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For Permanent Road Improvement.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—In Sept. of last year Messrs. James T. Anthony, Geo. H. Snitcher, H. P. Skepper, Albert Story, H. H. Klinefelter, S. R. Hurlock and the writer, a committee having in charge the building of an experimental piece of road near Chester bridge, under the direction of the Highway Division of the Md. Geological Survey, authorized by our County Commissioners, submitted a report to the Board of Commissioners of the work done in August.

The road selected was never known to be other than hub deep with mud during late winter and early spring months, and, work holding up under such conditions, it was thought, would apply throughout the county. The object in undertaking this work was to see if there was not a more practical application of the present road tax. The report showed that not over 25 per cent. of our roads are bad, and sungested that if the experiment showed proper returns for the expenditure—i. e. made a good piece of road out of this notoriously bad piece—then why not our county pursue a policy of fixing these bad places? We do not even intimate the increase of taxes for this purpose, but having shown that is possible to have these bad places made passable at a reasonable cost, it is now time, before our commissioners give out the roads, for our citizens to demand better returns for the expenditure.

Does it occur to the citizens of this county that there was spent from 1889 to 1898 inclusive:

For road repair,	$ 81,624.59
For oyster shells,	18,940.38
For new roads,	6,111.00
For bridges,	46,824.03
Total,	$153,500.00

The following questions and answers are suggested: Do we want above sum increased as county taxes? No. If the roads and bridges were your personal property and you were spending the above sum every ten years, would you be satisfied as to results. No. Then you are asked to inspect the piece of road built last August, and see if you are not justified in demanding that the mud hole opposite your gate through which you, your father and your grandfather have been driving, be repaired. We have various advocators of schemes, with bright inducements held out to the inland counties for paving the roads out of a revenue (?) from the leasing of the bottom of the Chesapeake, but to my mind that is too far in the distance, and it will be many days before the tidewater counties will advocate any such proposition, so don't let us lose sight of the situation as now before us, but get together and demand a better ap-

(for there are so many men who lead idle lives and only exert themselves to escort society women to places of amusement) the wife neglects her duties and household cares and everything goes wrong. The husband being left alone evening after evening, grows weary of such monotony and seeks elsewhere for diversion and amusement.

There is another side of the picture; the husband quite as often neglects his wife and home and spends the evening oftimes in gay and dangerous company, even before the roses begin to fade from his young wife's face. She is wounded and weeps on account of the change in her husbands demeanor, if she realy cares for him, and often sinks into a state of melancholy or, perchance, she is aroused to defend her rights. I am thinking of persons in genteel circumstances, young and thoughtless, who, having little experience, err though ignorance. There could be pages written on unhappy marriages in low, middle and high life. No station is exempt. Not all wrong. Too many marry in haste repent at leisure. If you are disappointed, make the best of it for it is only for this life which at best is a short period. Would that every woman would profit by reading the 31st chapter of Proverbs beginning at the 10th verse. AN OLD FASHIONED WOMAN.

Sudlersville, March 31st, 1903.

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"April First."

Everybody acknowledges that April first is the boy's own day, and if the jokes are not mean or vulgar all good-natured persons are willing victims to them. Remember one thing, boys, most jokes are like a gun—they are liable to kick and come back at you when you least expect it. You all know the story of the man who thought he would play a joke on his friend. He addressed a letter to him, and inside on a piece of paper he wrote simply "April Fool." The friend was too clever for him, he recognized the writing.

He readdressed the envelope to the sender and enclosed his letter; underneath he had written, "I have often heard of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but I never heard of one signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."

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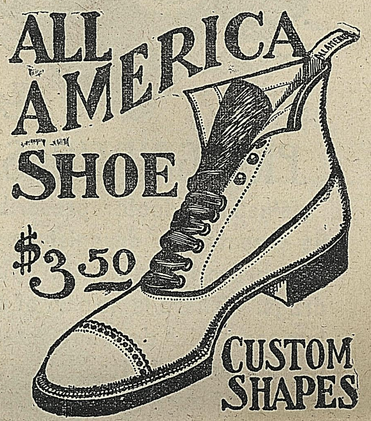

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