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## Pulling Together For Roads.

A farmer writing to a Western Kentucky paper about road conditions makes a sensible plea for community effort toward highway improvement. In his county, he says, "instead of fixing a bad place in the road, we simply drive a round it wherever that is possible. The right plan, he thinks, would be for the people to get together and make the necessary repairs. 'If the people of a community,' he adds, 'will all turn out to make a culvert in a bad place and make the proper drainage of the approaches, or to remove a large boulder, or take out a stump which has been the bane of the farmer with a load of his farm produce, that community has the right kind of road improvement idea.'"

Unfortunately, there are too few communities where a sufficiency of public spirit exists to get the people together in that kind of enterprise. The average rural resident will very cheerfully give of his time to help a neighbor raise a barn, or roll the logs off his new-ground field, or to assist in plowing his corn, if the neighbor happens to be ill and has a crop in the weeds, but it is a hard matter to get him interested in road building. It would be a great incentive to better roads if rural communities could be induced to devote a little spare time to the highways, but it requires a good deal of missionary work to get the proper degree of enthusiasm aroused, and "the harvest is great and the laborers are few."

There have been instances in Kentucky where excellent results have been effected in road building through community effort. As a rule, however, communities are singularly patient and listless in such matters, and what is "everybody's business" proves to be "nobody's business." The good roads campaign will have to be taken to the cross roads and to the country school houses before there is any general movement for co-operative rehabilitation.

## Snipe Hunting.

At 11:10 o'clock there arrived at Court Square a youth. He was muddy. He was wet. He was worried. He wore a rubber coat his face was the picture of despair.

The friendliest man he could see was the fat policeman on the local police force. He was not surprised much to see a man wet and muddy that night.

"Say, officer," called the young fellow, and the fat policeman loaned his ear to the youth.

The question was not in a whisper exactly, but the voice was low. "Did you ever go snipe hunting?" it asked.

The officer declared he never had but "lowed he'd heard tell of such hunting somewhere.

"Well, do you know," and the voice was a little more confidential "that I believe them fellows have played a trick on me?" His seriousness was contagious, and so the face of the policeman was as still as a bug in a bonnet—until he grew less serious.

"We all," continued the applicant for information and sympathy and advice, "went out here in the country just exactly five miles, and they gave me a big tow sack, and put me in a ditch to wait till they come back. That was long about dark—about 7 o'clock—and I haven't seen them yet. And I stayed right there, too, where they left me till a little while ago."

The policeman, who was boarding an outgoing street car to see if the street lamps were burning, came very near missing the car by listening to this interesting story. The young man, when the officer raced for the rear end of the car, he stood and gazed. Then he, too went off.

As he passed along, however, he was talking to himself. "I wonder if they'll go back to the ditch and find me gone," said he. "Anyway, I waited for 'em three hours. They can't blame me."—Ex.

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Who, when you haven't got the dough

Comes to your aid, gives you a show?

Who sends the goods and pays the freight,

And tells you that he is glad to wait,

Wipes from your eyes the briny tears Gum & Sward, Sawbuck & Shears?

Who says to you: "We can't express

Without the cash with your address,

You know we never sell on time To any one in any clime;

Send us the cash, dismiss your fears, Don't that sound like Sawbuck & Shears?

And when you want to make a note,

Sell a pig or calf or goat, When you need something right a-way,

A mower blade to cut your hay, Or a plow point (without fears);

Do you call up Sawbuck & Shears?

And at last when you're in bed,

The doctor says: "You'll soon be dead."

Who'll be there to wait on you,

Who'll sit up the whole night through,

At the funeral shed some tears, Gum & Ward, Sawbuck & Shears?

Who, when they've placed you under ground,

Won't rush away, but linger round And when the last "Amen" is said,

Will scatter flowers o'er your head And brush away the briny tears,

Gum & Sward, Sawbuck & Shears? —Swiped.

## There Are All Kinds of Fools.

Miss Margaret Fitzgerald and Miss Blanche Welter, the nurses who attended Colonel Roosevelt while he was a patient in a hospital at Chicago, have received a large number of letters from men making proposals of marriage.

"You are the girl for me," wrote one suitor to Miss Fitzgerald "I am well off and can make a happy home for you. I fell in love with your picture. Marry me and save my heart."

"Your care and devotion to a hero," wrote another to Miss Welter, "have completely won my heart. A beautiful, capable young woman like you would make a happy wife. I know I can make you happy."

Still another wrote Miss Welter that he had not been able to eat or sleep since he had seen her picture.

Mr. S. D. McMillan, telegraph operator for the Southern, ranks high as a horticulturist. If he keeps his present pace the wizard Burbank will have to go some to lead the procession. "Mack" now has on exhibit at the Rexall store a tomato plant with two or three big tomatoes on it, growing from an ordinary Jimson weed. The tomato plant had been grafted into a fork of the weed about nine inches from the ground and was a healthy specimen. The unusual plant attracted a great deal of attention Mack has other wonders of the vegetable world which he has not put on exhibition, such as a pumpkin growing on a watermelon vine and a morning glory vine, etc.—Lexington Dispatch.

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