GOOD HUNDE

e Automobile an Argument For Highway Improvement.

With the automobile steadily push ing its way as an available medium fer touring purposes the question of road improvement instead of becoming a dead issue is in reality a most important topic in rural affairs. We shall have this year in the United States up less than twenty automobile clubs, whose members will devote a great deal of their time to pleasure jaunis within a hundred mile radius of the inrger cities, says the New York Tele mam. Some of them will push farthet and make long trips between the easand the west.

In no season has there been such general interest in touring, due of course to the increasing number of automobilists. The road machines are no longer a novelty, but a recognized method of quick and easy transportation from point to point. Communities that have the commercial instinct keep profit well by expending sums upon road improvement, since they bring : their section persons of means who spend large sums in the course of travel.

In addition to the financial reimbursement brought by travel to any locality of good roads it is an unques tionable fact that the residents prof largely by their own ability to get to and from business centers when otheections are tied up because of the impassability of the highways.

The automobile is here as a fixture It is no longer an experiment, and it is a permanent argument for road im provement. The communities that make the best of new conditions at those that ultimately will profit the most. There is no immediate damp that the automobile will crowd the horse off the road. Both are here to remain indefinitely.

BEAUTIFYING ROADS.

Planting Trees and Shrubbery Mon Country Highways.

The road improvement campaign which has been so ably conducted by those interested in riding, bleyeling and automobiling in recent years, is about to enter upon another stage of progress which will appeal with special force to those interested in things beautiful. says Harper's Weekly. Heretofore the utilitarian view of road improvement thas been kept well in the foreground. but now several New England communities are emphasizing the wsthetic value of beautiful roadsides. Scientific



Senator Fairbanks of Indiana will endeavor to have the next congress appropriate \$25,000 for "experimental rural telephone free delivery." The plan is to have the government issue a new telephone special delivery rural mail stamp. This stamp would be notice to the postmaster at whose office the letter was received that he was to open the letter and repeat the message over the telephone to the person to whom the letter was addressed, or at least deliver it to persons that would see that the contents of the letter were delivpred at once.

The Adulteration of Drugs.

In the new code of medical ethics prepared by the committee of the American Medical association and adopted at the recent New Orleans meeting the following paragraph touches a matter of vital public interest:

Any druggist or pharmacist who dispenses deteriorated or sophisticated drugs or who substitutes one remedy for an-other designated in a prescription ought thereby to forfelt the recognition and influence of physicians.

The language is very guarded, as may be expected in the deliberations of a body of scientific professionals. It remains for the press and the public to heed the warning and make it effective. The substitution and deterioration of drugs intended for medical remedies are as common as the adulteration of cheap food stuffs and alcoholic liquors. Established druggists with a reputation for compounding prescriptions declare without hesitation that they supply inferior ingredients because the popular demand is for cheapness and the public will not puy for quality.

But there is another side to this. The customer in search of a remedy expects what he asks for-that is, pure and uncorrupted ingredients. For him it is a matter of vital interest and it may be of life and death. Some one with scientific knowledge should be in position to refuse to tamper with public health. The druggist is the dispenser of remedies, and legislation has often been aimed at compelling him to have regard for the general welfare if he has not for the dignity of his calling. Stringent laws are needed. The average citizen in search of a remedy is willing to pay any price for the right thing. Disputations as to price are exceedingly rare in the retail dispensaries. Customers road treatment must of necessity come | expect to pay well for quality, and having paid well should receive the goods. Some of the substitutes in common use in the retail drug stores are of a character to defeat the purpose of the physician, baffle his judgment and confuse him as to results, negative or positive. as may happen.

The remedy for the existing condition of affairs in the retail drug trade lies largely with physicians. They can brenk up the vicious practice of substitution if they will act as vigorously through their local, county and state societies as the gravity of the fraud warrants. In the case of a druggist detected in this form of crime against unsuspecting customers, the physician is fully warranted in putting his patients on their guard.

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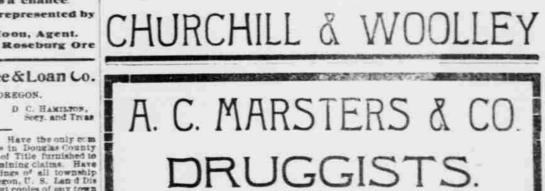


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COUNTRY ROAD IN ENGLAND. " first, but beautifying roadsides repre-"sears even a more advanced stage of Celvilization.

increased when the trees, shrubbery be made to get through a bill limiting and general roadside appearances are undesirable immigration into the Unitpleasant to look at and cool and invit- ed States. It is promised that the ing to the eye. That there are an art measure will have strong backing in and a science in roadside treatment is the senate as well as in the house. It made very apparent by experiments made in New England. Instead of sacrificing trees that would take half a century to replace the road masters devise some methods of preserving them. ed such nharming proportions as to while new trees are planted at favorable places. Shrubbery along roadsides the future of the country. can be either a nuisance or a source of great asthetic value. It all depends the present law is good so far as it upon its location and nature. Along many roadsides the attempt is made to cut down all weeds, shrubbery and grass. Clean sweep is made of everything, and the result is anything but artistic.

The movement started in New Enland now is to plant trees and shrule along the roadside to enhance their beauty. The plantings are far enough back from the rondway so that branch es will never interfere with passing carringes, and steps are taken to keep the ditches free from all obstructing growths.

Rural Delivery Notes

Superintendent Machen is rapidly ex-

tending the rural free delivery service

His latest report shows that a large

number of new routes have been estab

Not only has rural free delivery ro-

sulted in increased postal receipts and

the extension of educational advan-

tages, but farm lands have been en-

banced in value, roads improved and

better prices obtained for farm prod-

ucts as a result of the producers hav-

lished in various states.

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The Immigration Problem.

is generally recognized that something must be done to prevent the influx of undesirable immigrants. It has reachgive rise to serious appreliensions for

The immigration officials declare that goes, but that it does not go far enough. They also declare that the immigrants now coming over are in clined to stick to the cities of the east. Special designs for Office Fixtures joining the little colonies of their countrymen, retaining the manners and vices of their old homes and learning nothing of our mode of life. Farmers are wanted, they say, and especially farmers from the north of Europe, including Germany, England, Ireland, France, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

TRAIN AND TRACK.

More trolley lines are being built in Ohio than in any other state in the Union. Railroad men say it costs 10 to 20 per

cent more to operate railroads now than two years ago.

On account of the great rush of trolley line travel passenger cars carrying 100 persons are to be introduced on 11linois lines.

The capital stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad company is now \$400,000,-000. The sum of \$5,000,000 is to be expended in Buffalo in elevated roads to ing been brought into daily touch with obviate grade crossings.

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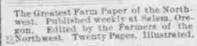
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