

A PLEA FOR THE BEAUTIFUL.

Pleasure as well as profit should be studied in road making. There has at last come an enthusiasm for fine roads; it is also to be for beautiful roads as well as solid drive-ways.

Men may have the right business instinct, and know how to build good roads for handling loads, but they do not have the art of making roads so as to take advantage of the beautiful scenes about.

This is the age of summer tourists. Our ratio of city population has increased so greatly that the country must be considered as not only a place to raise food for the urban dwellers, but as a place for them to visit and enjoy in the heated months.

It is money in pocket to keep clean streets and to have them planted with shrubbery and choice trees. We need a total revolution. The stock law has reversed everything. Once the street was a public pasture, a man's land and an all cattle land.

In that way only can we preserve sanitary conditions and prevent degeneration of the crowded inhabitants of the towns. It is a plan of recuperation that ought to be encouraged. Hereafter our country byways must be looked upon as not altogether ours, but in part the legitimate resort of the soul starved citizen who spends ten months in warehouses and counting rooms.

Choosing between our yards and the street, I would prefer to make the street ornamental and the yards simply clean and practical. I have heard it said that we should have our flowers and shrubbery planted from the public and concealed. There are two sides to this question.

Think of the powerful influence which clean, handsome roadways would have on the mind life of the people. If we are to have a continuance of dusty, and in wet weather of muddy and disgusting dirt roads, never well made, never enjoyable and often terrible, we shall do well to hide our flowers and shrubs as far as possible out of sight.

The Wheelmen's association is publishing pictures of the average road as it is, and essays concerning the road as it ought to be. Prize essays are published by the universities. But in all this stir I see no mention of anything but better road beds for hauling loads. My plea is for beautiful roadsides.

Relative to the value of highways, the state board of agriculture of New Jersey has published a pamphlet showing how that state has been affected by some roads recently constructed there under the new law. This pamphlet says of them:

Real estate has been doubled, trebled and quadrupled in value since the construction of Telford roads from Orange to Dover, N. J. One of the chronic grumblers against taxes for road improvements in Union county, when asked if he would consent to have the road restored to its old condition in order to save the taxes, replied: "Well, as I shall not be required to pay more than two dollars a year for the rest of my life, it would not be worth while."

RAILWAY RUMBLES.

The Baltimore and Ohio company is using two new locomotives that were built at the Mount Clare shops. The St. Charles car works have just turned out seventeen fine chair cars for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road.

It is reported that the Norfolk and Western wants to buy the Ohio and Northwestern to give an outlet from Portsmouth to Cincinnati.

The Richmond and Danville is now running postal cars between Atlanta and Washington, lighting them with Pintsch gas. The supply from the Atlanta works runs the round trip.

The Columbus, Hooking Valley and Toledo company is going to place four iron bridges on its Hooking division, the contract to build which has been awarded to the Detroit Bridge company.

It is expected that the New York, Lake Erie and Western's new coal dock at Weehawken, N. J., which will be one of the most extensive along the North river, will be completed in the near future.

The latest scheme for direct railway communication between England and France provides for a double watertight tube, capable of containing two railway tracks, and sunk about forty feet in the channel.

The New York Central now requires conductors to send in an accurate account of the total mileage traveled by the passengers on each train. The work has heretofore been done by clerks at headquarters.

The Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton was the first road to introduce parlor cars on its accommodation trains, and they are proving so popular that the company has decided to make the arrangement permanent.

The Sunday trains on the Midland and Rio Grande lines between Leadville and Glenwood Springs are called laundry trains. They bear this appellation because they are always filled with miners who go to the springs to wash.

Under a new arrangement passengers over the Lake Shore for Syracuse and points beyond will be carried around by Niagara Falls without extra charge. Heretofore the Michigan Central has had a monopoly of this scenic route.

The Pennsylvania company has set aside \$1,500,000 to expend in improving its road-bed and equipments on the lines west of Pittsburgh, not including the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, on which a good deal is to be done in laying a second track.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road has put on two vestibuled trains each way between Buffalo and New York, and Buffalo and Philadelphia, making the run from Buffalo to New York in eleven hours, and to Philadelphia, in connection with the Pennsylvania via Mauch Chunk, in twelve hours.

The Concord and Montreal railroad has leased from the Old Colony railroad for ninety-nine years the six mile link between North Acton and Concord Junction, Mass., and the former will run all its summer mountain trains via its Acton branch. Heretofore the through mountain travel has been via Lowell.

The Poughkeepsie Bridge company effected a traffic arrangement with the New York and New England railroad by which the latter company will use the bridge for its through traffic. This arrangement was conditional upon the construction by the bridge company of a connecting line from the bridge to the New England railroad. To build this link will cost about \$400,000.

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

The Japanese have on the average about two earthquakes a day. The amount of gold in the world would fit in a room twenty-four feet each way.

There are 500 authorized guides in the Alps. Six of them are over seventy years of age. There is a church building in New York, every inch of the front of which is concealed by a luxuriant growth of ivy.

Corea has a cave from which a wintry wind perpetually blows. The force of the wind is such that a strong man cannot stand before it.

The saltiest piece of water upon earth is Lake Urmia, Persia, more than 4,000 feet above the sea level. It is very shallow, and no living thing can exist in it.

It costs one and one-fourth cents per pound to bring tea from Yokohama to New York, 7,500 miles, and ten cents per pound to send tea by express one mile up town in that city.

The prevailing Sunday sport in Cuba is cock fighting, and it is not an infrequent sight to see a Cuban gentleman going about the streets of Havana with his pet bird on the way to a fight.

The cultivation of tobacco has been prohibited throughout the whole of Egypt. The owners of the lands which are found to be under tobacco cultivation will be subjected to a fine of \$1,000 per acre.

When the mosque of St. Sophia, in Constantinople, was built, more than 1,000 years ago, the stones and bricks were laid in mortar mixed with a solution of musk, and the building has been fragrant with the odor ever since.

SCIENTIFIC WAIFS.

Dr. Dowd, of New York, has found that each cubic inch of soil contains from 60,000 to 2,500,000 minute organisms. It has been found that a small dose of strong alcohol shortens the time that food remains in the stomach by more than half an hour.

A scientist of Tennessee thinks that the Gulf stream every day passes through thousands of miles of subterranean channel that is surrounded by a living fire.

The earth is gradually growing larger from the fall of meteoric matter. An astronomer estimates that the globe is annually peited with 146,000,000 projectiles.

The cooling of milk immediately after it is drawn from the cow is said to be of the greatest assistance in delaying fermentation, and it is thought to be the most practical method which can now be recommended.

The amount of coloring matter stored in coal is such that one pound of the mineral yields magenta sufficient to color 500 yards of flannel, urine for 130 yards, vermilion for 3,560 yards and alizarine for 255 yards of turkey red cloth.

A new sewing machine by a Welshman has no shuttle or bobbin. The thread is supplied directly from two ordinary spools, and sews through the assistance of a rotary looper. It is vastly more simple than any other sewing machine.

One of the recent inventions for life saving apparatus is the Irvine pneumatic gun for throwing a line to ships in distress or to persons in a burning house. The air is admitted from a reservoir to the chamber behind the projectile at a pressure of 2,400 pounds on the square inch.

CROWN AND SCEPTER.

The czar receives from his Siberian gold mines about \$18,000 annually. The best dressed woman in the world is said to be Queen Margherita. She seldom wears a dress more than once.

King Charles of Portugal, though under thirty years of age, has grown so heavy that he can hardly move about. Archduchess Maria Theresa of Austria makes gold brooches with her own hands and gives them as presents to her family.

The queen of Madagascar lately took her yearly bath, a function that was attended by the singing of hymns, the firing of artillery and the beating of drums.

There seems to be no question about the aging effect of her many sorrows upon the Princess Clotilda, widow of the late Prince Napoleon. Though only forty-eight years old, her once blond hair is white.

Queen Victoria's yacht, the Osborne, has cost just \$783,000 in the last seventeen years. She uses the yacht only a fortnight each year, and it is sometimes used a little by other members of the royal family.

Princess Louise of Denmark, daughter of the crown prince of that country, and Prince Eugene, third living son of the king of Sweden, are engaged to be married. The bride is a descendant of Queen Louise of Prussia, mother of the late Emperor William.

The Duchess of Fife stands next to her two brothers, both of whom are unmarried, in the line of succession to her father, the Prince of Wales, and it would not be so very singular if the baby princess should some day be added to the number of England's regnant queens.

The young Chinese emperor has celebrated the completion of his twentieth year by picking out a new wife. Precedent allows a man of his rank seven of these companions, and this acquisition is only the second. His mother examined the many candidates for the honor, and selected ten therefrom, out of which number Hwangti made the final choice.

Peru has appropriated \$25,000 to defray the expense of making its exhibit at the exposition. Kansas, which defeated its World's fair appropriation, is now trying to raise \$150,000 with which to make an exhibit.

It is reported that the people of New Mexico intend to raise \$75,000 to add to the state's World's fair appropriation of \$25,000. United States Consul General Ballentine, of Bombay, says that he believes several native Indian princes will attend the exposition.

Virginia is interested in the World's fair. It is proposed to make the Virginia state fair in 1892 a much grander affair than usual, and then to take the best of the exhibits to Chicago in 1893.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union intends to make a notable exhibit at the exposition. The headquarters and chief officials of the National and World's societies are already located in Chicago.

An extensive display of postage stamps may be expected at the World's fair. The American Philatelic association and the Philatelic society of New York have both appointed committees to work to that end.

One of the interesting objects which will be exhibited at the World's fair is a table, made from the timber of a house in Panchal, Madeira, in which Columbus lived for a time before he began his voyages of discovery.

Frederick J. Skiff, formerly editor of the Denver Tribune, and recently engaged in mining enterprises, has been appointed chief of the department of mines and mining of the exposition. He is one of the Colorado commissioners.

Ohio, which has an appropriation of \$500,000 to spend on its World's fair exhibit, intends to put about a quarter of it into a building, which will be made the state headquarters on the grounds. The Ohio Archaeological and Historical society wishes to make a separate display.

Never a made up the under any consideration with the negligee shirt. The coat skirt—a most sensible deviation out of the rut of custom—is coming, and coming strong.

The toggery provided for the summer youth, while bright and picturesque, in no phase transcends the bounds of propriety in color or design. The washable waistcoats that come in many well chosen designs will be worn with the coats and trousers. They may be worn with the chevrot, but not the flannel shirts.

The silk band has been tried again with success upon the bell crowned London hats. An effort to carry the velvet craze to this extent has not met with general approval.

The spats are now worn to match the waistcoat by the swaggerest men in town. Buff colored spats and waistcoat is just about the snappiest thing the season has yet divulged.

It will be noticed that the new long top coats, while they have a plain down each side seam, indicating a skirt effect, have no buttons upon the waist line of the back. In place thereof there is a triangle done in self color silk.

The more conservative men of the fashionable world pretend to see in this revival of the models of 1840 in men's wear a forthcoming renaissance in short clothes, and are deeply agitated thereover. Scratch an opponent of knee breeches and you will find a personage with bad legs, take my word for it.—Clothing and Furnisher.

Have the dark room and everything in it in perfect order. A poor camera box and weak lens will not give good results.

Use one formula for a developer, and keep on doing so until you are master of it. Do not neglect to dust the plate before inserting it in the slide, or the picture will be spoiled by dust spots.

The proposition of the American photographic conference to establish a purchasing and disbursing agency, where the members and apparatus at manufacturers' prices, has created a big stir among dealers generally.

To make a picture of one person with a double exposure, place the subject in position on the right of the center of the black background, focus and expose for two seconds in good light. Now place the subject on the left of the center of background and focus again, giving the same exposure. Develop the plate, and you will have twin brothers. This line of photography offers a great scope for originality and skill.



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