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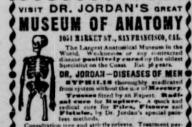
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mineral deposits of South Africa give

great promise when the wealth seekers find time to turn their attention to industries which are less speculative. The gold and diamond mines are wonderfully profitable. The Kimberley mines, which are located in British territory just outside the boundaries of the Orange Free State and about 600 nilles from Cape Town, now supply about 98 per cent of the diamonds of commerce. The existence of these mines was unknown prior to 1867, and in the brief period since their discovery \$350,000,000 worth of rough diamonds have been taken from the Kimberley nines, and the stones were easily worth double this sum after cutting.

This enormous production would have

African Republic, better known as the Johannesburg mines. The strip of territory a few hundred miles long and a few miles in width to which this name is applied was a few years ago cor sidered nearly worthless, useful only for the pasturage of cattle and sheep According to our treasury bureau of statistics, gold was discovered there in 1883, and in the next year the gold production was about \$50,000. The output increased with startling rapidity. The amount of gold mined in 1888 was \$5,000,000. In 1889 \$10,000,000. In 1892 over \$20,000,000, in 1895 over \$40,000, 000 and in 1807 and 1808 \$55,000,000 each year. This wonderful development naturally attracted great attention to South Africa and drew thither thousands of people in the hope of making fortunes rapidly. The mines, however, cannot be successfully worked except by the use of machinery, and, while they have been extremely productive where machinery has been used, they were not of such a charac ter as to make hand or placer mining profitable, as was the case in Califor

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that the owners of the mines in the vicinity formed an agreement by which the annual output was so limited as to meet but not materially exceed the annual consumption of the world's markets. The supply is so plentiful and so compan, vely inexpensive is the work of diamond digging that the industry has almost ceased in other parts of the world since the South African mines entered the field.

Equally wonderful and promising are the great Witwatersrand goldfields of South Africa, located in the South African Republic, better known as the Johannesburg mines. The strip of territory a few hundred miles long and a few miles in width to which this name

One of the greatest and most com-mon deformities of the day is one that with care and attention can be reme-dled. It is the round shouldered or stooping habit. Many of the most natural figures show this tendency to stoop, while in the narrow chested it is marked to a painful degree. And yet by raising oneself icisurely upon the toes in a perpendicular position several times a day this deformity can be easily rectified. To do this properly one must be in a perfectly upright position, the arms dropping at the side, the beels well together and the toes forming an angle of 43 degrees.

The rise should be made very slow ly and from the balls of both feet, and the descent should be accomplished in the same way without swaying the body out of its perpendicular line. The exercise is not an easy one, but may be accomplished by patience. It can be modified, too, by standing first on one leg, then on the other. Inflating and raising the chest at the same time is a part of the exercise and if persevered in will ultimately show an increased chest measurement, develop-ment of lung power and erect figure.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

UNJUST TO THE FARMER. Cost of Ronds Should Not Fall on

Him Alone.
With all the advance of thought in the direction of better highways, there are still many who believe that their cost must necessarily fall upon the agriculturist, says Otto Dorner, chairman of the L. A. W. highway improvement committee. Just as the farmer was the pioneer settler in most of the states, so he has been the ploneer road builder. At his town meetings he has deternined where no fonds should be terd said wash so their should be "worked" and improved and how much

of a tax should be expended upon each improvement. As it was left to him to plan this important work, so its exse has rested almost entirely upon his shoulders. Now that the cry for macadamized highways is to be heard in the city and country alike farmers believe, as a rule, that they are to be

called upon to build them. This is wrong. Farmers have enough in the way of taxes to pay without undertaking the building of elaborate gravel and stone roads. It is unfair that such a burden should be added to their already heavy load. Whatever may be undertaken in the way of con structing permanent highways should be done at the expense of those who are to reap its benefits. True it is that the saving in the cost of hauling crops would be considerable and that this saving would result almost entirely to the farmer. But that is no rea son for asking him to pay the cost of building such roads. He is not the only one to use them. They serve to bring city people and city products into the coaitry as much as they serve to bring country people and country prodnets into the city. The merchant who



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time, at the present rate of progress, there may be many miles of improved highways in the state. Once the farmers of the state have become convinced that good roads are a necessity for their betterment, the good roads movement will pass out of the experimental rtage into one of accomplished fact. It begins to look as though that time

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much benefited through a good road to travel over as is the farmer who comes ther is the use of roads limited to those living in the vicinity, and travelers from a distance share the benefits resuiting from their improvement. It would be the height of injustice, therefore, to ask the farmer alone to stand the cost of good roads.

The proper division of the cost of good roads has been accomplished rough state aid.

GOOD ROADS LESSON.

Cotton Growers Learn the Value of Improved Highways. "It appears, as the result of careful Investigation, that it costs in the United States just about three times as much to market our farm crops as it does in European countries, where good roads have been built," says Otto

Dorner, chairman of the L. A. W. bigh-

way committee. "Farmers there are able to make their loads three times as great as ours, owing to better roads. "But we are not obliged to go to Europe for illustrations as to good roads, for we have fortunately a few localities in our own country which furnish such examples. Mecklenburg county, N. C., not long ago began the construction of a system of macadam roads. It was customary there to load up two bales of cotton on a wagon to be hauled by a mule team. The mules could draw this load very well during dry weather. After a rain, when the roads were soft, the load was too much for even a pair of tough mules. After the county had begun to build roads this load was doubled several times, and it was found that the same two mules were able to haul as much as 12 bales, or 6 tons, in place of their former load, which amounted to only a single tou. And, more, the improved roads made it possible to haul this load in wet and dry weather alike, for, being properly built of stone, they were fit for use immediately after a

FAVOR GOOD ROADS.

beavy rain."

Wisconsin Begins to Feel the Need

of Better Highways. The last Wisconsin legislature passed a law permitting towns to purchase roadmaking machinery on time payments, and also passed a resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution permitting of state aid in readmaking. This resolution will have to be passed by the next legislature and then submitted to the people. After that any legislature can pass the

From the way in which the movement is progressing there seems now no doubt that the amendment will be passed and adopted. Even before that was very near, even if it has not now



STORAGE FOR ROOTS.

The leading features of a good root couse or cellar are cheapness of con-truction, nearness to the place where the roots are consumed, dryness, venti-ation, and, above all, it must be frostproof. These important points must be

kept in mind in planning a root house





cellar, says a writer in the Ohio Farmer in introduction to descriptions and diagrams as follow of a number

Fig. 1 is an end view of a roothouse made of brick. As brick is a pretty good conductor of heat and cold, it is necessary in building the walls to leave air spaces. A roothouse should be roof boarded with matched lumber and shingled, underlaid with two thicknesses of good building paper and ceiled overhead sith matched ceiling and could have double doors, one pair to

swing out and one pair to swing in.
Fig. 3 shows the stone facing of a hillside root cellar. This is a large cel-lar with bins on each side, with an al-ley between, and is provided with a wide door. Two tight fences of stakes

and planks two feet apart, with earth filled in between, os of logs or stout rails used in the sa manner make a cheaper front and give better protection against cold than sto A field root cellar, Fig. 3, may be

built by digging in dry ground a trench 5 feet deep and 8 wide. Along each side 1½ feet below the surface notch and bevel the earth up to the surface so as to form an oblique support for a

Procure for rafters 2 by 8 joists, saw them into lengths of 5 feet and set up a pair, spiked together at the top, ev-ery two feet of the length of the build-ing. Nail cheap oak boards on the top of these rafters so as to cover it completely. Cover this roof 12 to 18 inches leep with earth and sod it neatly, drawing the sod on each side to a gutter which will lead away the water of

The ends may be closed with double boarding and filled in between with sawdust. In the gable ends over the top of the doors it should be supplied In light soils it will be necessary to place a stone or brick or post and board wall against the side of the cellar. Such a cellar will last many years and is thoroughly frostproof. If made

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boards, cut them to the desired length and nail on three 2 by 4 pieces, as shown in cut. Fill in spaces c c with sawdust. The ends must be made dou-ble and filled in with sawdust, then put on the roof of rough slabs. It will be tasteful and picturesque in appearance and will answer the requirements of

A New Notion About Black Knot. Two years ago I found some black knot on a plum tree. To remove it by cutting off the limbs would greatly disfigure the trees. The idea occurred to me to cover it with a plastic salve that would prevent the spores being cast off and thus prevent any further in-crease. I mixed equal parts of kero-sene, lard and resin, melted them tosene, lard and resin, melted them to-gether, then applied with a swab, cov-ering completely the enlargement, and in the fall gave another thorough ap-plication. In the spring the knots were scraped off easily. Now the bark is growing over the bare spots and will soon cover them. There is no guess-work about this. It does the work, says a Rurai New Yorker correspond-

MATRON AND MAID.

Miss Ruth Underhill, this year's golf nampion, is a granddaughter of the late hortes A. Dana.

the Wounge's Relief corps.

Mrs. Mary English the wislow of Concerni Banks, has just celebrated her eightlich birthday at her home in Waltham,

Miss Ora A. Root of Cincinnati spends her spare time collecting books and read-ing matter to send to the soldiers in the Philippines. Mrs. Anne E. Brumby, mother of Lieu-tenant Brumby of the Olympia, was one of the spectators at the festivities in At-lanta in honor of her son.

Miss Edith Root, daughter of the secretary of war, makes the tenth young unmarried woman in the cabinet set at Washington, an unprecedented number.

Lady Edwin Arnold is a young Japanese whom Sir Edwin had educated after the English fashion and then married. She fully appreciates her husband's literary talents.

Three Parisian women, Mmc. Gustave Parat, Mmc. George Ostheimer and Mmc. Gustave Richelot, have offered a prize of \$20,000 to the inventor of the best device May Nunez, who as Mrs. William Loring Spencer is known as the widow of the late United States Senator Spencer, from Alabama, is going on the stage again, this time in vandeville. Before her marriage she was a member of Augustin Daly's company.

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Baroness Nathaniel de Rothschild has left numerous bequests to the museums of Paris. Among them are a collection of musical instruments and autographs to the Conservatoire and a collection of works by early Italian painters to the Louvre, together with a picture by

Mrs. Yznaga, who is the mother of the Duchess of Manchester, having spent the summer in Europe with her daughters, another of whom is Lady Lister Kaye, is now in this country. Mrs. Yznaga will, as has been her custom for years, pass the winter months on her plantation is Louisiana.

Louisiana.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of Brookylyn, who succeeds Miss Susan B. Anthony, retired, as president of the National Association of the Woman Suffrage Societies, is a popular college woman and has for a number of years been associated with Miss Anthony in advancing the work of the organization.

Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, who is at the head of the woman army nurses and

the head of the woman army nurses and is an assistant to Sargeon General Stern-berg, has the rank of a first lieutenant and is entitled to wear shoulder straps indicative of her rank. Dr. McGee has the distinction of being the only woman offi-cer in the United States army service.

WORKERS AND DRONES.

It is important in wintering bees to have a well formed brood nest. Comb building ceases at the winding up of the honey flow at any season of the

If bees can gather honey during the fall months, usually the brood nest will be well formed.

To have bees do well in winter they should be kept very quiet, with no disturbance whatever.

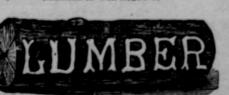
If bees are wintered in the cellar, they

must be kept quiet throughout and in ut-ter darkness all the time. Bees that are wintered in chaff hives may have the entrances to the hives closed entirely during cold weather.

It is not so much the question as to which is the best breed as it is which you can breed the best. It is rightly said that the best pla

for a poultry farm is within driving distance of a large city.— Feather.

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