GOOD ROADS.

The editor of the Washington Gazette enger experienced a wood famine for ceveral days because the man who supplies him was unable to drive in on account of bad roads, and this condition spurred the editor to an article on the necessity of good roads. His article was plain and to the point, but the strongest eature was the opening statement of fact. Counties like Beaufort and Lenoir lose thousands of dollars every year by the bad condition of their roads, enough in one year to construct a good county road system, and enough each year to properly maintain the system.

The agitation for good roass is 'gaining all over the State and if people mid officials will only get into action before the sentiment dies out, North Carolina's roads will be improved from one end of the State to the other. It will be the longest step forward first, and the people will be surprised at the rapidity with which other progressive steps will follow.

For the towns the trolley is the great developer. For the country good roads are above everything else.

Let us look at the matter from a bust ness view point. No matter what the business, there must be investment before there is profit, and judicious investment followed by good management is sure to bring profit.

"he farmer loses every year many dollars directly the result of bad roads, but never stops to calculate or realize it. Many of them, when road improvement is broached, at once begin to worry and argue about the cost and the increased taxes. Therefore that is the point from which to consider the matter.

Let us take for example a man who owns a \$2,000 farm eight miles from a market town. Two horses or mules are suffielent for his ordinary farm work, but promptly he has to keep one extra team because of bad roads. The keep of the extra team will average at the lowest Even then it takes an extra day to make and the number of rolls required. the trip to town, wherear, with good A coved or dome ceiling should be all the way into town was 4 per cent... assessment is beyond all precedent and place to great advantage. that makes the proportion much more one-sided.

The wave of enthusiasm for good roads does not seem to have struck Lenoir county yet, but it is surging all around us and cannot miss. Therefore when it comes we beg the farmer to figure it out and consider it along the line suggested -the business basis of dollars and cents saved, and thus made, for "to save is to have" according to the proverb. Then there is another point to be con-

sidered in favor of road improvement, Good roads invariably increase the value of abutting lands and is the strongest china to advantage. In men's "dens' attraction for new settlers.

The fact is there is no good argument that can be brought against good roads because every strong argument is in favor of them.

There is only one method for obtaining good roads, that is to have an expert engineer and road builder surand topography, to estimate the probable cost and to make plane and specifications accordingly. Then, if a law is obtained to authorise it-and that is the first step to be taken—the county should facue 30-year bonds, so that the burden of cost would fall partly upon the coming generations which will receive its full share of the benefits, and with these bonds the roads should be constructed under direction of the expert engineer and the supervision of a joint committee of county officials and citizens. Money spent on roads built by inex-

perienced workmen le worse than thrown away. Let no one think it is economy to save a few hundred or even thousand dollars in this way. Neither would there he economy is having every bit of the work done by convicts. Every county which has had experience will subscribe

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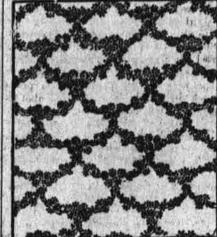
of the birar class instead of rock is a t more then from \$100 to \$200 per mi e. Weatre inclined to thin that som-thing m was nesded than the that, butilg , a winds can be made in Lennir county for \$2.000 a mile tor e mpty is fortunate itideed and no better investment could posstuly be made.

WALL PAPER HINTS.

PUTTING THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Paper For Uneven Ceilings In Low Roofed Houses-Value of Plain Paper as a Background For Furniture and Pictures.

Modern walls have as specific needs of their own as those of any colonial or other period. Their demands are met by a superabundant supply, typical of much of American manufacturing industries. As this embarrassment of riches covers nearly every phase wall covering, one must be prepared when it comes to the moment of choice with a definitely formed idea of the requirements of the room to be treated-



PAPER TO BE USED ON UNEVEN CRILING. a diagnosis, as it were, of its severa parts, to which the wall hanging is to

bring the completing touch. This The Delineator helps one to form by the following among other use ful suggestions and sketches:

A trick learned in school days of writing down what is to be memorized is available bere to establish in the mind the different points to be covered in order to get his produce to market The purpose or use of the room, the color and kind of woodwork, the amount of light in the room, the color that harmonizes best with the floor coverings and furniture, the wall colors calculation \$2 a week or \$104 a year, of adjacent rooms, the price to be paid

wheeling it might be accomplished in painted in water colors (another name half a day. The farmer must charge up for calcimine) and the color carried his loss of time to the roads. If a nem, down over the curve to a point where ber of the family has occasion to go a a wooden molding can be run in an even line entirely around the room.

The uneven ceiling in low roofed when walking would be a pleasure on a houses or cottages sometimes renders smooth mad, and there is another waste this line of molding impracticable. A of time. There are other ways in which bad roads contribute more or less to reduce the profits of farming, enough to and side walls with one paper, using to add fully \$200 to the cost of running a \$2,000 farm—10 per cent. Now suppose the assessment on the farm for the establishment of a hard, dry roadway of use must not show stripes, nor be sprawly in design. The pattern should the owner would save 6 per cent., that is fit together compactly and the colors he would be able to do enough more work be medium light. A paper used in and enough more marketing to add that this way was printed in soft pinks and much to his income. But a 4 per cent. greens and set off the terra cotta fire-

A popular notion that plain papers perform the best service as backgrounds for furniture and pictures often exists with an exaggerated idea of the value of these possessions, and ignorance of the many richly toned, quiet designed papers that are in the market—papers that assimilate the best belongings in a harmonious whole without throwing out any one part in particular. Butthe plain papers in ingrain, crape, felt or silk fiber have undeniable strongholds that no pattern papers can approach. A frieze of plain paper in a dining room above a plate shelf brings out rare bits of or studies a plain burned orange or pumpkin yellow is a fine background for old armor and curiosities of all kinds. A soft sea green tint in a young girl's bedroom is the daintiest setting for aquarelles and cut flowers.

An original way to treat the walls of a guestroom is to paper it with a pic-ture paper, where each visitor in turn vey them to determine the style of will enjoy the story it tells. This is a "improvement" best suited to the soil colonial idea that has been resurrected of late with other good things of that interesting period. Of course no framed pictures should come in competition with a paper of this kind, and,



THE CARE OF A WATCH.

Cleantiness, Regular Winding and a

Generally speaking, the understand-ing of the public as to what should reasonably be expected from a watch and how it is to be treated is very limited. A little instruction in this regard may benefit the people as well as protect watchmakers from undeserved censure. A watch must be well treated if it is required to perform well its duty. Nobody neglects a large engine or any kind of extended and compile cated machinery. The utmost care is taken to observe its working day and night, and it is no more than natural to believe that a watch, containing the smallest and most complicated mechanism, demands extraordinary attention. care and protection as well as large machinery.

A watch, even if of very good qual ity, can only give satisfaction if it is treated with regard to its subtle construction. Its possessor must prevent it from falling or being knocked about A jump from a street car has more than once caused a good timepiece in the jumper's pocket to change its rate A watch must be kept clean and in a clean place. Dust and small particles of the pocket lining gather continuously in the pockets, and even the best fitting case cannot prevent dirt finding its way to the wheels and pivots of the movement. Watch pockets should be turned inside out and cleaned at reguiar intervals.

A watch ought to be wound regularly at about the same hour every day. The best time to do this is in the morning. for two reasons: First, because the hours of rising and dressing are more regular with most people than their hours of disrobing and retiring; second because the full power of the mainspring is more likely to reduce to s minimum the irregularities caused by the movements of the owner during the

When not carried in the pocket a watch should always bang by its ring in the same position as it is worn. As a rule, watches will run with a different rate when laid down. Only high grade watches are adjusted to positions and will show only a few seconds difference in twenty-four hours, while common watches may be out several minutes in one night.

Ladies often complain that their watches do not run regularly. This may be on account of smaller size and more difficult regulating, but the main reason for the faulty rate is to be found in the fact that ladies do not always carry their watches and consequently often forget to wind them. Never leave a bunting case watch open during a considerable length of time. A careful observer will find in

the morning a layer of dust on the crystal of a watch that has been open during the night. That dust will find its way into the movement. The dust on the outside of the case will be unconsciously rubbed off by the wearer, but when the watch is closed the dust inside of the case must remain there.

A Nice Birthday Cake For a Child. A marshmallow cat or mouse cake is suggested by Good Housekeeping as suitable for a birthday cake. Children



MOUSE CAME FOR A BIRTHDAY.

will appreciate it. Prepare the mice first. Gently mold the marshmallows with the fingers into elongated shape and with a needle threaded two double with fine white thread put in the whiskers, every time wiping the needle with a damp cloth. For the eyes and nose use pen and ink. The ears are tiny squares of white note paper folded diagonally and carefully pressed into the head. The tail, made of No. 6 white cotton, is put in place with the scissors point.

Why Wrinkles Come.

Some faces contract wrinkles at quite an early stage of youth. Little children, not in the least bad tempered, often sleep with a frown upon their faces, and this habit leads to a wrinkled forehead. But the wrinkles thus formed are not the ugliest by any means. Those most to be dreaded are the little lines which appear round the eyes and mouth from the falling away or the bad condition of the skin of the face. In some cases this is due to an overdrypess of the skin, and here facial massage does wonders, with the application of really proper skin foods and creams for its nourishment,

Fashioushle Veiling. The shops are showing novel veiling in immense quantities. Veils ending just at the upper lip have been the mode in Paris all winter, and though received very coldly at first on this side the water will no doubt soon gain side the water will no doubt soon gain recognition. Something the same effect is given by a complexion veil of white malines overlaid by a fine black mesh to some three or four inches from the edge, at which point it finishes, leaving a broad border of the plain white mesh dotted with black chenille. If properly adjusted, this given much the appear. adjusted, this gives much the appearance of the Parisian vell itself.—Vogue.

Towels That Suit the Shin.

There is nothing so good for the complexion or so soothing to the shin as good lines huckaback or damask, and they wash and wear for years. The so called Turkish towels are cotton and year uniful for the bath, be-

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A whole cytlit f'r Buster Hill,
An winter's comin on.
But buby Nan, the stay at hom
Jis' laughs an never knows.
That all on earth she has to we
is ole made over clothes.

There's books to to buy I'r them It makes a pore man sick
To hear 'em holler 'i'regaty''
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But, thank the Lord, the stay at ho

Is mighty hard to please— Jis' gits the fam'ly simunac An reads it on her knees. An writin books an drawin books

An writin books an drawn books—
They never seem to think
How much it costs to buy sich truck—
An penella, pens an ink.
But little Nan, the stay at home,
She knows her daddy's pore—
Jis' gits a charcoal pen an writes
Her Jesson on the floor.

There's boots to buy f'r Buster Bill,
An boots to buy f'r John,
An shoes f'r Jane an ma an I,
Till all my money's gone.
So Nan, the last, the stay at home,
Is left to do without—
Jis' wears her homemade moccasins
An crows an crawls about.

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But haby Nan, the stay at home,
Is full o' sweet content—
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An newer wants a cont An never wants a cent. -George Weymouth in Century.

A RAILROAD INNOVATION.

Emergency Medicine Chest Designed For Chicago and Alton Road;

Consulting Surgeon Howard Crutch er of the Chicago and Alton road has designed a surgeon's chest to be placed on every passenger train on the road, says the Chicago Tribune. It is radically different from the chests generally used in that it weighs only seven pounds and measures 1 foot by 6 by 7 inches. Heretofore the cases have been unwieldy.

The case planned by Dr. Crutcher is intended to contain everything a physician may need to perform a simple operation or to dress an injury before the removal of patients to a hospital. The contents will include antiseptics, chioroform, a full set of hypodermic instruments, antiseptic bandages and gauze and a powerful emetic to be used in and a powerful emetic to be used in case of internal poisoning. There will for the next few days to make room for also be a scalpel, spud and a couple of forceps.

At the same time a first aid package has been prepared for the use of all train hands, yard and switch men. This

train hands, yard and switch men. This is an innovation in the railroad world made at the suggestion of President Felton. The package will contain a tin box, 6 by 8 by 11/2 inches, containing antiseptic powder, bandage, cotton and gauze necessary to bandage a slight abrasion or a serious wound while awaiting the arrival of a surgeon. The package will be hermetically sealed and when once opened will be replaced by a new one.

It is also planned to put in the buf-fet cars of all through trains such simple household remedles as a layman can use without danger. It is not intended to fit trains with the elaborate paraphernalia carried by some southern lines, but rather to provide against injury to passengers from inability to find a physician at once or in case of a serious wreck to enable any traveling surgeon to assist in the work of relief prior to the arrival of regular assistance. There is hardly a point on the Alton road where a physician or sur-geon cannot be obtained after an hour's

The authorities of the road decline to discuss the matter at this time, probably on account of the agitation over train wrecks, but acknowledge the matter has been receiving serious at-

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