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**IT IS EXPENSIVE TO BUILD
GOOD ROADS BUT A GREAT
DEAL MORE EXPENSIVE
NOT TO BUILD THEM**

Any question of highway im-
provement always brings up the
question of taxation, bond issues
or other means of raising the ne-
cessary funds. A great many
people find themselves unable to
think of road building except in
terms of increased taxation and
their prejudice against taxation
in any form leads them to oppose
the movement for better roads.
This one-sided view of the ques-
tion loses sight entirely of the
tax that all of us pay year in and
year out because of poor roads.

Taxation necessary to build
good roads is a great deal less
than the tax that is paid because
the roads are not built. For in-
stance, it is estimated the gaso-
line consumption in North Caro-
lina last year was 50,000,000 gal-
lons. This is from one-half to
one-third more than was neces-
sary to carry the same tonnage
the same distance over good
roads. The difference is around
five or six million dollars, and
that is just a part of the tax paid
to bad roads. It is expensive to
build good roads, but a great

deal more expensive not to build
them.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

An exchange commenting on the
Christmas presents in the market
for children notes that electrical
toys are in the lead. The mini-
ature trains are connected with
the house current and the trains
run as regularly and smoothly as
their big models. The animals
and mechanical inventions be-
come animate under the same in-
fluence, and what would be a
miracle to the eyes of a former
generation is quite natural to the
childish vision of this.

That is the point. The electri-
cal toy is sign and symbol of
what it means for a child to live
in this wonderful age. He climbs
on a stool to speak through the
telephone to some one he knows
is blocks and blocks away from
his own home; he puts his busy
little finger on a little button and
floods a room with light or rings
an unseen bell; he watches the
maid put a plug in the electric
light socket and move an iron
apparently free from fire over
the laundry or toast bread in a
similar way on the table and per-
form other feats simple enough
to him. He runs to get into a
carriage which moves of itself
and when he sees by chance a
street car drawn by horses he
nearly collapses with surprise.—
Baltimore American.

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PERSONALS. 0
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Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Strickland
spent Sunday in Oak City visit-
ing her parents Mr. and Mrs. J.
J. Long.

Some one was telling us what
the quantity from a little be-
tween two o'clock and six. So
to satisfy curiosity as to how
much it did really rain, Mr. J. H.
Applewhite was asked to give
the exact amount of rainfall. He
found it to be 64/100 of an inch
a hard rain fell this morning be-
fore twelve when it began. So
about a half inch fell from two
to six.

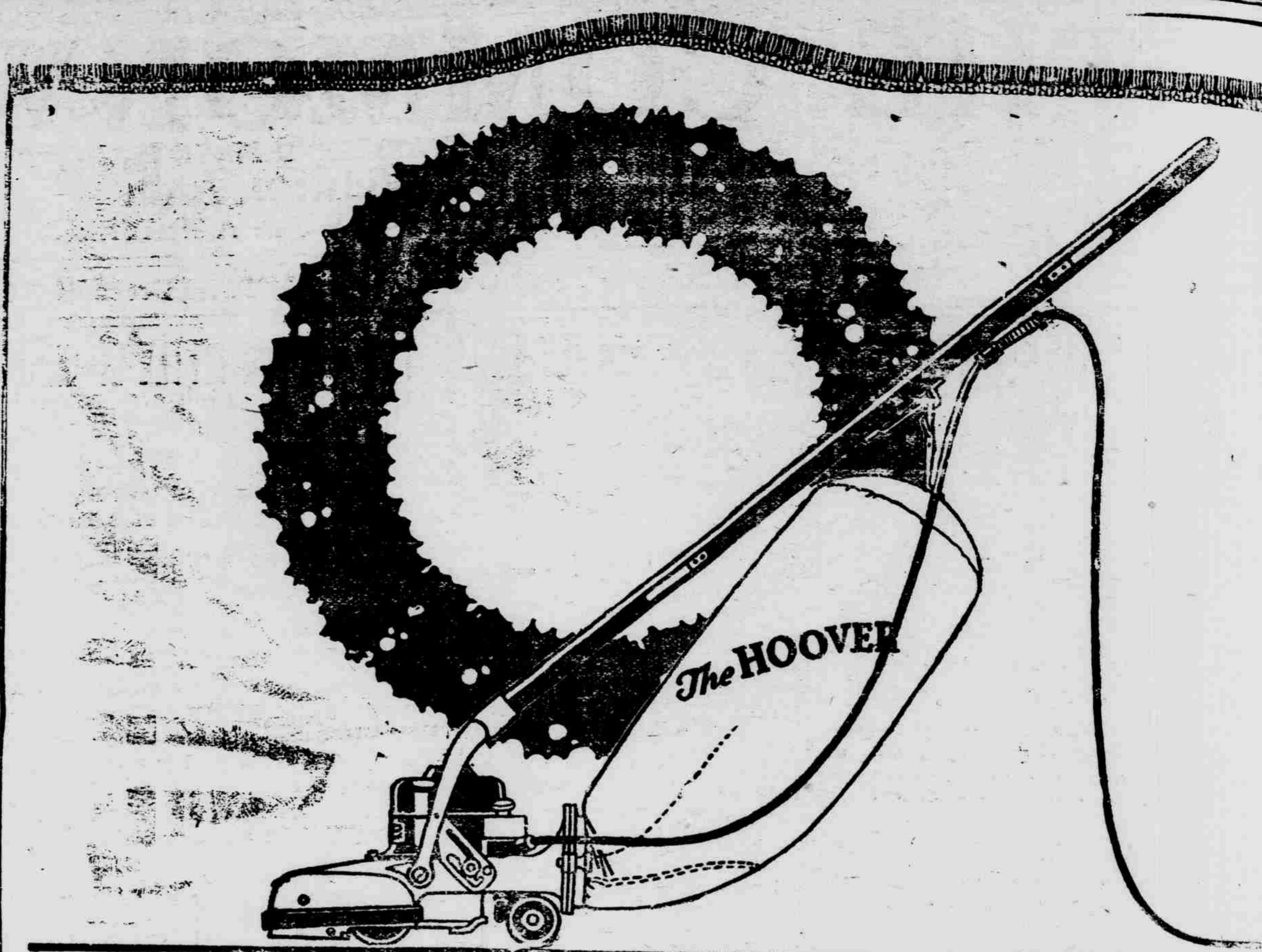
Enjoyable Sensation.
Emily was tired one night and quite
ready to go to bed. As she lay back
on her little pillow she said, with a
big sigh: "Oh, how I love to relapse!"



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