretofore been the chief source of revenue for the farmer—cotton is pre-eminently the "money crop" of the region—and other branches of farming have been neglected. The feeding experiments carried on at the station with twenty-five grade steers, two to four years old which were classified as medium feeders, using cottonseed hulls and meal, cornmeal, wheat bran and hay (Johnson grass and a mixture of alfalfa and Johnson grass, 2:3), furnish quite clear evidence that the feeding of beef cattle in Mississippi is a safe and profitable investment and a much more economical way of maintaining the fertility of the soil than by purchasing fertilizers.

Fertilizing Tobacco.  
There is nothing so essential to the tobacco farmer's success as the proper handling of the soil and maintenance of its fertility, and there is, therefore, no subject upon which the farmer in those districts where their main reliance must be upon commercial fertilizers should be so fully informed as the proper use of the various fertilizers materials available in the markets of the world.

## FRUIT CULTURE

Prompt destruction of windfall apples will tend to lessen the amount of wormy fruit in future. Best methods of marketing should occupy the attention of producers. Good fruit nicely put up will find a good market.

All the small fruits may be fall planted—currants, gooseberries, raspberries, blackberries and grapes. Thin late fruits. This is much better than propping up the limbs and gathering and marketing a lot of inferior stuff.

Use fresh up to date packages and improve as much as possible on the usages of your particular market.

Pruning may be done where needed. In young orchards hunt for and destroy borers.

Prune out all old wood and part of the new from the current bushes.

In setting a young apple or pear orchard this fall prepare the land early and set the trees in October at the north and later farther south. Stone fruits should be planted in the spring.

Plan For the Winter Now.  
It is not too early to commence planning on how you are going to house those fowls comfortably this winter. You expect some eggs from them when the thermometer runs down and the price runs up, and you should plan to give them pretty good care if you don't wish to be disappointed. Some turnips, beets and late cabbage are good winter greens. These will help produce winter eggs.

## A Year's Poultry Account.

A Williamson (Pa.) correspondent of the American Poultry Advocate says: On Jan. 1, 1905, we had only eighteen birds on hand, of which number one-half were killed, at different times during the year, until we had but nine left on Dec. 1. The average number for the year was fifteen, and they laid 2,900 eggs, which sold for \$41.20; the average number of eggs for each hen was 193 and the average cash income \$2.76 per hen. The feed cost \$1.0, or \$1.07 each, and the net profit was \$1.69 on each hen. The chickens were White Wyandottes, Leghorns, Plymouth Rocks, etc. Most of them are laid here.

Every new and then an inspection should be made of the range to see that no decaying animal matter is lying about where the stock can get it. Dead birds, rats or other animals soon gather a lot of maggots, which the chicks quickly devour. These maggots, once inside the crop, bore their way into the intestines of the birds, giving them what is known as limberneck, the neck of the fowl being limp and looking as if broken.

Do not try to raise deformed chicks—a waste of time and money.

Waste no time dreaming of the success of others. Success in the poultry business crowns the efforts of those who help themselves.

Do not dispose of your brooders. If they are worth \$5 to your neighbor, they are worth \$10 to you.

Give your birds extra care and attention during August, September and October if you want them to win.

Keep a sharp lookout for hawks. They are feeling their young, and broilers are a good delivory.

Remove the males from the brooding pens at the close of the season.

## Cottontail Meat.

Cottontail meat for feeding should be of a light canary color, with sweet, nutty odor. The presence of hulla makes it dark in color and adds little to the best meat is nearly free from lint or short cotton. Fermentation and heating before use is a soft pencil, crushed and pressed under the meat dark in color and of bad odor and flavor. Such meat is only fit to be used as fertilizer.

When added to dairy rations only two to four pounds of cottontail meat should be used per cow each day, the latter amount only after the animals have become accustomed to it.

## Pruning Grapes.

The trimming of grapevines should be done while the ground is cold, remarks the writer of the article, and away, as well as the refuse around each vine, should be burned, if there are evidences of rot last season. It will also be an advantage to scatter air slaked lime around the base of each plant.

## GARDEN REMINDERS

Young onions will bear a surprising amount of frost. Prepare open seed beds now for the planting of seed to be done in February and March, according to latitude, advise an exchange.

Asparagus beds should be liberally manured. New beds should now be made. Set the plants six inches deep.

Cabbage plants should be set in their permanent ground. Sow seed of the early summer variety for a late supply.

During dry weather run the cultivator through all old strawberry beds that are weeding and set out new plants.

Examine the peach trees for borers. Prune raspberries and blackberries. Sow the late varieties of peas at this season.

When He Smokes Off.  
His wife said he would smoke his last cigar on New Year's day.

He circled about the room until his wife sternly told him to stop.

He fellows, straightway they began that earnest man to look. That evening off he took.

He kept his word. Those knowing men. Since New Year's day he has not smoked a thing but cigarettes.

## Bernhardt and Dumas.

Sarah Bernhardt had just been elected a life member of the Comedie Francaise. When she found that she had a paper to sign she became nervous and went to see the younger Dumas to tell him that she shrank from the binding terms of the engagement. Dumas' advice was unhesitating. "My dear child, don't sign; your hair is too curly. People with hair like that," said he, passed his fingers through his own crisp waves—"ought never to sign contracts for life. The temperment is too intractable."

Sarah Bernhardt, however, signed, and, meeting Dumas again next day, confessed she had done so. "That's all right," remarked Dumas cheerfully. "I have won 500 francs (\$100). I bet Mme. Dumas that amount after you left yesterday that you would at once go and sign the agreement. Well, I shall buy you something with the money."

The next day Mme. Bernhardt received a magnificent wig of fair hair, absolutely flat, lank and straight. With it came the following sentence on a slip of paper: "Now that you are really one of the house wear this. You will need it."

Bliss of Youth.  
In former times elder flowers were treasured not only by lovers of hedge-row beauty but by those who desired to preserve their own beauty and youth. According to the seventeenth century prescription the elder flowers were to be gathered on midsummer day, powdered and put into borage water, which was to be drunk daily for a month, the first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. This was a much prized elixir of youth. By common consent there has always been something supernatural about the elder tree. In Denmark it is protected by the elder mother, without whose leave it is dangerous to pluck the flower. In Germany the hat should be taken off to it. And in England it has been variously considered the tree of the cross and the tree upon which Judas hanged himself, to be treated with reverence or fear accordingly.—London Chronicle.

General Wallace wrote the first rough draft of "Ben-Hur" on a slate, giving as his reason that erasures could more readily be made. After satisfying himself with a sentence written in this way he would strike the slate with a pencil, transfer the writing to paper, and then, when everything pleased him, he copied the entire manuscript in ink with the precision of an engraving.

When the wind blows from the south and one of the islanders of south Iceland wishes to communicate with the mainland he puts his letters into a well corked bottle, and to insure their delivery he incloses at the same time a plug of twist tobacco or a cigar. The wind speedily impels the bottle to the shore of the mother island, where people are generally on the lookout.

How She Knew.  
Mrs. Jenkins—"The moment he kissed me I knew he had been drinking. Mrs. Sipple—You mean you smelled his breath?" Mrs. Jenkins—I mean that Mr. Jenkins never kisses me except when he has been drinking.

Unpleasant Criticism.  
Mrs. De Style (exhibiting picture)—You know, my daughter paints from nature. Critic—"Far from it, it seems."—New York Times.

Quite Offhand.  
Standar—Did that deaf mute orator make a set speech? Doyle—No. He spoke offhand.—Cleveland Leader.

Neighborly.  
She—I have not seen you for an age, Herr Doctor, notwithstanding that we live only a few streets apart here in Berlin. I learned with much regret that you've been ill. Herr Doctor—Who told you that? She—My brother wrote me from India.—Pittsburgh Hittler.

Speaking of the irony of fate, why is it that a man's friends sometimes forget him, but his enemies never?—Terrell (Tex.) Transcript.

Projected.  
Miss Wellon—The impudent thing told me to my face that I was getting old and wrinkled.

Miss Tartun—I wouldn't mind it. She didn't say it to your face, you know. She couldn't see that.—Chicago Tribune.

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