

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## MAKES TOWER AN ORNAMENT

Gatekeeper Transforms What is Usually Unightly Box into a Thing of Beauty.

A blot upon the "City Beautiful," yet a very necessary blot, is every gatekeeper's tower at a railroad crossing. It must be high and unsheltered, consequently sunbaked and windswept. But with the heart of a poet and the skill of a landscape artist, T. J. Jones, a Southern Pacific gatekeeper, has transformed his conning tower at Pomona, Cal., into a town ornament.

The bare, bleak, stilts-perched box that must be his abode day after day through long hours of duty now looks like a vine-covered bird cage. The unightly posts are completely hidden; on



Unightly Tower Transformed.

one side the road's initials appear in living green, while the other sides bear quaint designs, and vines outline each ledge. Inside he has window boxes and potted plants wherever they will not interfere with "business." The wee space around his castle between the tracks he has fenced with smooth, whitewashed stones, and within it has done such systematic, intensive farming that he has raised more tomatoes, potatoes, onions, peas and carrots than he can use. The sturdy young man with the spade is a happy specimen of a thrifty American; certainly he is a standing rebuke to all lazy neighbors with weed-covered lots.

## GLARING STREET LIGHTS BAD

Best Results Obtained From Globes Which Are Dense Enough to Soften the Rays.

"Illuminating engineers are now turning all their energies toward a system for the proper distribution of street lighting," writes Walter R. Howell, in Good Health. "They have unanimously agreed that the best light is that from a globe that is dense enough not to reveal the form of the actual light within, but to give the effect of light streaming forth from the globe."

The reason for this is that street lamps are necessarily against a dark background, and the amount of glare upon the eyes depends to a great degree upon the background against which the light is seen. An electric light, unshaded, against a dark velvet wall covering, for instance, will be found much more trying to the eyes than would the same light with a white wall paper behind it.

**Indian Arrow Heads.**  
Mr. Cushing, an authority on matters pertaining to Indians, tells how, when he was a boy, he learned how the Indians made their arrow heads.

He had unearthed a beautiful harpoon of bone. He had a toothbrush with him, and the bone handle of this he chopped off and ground down on a piece of sandstone, to make a harpoon of his own; but he could not grind such clean-cut barbs as those of the relic. The boy then took his flint scales and chips and set to work with them. The flint cut the bone away but left the work rough. Then, accidentally, he made a discovery, for no sooner had he begun to rub the bone transversely on the flint than the bone cut the flint away. Not jaggedly, as his hammerstone would have chipped it but in long, continuously narrow surface furrows wherever the edge was caught in the bone at a certain angle.

He never finished that harpoon. He turned it about and used it as an arrow cutter, by tying it to a little rod of wood with a shoestring. He had found out how the Indians made arrow heads.

## Dutch First to Improve Plow.

The Dutch were probably the first to introduce improvements worth while in the plow. They devised the first plow that turned a furrow, all plows before that time being merely used to break the surface of the ground. The first patent for a plow went to Joseph Folpamb in 1730. Joseph Newbold patented one in this country not long afterward, but Jethro Wood really invented the plow in use today. His instrument was the first to have a mold-board, a share and a land side in three pieces, so that they could be replaced or sharpened singly when worn.

## Real Beast of Burden.

The burro can generally get away with anything that can be strapped to him. Sometimes he is called upon to move the entire possessions of a family—and he does it. He is the only animal in captivity that can climb a cliff with a cookstove, a mattress, a trunk, a wash tub, two frying pans, the family Bible and a couple of lengths of stovepipe tied to his back. At times he seems almost buried beneath his burden and it is rather startling for the stranger to see a load ambling cozily up a hill without any visible means of support.—Los Angeles Times.

## Wise Fish.

Scientists have discovered how fish can find their way to fresh water. Their studies of the resistance of salt-water fishes to the decayed and decomposed things, has led to an explanation of their habits.

It appears that herrings can sense differences in heat and cold as small as a quarter of a degree or less. They appreciate the fact that only a trace of an acid or alkali is present in water. So sensitive are herring said to be to acids and alkalis that the scientists propose that these and other fish be used to detect the chemicals instead of the litmus paper, which chemists use, and in the same manner that canary birds are used to discover traces of poison coal gas in mines and elsewhere.

## Had Experience.

A lecturer was touring the country giving travel talks to school children on the interests and industries of their country. "Now, children," he said, pleasantly, in leading up to his subject, "I wonder how many of you have ever seen a canebrake?" Silence.  
"What, no one? Ah, there's a little fellow, way back there. My boy, have you seen a canebrake?"  
"Well, I didn't 'zactly see it. But I was right under one once't when it did."

**Rich Languages.**  
In extent, the Spanish vocabulary is far inferior to the English, though in richness of tone or expression the Spanish is ahead of the English language. It is claimed that the pure Castilian is the most musical of languages, the Italian not excepted.

## Improved Star-Finder.

The new star-finder of a Shanghai inventor has the form of a parasol. When the parasol is opened and its stick is pointed toward Polaris the stars and constellations charted upon its covering are found to have the same relative positions as in the sky overhead, so that finding the celestial objects is easy.

## Compliment?

"J. Fuller Gloom passed a pleasant compliment on my distinguished ancestor, Alfred Tennyson, the other day," confessed Tennyson J. Daft. "When I casually mentioned that I am a descendant of Lord Tennyson he cried out, quite emphatically, 'Good Lord!'"

## Slight Omission.

A recruit being ordered aloft in a military balloon hesitated in obeying and complained to his captain, "Please, sir, in my oath of allegiance I swore to be true and faithful on land and water, but there was nothing said about air."—Boston Transcript.

## Origin of "Furlong."

"Furlong" was at first a furrow long, or the distance that a pair of oxen would plow in half an hour.

## Worth While Quotation.

"Everyone is the son of his own works."—Selected.

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