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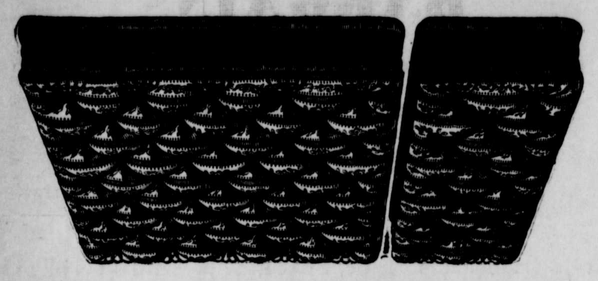

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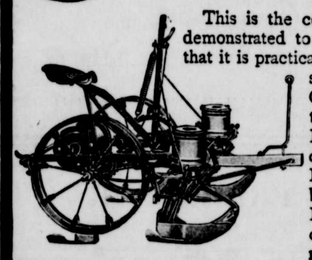

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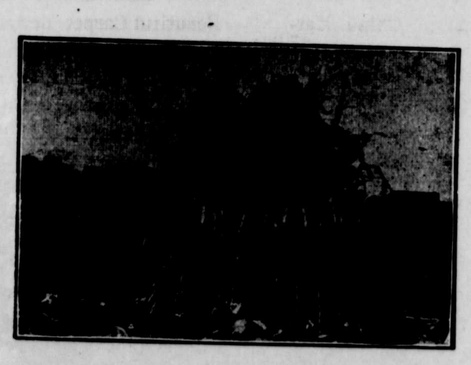

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GOODS ROADS WITHOUT COST.

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So closely connected with the progress of our civilization is the problem of good roads that a religious paper is fully justified in giving it a large space. Good churches and schools in the rural districts wait on good roads. How can we get them? Macadam or rock roads are usually considered necessary, and as they cost $2,000 to $10,000 a mile, their rapid and general construction is a practical impossibility. But dirt roads can at trivial cost be made as good as Macadam. This is not theory, it has been amply demonstrated. The writer has seen the work done and knows the results. The process is so absurdly simple that people can not be convinced without actual trial. Will each farmer who reads this lay aside doubt and prejudice and experiment faithfully for one year? Reasons will not be given, merely the method. Follow it, and then criticise. The only machinery is the "split log drag," so well advocated by Mr. D. W. King, of Maitland, Mo., that it is commonly called the "King drag," though Mr. King disclaims credit for any invention. He merely applied it. To make the drag, split into two equal pieces a ten-inch log seven feet long. About three feet apart bore three holes in each and insert strong ties or braces and wedge them securely so that the logs may be thirty inches apart with the split sides out. On the ties lay planks to stand on, but do not spike, as they must often be moved. Put a strong stake upright in each half log to steady the driver. Bore a hole eighteen inches from each end of one log and through the holes fasten a light log chain about eight feet long. Attach double-tree a few inches on one side of middle of chain so that when the drag is pulled one end will be about two feet ahead of the other. Hitch a good team and let driver stand on planks on drag. By moving from one end to the other the driver can give the drag any angle desired, and by standing in front or rear he can make the front log cut more or less. A three inch plate of steel three feet long attached to front log helps, but is not necessary. Any farmer can make the drag in two hours at no money expense. A costly drag will do no better work.

To operate the drag simply drive on the wagon track so that one horse walks in a horse path and the other walks outside the track and the rear end of the drag is about the middle of the road. This fills each track with dirt and carries a little to middle of the road. Of course, the roadway must be comparatively free from stumps and rocks and fairly free from deep ditches in the middle. Drag the road immediately after every rain. Do not wait for it to dry. Drag even when the road is slushy. Keep this up after every rain, not occassionally, but during the whole year. Up and down the road once after each rain is enough. For two or three months the result will be slight. After a year of faithful dragging the demonstration is complete The dragging prevents the formation of deep ruts, gradually raises the middle of the road, and the thin coat of mud spread on the surface is "puddled" earth and has almost the effect of a coat of cement or concrete. Without ruts water cannot stand, and the layers of dried mud form an impervious covering preventing the water from sinking into the road-bed. Kept up regularly this simple process gives a convex surface free from ruts and so hard that water cannot go through it. This prevents softness in spring, summer, and fall, and freezing in winter. With such conditions the road is good all the year, and is easier on teams and vehicles than a rock bed. As no money is required and the work can be done when farmers are idle, the cost is practically nothing. If each farmer will drag the road from his own gate toward town to his neighbor's gate the whole road would be covered.

Let the farmers on each principal road organize and use the drag regularly, and report results to the State Good Roads Convention. But, if organization cannot be effected, let each farmer who has "faith as a grain of mustard seed" try it, and report the results to county and state papers.

This editor intended to write on the subject long ago. He is moved now by the influence of the Road Convention at Fort Smith. Farmers, break your bondage to mud.

Father of 14 at 47 Years.

Mrs. Joseph Gayhardt, of Baltimore, the mother of 14 boys, all of whom are alive and healthy, has announced that she was going to take a day off and go to the country. She said that after taking care of so large a family as hers for the last year she thought she had earned and could appreciate a vacation. The father of this family, Mr. Joseph Gayhardt, a saloonkeeper at Conway street and Fremont avenue, is only 47 years old. The children are:—Joseph, Jr., aged 23; George, 22; John, 21; Theodore, 20; Charles, 18; Albert 16; Edgar, 15; Lawerence, 13; Clement, 12; Elmer, 10; Carroll, 8; Arthur, 6; William, 4; and Raymond, 3.

HIS TRIAL MARRIAGE.

Indiana Young Man Now Intends to Annul it.

Columbus, Ind., June 13.—The annulment of the first trial marriage ever known in this State is expected to take place in this city in 30 days, when George Layman will ask for a divorce from his young wife, Bessie Holmes Layman. The circumstances which surround the seperation, of this young couple are peculiar, inasmuch as she has now left him, and he, according to their contract, will file suit for divorce if she remains away 30 days.

The separation occurred on their fifth wedding anniversary, which was Monday, after Layman had found his wife and sister-in-law driving with two young men of this city, who Layman made leave the rig and walk to his home under the cover of a revolver. After arriving there he compelled them to sit quietly on the porch chairs while he gave them a long and severe lecture.

Layman, in talking of his trouble, said: "We secured our marriage license five years ago in Minneapolis, when we entered into a contract by which we agreed to divorce and the restoration of Mrs. Layman's maiden name in case we ever remained separated for 30 days. This contract was made a matter of record, the same as our marriage applications, and I paid $2 to have that contract recorded, but it was money well invested, for I can now get a divorce easily, that is, of course, if we remain separated for 30 days."

Message Was a Bit Twisted.

Mrs. John Battle, so well-known from one end of the United States to the other, was at the Willard, in Washington, recently and was discussing with a friend the eternal servant question.

"Yes," she said, some of them are extremely stupid. Why, only recently a new maid placed me in a most embarrassing position. You know, every afternoon I lie down for two hours for my 'rest cure'—not that I need it at all, for I am very spry for my eighty-five years, but I rest upon the orders of my physicians. This particular afternoon just after I had adjusted my cap this maid rapped on the door and said a gentlemen wished to see Mrs. John Battle. I presumed he wanted my daughter-in-law, so I said to the maid, 'You may tell the gentleman that Mrs. John Battle is out and that the other one (now, don't say "old Mrs. Battle," for I do hate to be called that, my dear) is taking her rest cure."

"This is the way, I found afterward, she had delivered the message: 'Mrs. John Battle is out, and the lady that don't want her name mentioned is being rescued.'"—New York American.

White Man And Black Bride Serenaded.

William Earle, a white man, of Chester, Pa., went to Smyrna, Del., last Monday, accompanied by his bride, a negro woman. The bride, whose maiden name was Bertha Richardson, formerly lived in Smyrna. The couple, who had just been married, intended to spend their honeymoon there with the woman's relatives. The groom, who was well dressed, paraded about Smyrna with his dusky companion and stirred up such feelings of resentment that a raid was made on the house where they were stopping in the negro quarter. Earle fled through a rear window and was hurriedly driven to Middletown, twelve miles north, by his wife's brother. He then boarded the first train for Chester. After the disappearance of her white husband the negress created a scene on the streets by cursing all who took a hand in the raid. She was arrested and fined.

Meat Prices Still Rising.

Meats of all kinds with the exception of the poorest cuts of beef, have been rising steadily in Chicago for three weeks, and dealers say that the advance will continue. In some of the poorer sections of the city retail dealers have not handled a piece of meat, except beef, for the last three weeks. Lamb, pork and other meats are beyond the reach of their customers. Lamb has advanced 3 cents a pound in the last three weeks.

Bright Hopes.

"Our baby is goin' to be one o' the big financiers," remarked Mrs. Simplissimug.

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Practice to make God thy last thought at night when thou sleepest and thy first thought when thou wakest; so shall thy fancy be sanctified in the night, and thy understanding be rectified in the day; so shall thy rest be peaceful and thy labors prosperous.—Frances Quarles.

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