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THE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS.

The Lincoln Highway Association has checked up its accom-
plishment for 1920 and finds it good. During the past 12
months 548 miles of actual improvement have been added to the
great thoroughfare which will run from New York City to San
Francisco. The association reports that each state traversed
by the Lincoln Highway did all it possibly could in improving
the road within its territory. A year of still greater accomplish-
ment is expected in 1921.

The great national highways, of which there are several, are
of increasing importance. It is essential to have local thorough-
fares within each state well developed, but it is also well that
the coast-to-coast and border-to-border roads are not neglected.
Tourist travel now takes in all of this country and runs into
Canada in many places. To have fairly continuous routes from
New Orleans to Chicago, from Detroit to Miami, Fla., from New
York City to San Francisco, from Maine to Florida on the At-
lantic coast, and so on, is a good promise of increasing national
unity and understanding.

Where our pioneering ancestors once traveled slowly and pain-
fully over pathless plains and through trackless woods, we can
now go over good highways, with signboards along the way to
inform us of our journey's progress. Commercial motor truck-
ing as well as pleasure travel are facilitated, and the people of
every section are enabled to have readier intercourse and closer
sympathy with every other section.

UNCLE SAM'S ALMANAC.

Acting upon the theory that every
farmer loves his almanac and is in-
fluenced by its hints, Uncle Sam has
issued "An Agricultural Almanac for
1921," following the style of the old-
fashioned manual but containing such
saw and prophecies as may truly
benefit the reader.

One of the choice bits of wisdom
set forth in the new sheet announces,
"The owner of a scrub bull should
have a leather medal—made from the
bull's hide." Another suggests, "Be
ware of false prophets. Don't plant
by the moon, but get the best seed
and prepare the best seed bed; then
plant when soil and moisture condi-
tions are right." Another prods the
unprogressive farmer slyly in the
side with, "Keeping accounts never
worsened Adam, he was only a garden-
er."

The Almanac may be obtained
from the Department of Agriculture
by anyone who wants it, and will
make good reading for those who
farm and for those who do not. In
spite of its humorous form it contains
much sound advice on farming sub-
jects, and if it makes fun as it goes
along—why that's the ideal way to
take life on the farm or anywhere
else.

FIVE PER CENT IMMIGRA- TION.

A partial estimate of the possibi-
lities under the pending Johnson im-
migration bill shows that that meas-
ure is not so restrictive as is gen-
erally supposed. Its limitation of the
number of immigrants admissible
from any country in 12 months to 5
per cent of the number from that
country who were here when the 1910
census was taken would let in a good
many people.

It is shown that the possible ad-
missions on this basis from Great
Britain, Ireland, Germany, Scandi-
navia, Holland, France, Switzerland,
Spain, Portugal, Russia, Italy, Poland,
Canada and Mexico would aggregate
about 585,000. This is two-thirds as
many as came from those countries
in the last normal year, 1913. It is
possible that the total number admis-
sible from all countries would reach
700,000.

There would be, of course, little
chance of that total being realized,
because while no nation could exceed
its 5 per cent, many nations would
not send their full quota. Still, if in-
dustrial conditions here should im-
prove greatly in the spring months,
the applicants for entrance might well
approximate 500,000 during the en-
suing year.

It should be observed, too, that
the bill would admit from some coun-
tries a great many more than those
countries sent in 1913. Thus Great
Britain and Ireland, which sent 88,
000 the last year before the war,
might send 127,000 the coming year.
Germany might send 125,000 instead
of the 34,000 who came in 1913, and
Scandinavia 62,000 instead of 32,000,
and Mexico 19,000 instead of 12,000.
The quotas of Russia and Italy would
be cut down greatly. Canada, too,
would lose, being allowed only 60,000
immigrants as against 74,000 in 1913.

These figures will be interpreted
favorably or unfavorably, according
to the racial sympathies and immigra-
tion sentiment of various classes of
citizens. In general they seem calcu-
lated to disarm most of the objections
of foreign-born citizens who want the

gateways from their fatherlands left
open, and to disappoint the older Am-
ericans who have urged severe res-
triction until a permanent immigra-
tion policy can be worked out by the
next administration.

HOME-WRECKING PROS- PERITY.

There is an old saying that "When
Poverty comes in at the door, Love
flies out of the window." Yet the at-
torney for a legal aid society ascribes
to "too much money" the increased
number of domestic quarrels and di-
vorses with which his association has
had to deal in the past year.

"During the war," says this lawyer,
"both men and women worked and
earned money, and they became ac-
customed to things which they had
never had before. Women got to run-
ning around to dances or became dis-
satisfied with home conditions, and
there were wrangles which would never
have taken place if the young folks
had been struggling along trying to
make a home and get ahead of what
their combined efforts were bringing
in."

The attorney speaks wisely. Com-
mon effort, common interest, com-
mon sacrifices for a common bond
draw people together. Easy money,
unlimited opportunity for frivolity
and display and the continuous pur-
suit of amusement are apt to drive
people apart.

This is one reason why, until war
wages brought financial ease to al-
most all circles, separations and di-
vorses were chiefly the sport of the
wealthy few.

One of the things which hard times
will give back is the home. Some of
these impatient young people will be
divorced, but eventually they may
find mates for whom they care enough
to make sacrifices, and that will
mean permanently established homes
for them. Others, even with prosper-
ity suddenly fallen away, will cling
together and weather the storm, cor-
recting out of it all with a firm basis of
understanding and mutual affection
and respect which will put them in
the front rank of the citizens who
make life sound.

THE BEST PREVENTIVES.

Disease epidemics were among the
pleasant possibilities mentioned in
connection with the rush of immigra-
tion from the war-torn areas of Eu-
rope. While this prophecy has been
fulfilled to a slight extent by the ap-
pearance on immigrant ships, and even
in New York City, of occasional
cases of typhus, there is little reason
for people to be unduly apprehensive.
Health authorities, especially in
cities in which immigrants tend to
settle, need to be on the alert with
preventive measures and education.
The ordinary individual needs only to
obey the rules of good health and
cleanliness, rejecting that open
weather of spring it at hand, and live
out of doors.

Epidemics are spread partly through
pans. People become nervous and
apprehensive; the bodily tone is low-
ered, and thus susceptibility to dis-
ease is increased. Fear about ill-
ness and think about health, and with
an efficient public health corps,
all will be well in every man's town.

Immigrants totaling 360 have been
admitted to the State of Massachusetts
for clothing eaten from the clothes
lines by dew. Now, don't go and
make any silly crack about dear food.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

THE OFFICE KITTY SPEAKS.

I search and wander all about
To find the things I scrawl about
Although I meow and stail about
It's nothing much to bawl about.

It does no good to cry about
Nor will it help to lie about
The way I have to tale about
And gather tales that fly about.

I find a lot to speak about,
As 'round my desk I peek about,
And every day I seek about,
For littl' things to squeak about.

You do not have to fear about,
The way I have to spear about,
And whisper in your ear about,
The funny things I hear about.

I think it's mighty swell about
The compliments you yell about,
Although I oft catch hell about
The funny tales I tell about.

So, having much to think about,
And not a single drink about,
Pray do not raise a stink about,
The way I sling my ink about.

You can always tell an auto when you
see one passing by,
You can always tell a baby every
time you hear it cry.

You can always tell a brewery by the
color of its bricks,
You can always tell an acrobat by
looking at his tricks.

You can always tell a jazz band every
time you hear it play,
You can always tell the summer from
the spring and fall.

You can graduate from college,
And have every kind of knowledge.

But you can't tell a woman, you can
tell a man,
You can't tell her anything at all!

Speaking and thinking of sleeping
sickness leads us to insinuate that
we have a reason to believe that sev-
eral of our contributors are afflicted
with this malady.

We regret that our financial cir-
cumstances will not permit sending a
bale of posies to each of same, but
sincerely trust that the malady will
soon vanish from our midst.

HEARD ON JEFFERSON STREET.

She: "Now, Gawge, you get right
down on your knees and beg my par-
don for saying that!"

He: "What? Get down in this dirt
on my knees in my Sunday pants?
Never!"

You may wonder what I was doing
on Jefferson street when I heard that;
well, I wasn't there at that time, for
I never heard it. I just made it to
see how foolish it would look in print.

I might bring you some more of
these some day in my 1912 automob-
ile, if none of these kill your expi-
qajoxo operator.

Rent is what the poet had in mind
when he wrote them immortal lines
about Falling Dew—only he spelled
it wrong.

The word rent also means, in one
sense, hole, which is what the aver-
age householder finds himself in
about the time the other kind comes
due. In this respect the Arabs are
a lucky race because they carry their
places of abode around with them and
when they weary of the scenery in
one spot they move to another.

Omar Khayyam had this to say on
the subject—although we are not cer-
tain that he said it:
'Comes now the pesky landlord for his
rent.'

And, I, unlucky gink, ain't got a cent;
The only way, it seems, to beat this
game
Is to take the doorknob off, or buy a
tent.

However, anyone who is familiar
with Mister Khayyam's views of life
will readily understand the reason for
his hardupphiness.

In conclusion let us observe the rent
used to be what a feller had left after
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