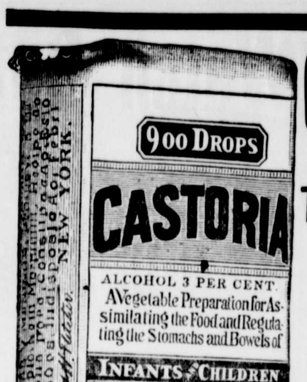


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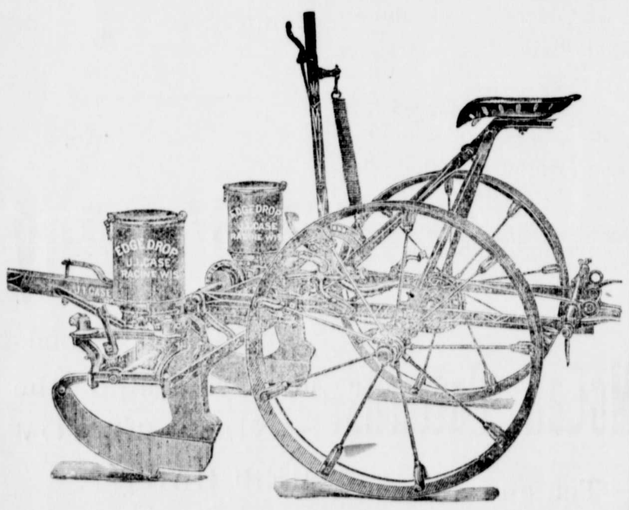
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FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE TRANSCRIPT: I take pleasure in saying that I have been a reader of your valuable paper since 1899, and have been much interested in the editoral comments and the subjects under discussion in the "People's Column" and in what the correspondents had to say throughout the county. I simply read the whole paper and find it time well spent. I have contributed some in a literary way to its columns as opportunity allowed, and I hope to be able to contribute more often in the future, as it in the interchange of thought and experiences that we become proficient in our callings and in our understanding of men and things.

The pathway of life has lots of crooks and turns, which of course vary with the circumstances connected with our journey, as we are largely creatures of circumstances. It has been said that all the world is akin, and the more we mingle with it the stronger this feeling of kinship grows. There is a glorious majesty connected with the common bond of life that thrills us with joy even when the cares and perplexities of life weigh heavy upon us. One of the grandest heritages that we can enjoy is the companionship of friends, and that we are a part of a country rich in unexhausted soil, its railroads embracing a continent, its young cities and villages where as but yesterday the wild buffalo grazed, its mines of unreckoned wealth and its rivers of unharnessed power. While we seem so far in life and thought from those who live beyond the seas, yet the "New is bound to the Old World" by subtle, strong bonds of human feeling in spite of the strangeness of place or custom testify to a common humanity. I have found even in my limited travels that human nature is very much the same where ever we go and that this life is just what we make it, and it matters not so much as to where we go. Of course as I have said before conditions may vary some in certain places, in others somewhat, but customs do not vary in the nature of their intent over the world as we would suppose before we have mingled with the world. The one great object of life seems to be to rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn, and in the language of the poet we can sing "Blest be the tie that binds" whether it be in leading a bride to her wedding, the orange blossom wreath and the white veil, the fashion round the world, or whether it be in following the measured tread of the men bearing the dead to his long home—up, up, the slow way which he shall tread no more—the sympathy for him who has faced death and for those who mourn would again witness that mankind is one in spirit even though they may differ in the material things of life.

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No $5,000,000 Political Machine Wanted.

The present expenditures by the counties upon the public roads of Maryland, independent of the amount spent under the Shoemaker act, is $750,000 a year. Outside of Baltimore county, where there is a road engineer in charge of road work, the expenditure is practically wasted every year. In the past eight years not less than $5,000,000 raised by taxation upon the homes and property of the peoele has been squandered, and the roads are in no respect better than they were in the year 1900. Five million dollars has been spent upon the roads of the State without result. The reason for this is obvious—a "good" politician is not a "good" road builder. The brother, or father, or son, or cousin of a good politician is not a good road builder, either. It is safe to say that scarcely any of this class of Maryland's "road builders" knows anything about scientific roadmaking. But under present conditions sons, brothers, cousins and friends of good politicians build bad roads with the tax-payers' money.

It is a matter of common knowledge that these politicians are intent not on good roads, but on carrying elections and primaries. Everyone knows that in the appointment of road supervisors throughout the State by county commissioners fitness and knowledge of roadmaking are not considered. Everyone knows that the road funds are apportioned to those who are most active and useful in serving the dominant party on election day or the dominant faction of the dominant party at the primaries.

The people of the State are now confronted by a proposition to spend $5,000,000 of State money upon the public roads in a manner very like the counties spend their money—namely, by a political commission with absolutely no safeguards to prevent squandering and waste. The probabilities are that if the Benson bill becomes a law, the people will awake at the end of four years to the fact that their money has gone and, instead of having the Democratic party in power, the Republican party will have the State as firmly as the Democrats now have it. The politicians may want what they want when they want it. But the voter gets what he wants, irrespective of the politicians' wants when advanced in the wrong manner.

There has begun at Annapolis, according to our dispatches, a systematic plan to discredit the Geological Survey. From each county comes some story about a road that has cost too much or that has not remained in perfect repair without any care. It is quite possible, however, in each instance a careful inquiry will show far better construction than existed under old country road building or patching.

Everyone knows that the real objection to the Gelogical Survey is that it cannot be used for political purposes.

The taxpayers of this State do not want political roads. They want roads as good as can be constructed with the money that is to be spent upon them. The farmers of the State are the people chiefly interested in roadbuilding, thought Baltimore city is deeply interested, too, since it will have to pay fully half the cost.

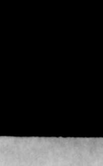
If this bill is enacted it will be the work of the Democratic party, and that party must bear the responsibility. It is said that the Republicans will vote against it. It will be bad politics for the Democrats in the Senate to give the Republican Senators the credit of its defeat.—Baltimore Sun.

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Medicrl journals are reluctant to discuss proprietary medicines. Hall's Journal of Health, however, says: "Our duty is to expose danger and record the means for advancing health. The day for poisoning innocent children through greed or ignorance ought to end. To our knowledge Castoria is a remedy which produces composure and health by regulating the system, not by stupefying it, and our readers are entitled to the information."

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WINTER BUTTERFLIES.

A Hardy Brood For Which Frost and Snow Possess No Terrors.

Coming in one day from a walk in a heavy snowstorm, I dropped upon the evening table some triangular brownish bits that looked at first sight like flakes of dried bark.

"What are those—chips?"

"No. Butterflies."

Such a reply with a foot of snow on the ground and great probability of a foot more before morning was accepted as a pleasantry and not to be taken seriously. The idea of catching butterflies in a snowstorm seemed too "fishy" for serious consideration.

On the approach of winter most of the butterflies, those delicate little creatures of fair weather, naturally die. But among their number there is a whole hardy brood for which the rigors of winter possess no terrors. These are the angle wings, or vanessids. They are frequently called "thaw butterflies" from the fact that during the warm spells of winter they awake from their torpor and may frequently be seen sunning themselves near their place of hibernation or if the weather is mild and pleasant flitting lightly about in the open places.

These insects pass the winter both as chrysalis and as mature butterflies. Normally they remain in the crysalis form only about two weeks, but it is probable that the severe cold overtakes some before they are fully developed, which may account for some of them hibernating as chrysalis.—St. Nicholas.

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