

Common Sign Language.

Travelers in the interior of South Amercia, although knowing little or nothing of the language of the Indians, claim that an astonishing amount of communication may be held by gray eyes for the first time. means of a sign language. The different Indian groups of Brazil, for instance, while speaking each a different language, have a more or less common language of signs.

State Named from River.

Wisconsin derived its name from and keep for a month or two." the principal river, named Masconsin French documents have Ouisconsing or Misconsing.

Down on the Farm.

"The only worker I ever knew who would work when the boss was away safe until the slow process of extrawas the old-fashioned American hired dition is gone through with. man," declared a professor at Grand Rapids. We have known a couple of rifle, always keeping the muzzle dithem to sit on a fence at such times and work until their jaws were totally exhausted.

Already Free.

During the Sunday School lesson the teacher made reference to a passage of Scripture reading, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." A little girl in the front row exclaimed: "I'm already free. I'm free and a half."

One Way to Reduce.

A rather robust woman recently asked a doctor what she should do to reduce. "Take a certain kind of exercise," said he . "What kind do you recommend?" she asked. "Push yourself away from the table three times a day" replied the doctor .-- Topeka Capital.

Meat Distribution.

Two-thirds of the live stock used for food is raised west of the Mississippi, head sunk into his bowed shoulders while two-thirds of the consumers live East of the Mississippi. This accounts for the 1,300 packing houses occupied this way, now that; his beaked nose in converting live stock into meats and



quietly at the man before him. His thumb fumbled the hammer of a brown rifle, a nervous trick which had worn the steel smooth. "So ye want work?" he drawled,

presently. The man to whom he spoke was clad in overalls. His smooth-shaven face was tanned darkly. His upper lip had the peculiar puffy effect which betrayed the fact that a mustache had been sacrificed.

"Yes, I do."

"Whur're ye from? Whut kinda work kin ye do?"

The stranger met the searching

"Stranger," he said, frankly, "to be square with you. I ain't going to tell you where I come from. I'll say this much: I ain't always worn these kind of clothes and a look at my hands will show you that I ain't a laboring man, although I'm willing to do anything that will pay my board

The case was not unusual. The by Pere Marquette, translated wild, country is well suited to the needs rushing channel. The present spelling of men who have come under the disis derived from a misprint. All early pleasure of the law. On one side of Tug river is West Virginia, on the other lies the state of Kentucky. Hills, valleys, valleys and more hills; the landscape presents a monotonous ruggedness which discourages pursuit. Once across the river, the fugitive is

> Anse fumbled the hammer of his rected toward the other.

"I'll take ye, furriner," he pronounced, after giving him due consideration. "Whenever ull ye be ready to go to work?"

"I'm ready now."

He picked up a bundle of clothes and prepared to follow his employer. The old man wheeled like a cat. "No ye don't !" he snarled, his eyes red suspicion. "Ye go fust."

Without a word the younger obeyed. At a clearing Canfield halted him. "Troy! Hey-o-o, Troy !" he shouted,

his voice resounding in the typical mountaineer's call.

A tall lad appeared noiselessly behind them. On his shoulder was the inevitable rifle.

"Want me, dad?"

"Fetch this man a crow-bar an' shovel. He's gointa grub th' pastur'." When the implements came, he set the stranger to work in the gruelling afternoon sun, uprooting stumps in the clearing. During the operation he sat on the rail fence, an embod⁴ment of somber menace. With his he was never at rest. His keen gray eyes under shaggy brows darted now seemed to sniff the air suspiciously.

count uh some pigs, which they wa'n't wuth a dollar.

"I hain't never harmed th' state uh Kaintuck. All I've did is to kill ev'ry man I c'n find whùt helped kill my brother. I hain't hurt none uh them th' state sent after me, although they wuz meddlin' in a personal matter whut is jus' between th' McBees an' Canfiel's."

He got up and faced his listener. "Whut ye got to do with hit, Bill Hardin? Whut bisness is hit uh yourn?" A vein of raillery ran through his next words. "But I forgot. Ye didn'i come fer me, but jus' wanted a job. Hev ye got enough uh grubbin' stumps?"

The detective sat quietly in his chair, his eyes half-closed. "Anse, you've caught me with the goods." "I reckernized ye as soon as I seen ye. Shavin' off a mustache hain't much ub a disguise, Bill."

"Well, Anse," Hardin arose and met his eyes fearlessly, "what you going

to do about it?" "Ye know what I oughta do. But I don't want no trouble with th' state. Ye've et my grub, ye kin sleep in my house tonight. Tomorrow I'll drive ye to th' station in time to ketch Number Four. But don't never come back out here, Bill."

"Is that threat?" "Take hit as a warnin', Bill. Ye're squar' an' ye've got nerve. I don't want nothin' to happen to ye in my country."

The detective yawned. "I think you said something about a bed," he suggested.

The feudist lighted a tallow-dip and pointed to the steep stairway. Hardin took the light out of his hand and started to climb upstairs.

"Wait a minute, Bill," the Devil called. "Less have ev'rything straight between us. We uns is awful light sleepers an' mighty nervus. Whenever we hear a soun' in th' night we shoot fust an' look afterwards. Gin ye walk in yer sleep ye'd better fassen th' door so's ye can't open it less'n ye're wide awake."

The next morning Anse presided at the breakfast table with his homely grace. Hardin ate a hearty meal, expressing his appreciation by the keenness of his appetite.

A gleam came into his eyes as he got in the buggy beside his host and noticed that the brown old rifle had been left behind.

The mountaineer was by nature a taciturn soul and the law officer was busy with his thoughts, therefore the drive was finished in silence.

As the train pulled in, Anse reached in his pocket.

"Bill," he drawled, a humorous light in his deep-set eyes, "th' Good Book snys that th' laborer is worthy uh his hire"; with the words, he dropped a silver dollar in Hardin's blistered paim. The detective reached back to put the coin in his pocket. His hand flashed up holding a revolver.

"I don't see any reason why you shouldn't take the trip with me," he remarked, cheerfully,

The old man shook his head gloom ily. "Put hit back, Bill, I'm disappointed with ye. Ye'd oughta know me better. I don't trus' no man further back than a fust cousin an' I expected this."

"Cut that out," Hardin snapped triumphantly. "Get aboard."



JOHN LISKA WROTE BEST ROAD ESSAY

John Liska, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. wrote the best essay in the 1924 national good roads essay contest for the Harvey S. Firestone four-years' university scholarship. The subject of his essay, which told in simple form the epic story of a country crossroads, was

"The Relation of Improved Highways to Home Life." Liska is the fifth high-school student to earn this honor and award. The contest is conducted each year

under the auspices of the highway education board, Washington, D. C. of which the United States commissioner of education is chairman. It is strictly educational in character and in the several states is sponsored by one of the leading universities, or by the state department of education. Mr. Liska's essay follows:

Isolation is the primary cause of the ignorance so evident in rural communities. Poor roads, more than any thing else, have forced the farm home into a demoralizing isolation. The improvement of highways, making the consolidated school and social center possible, is injecting new life into

homes formerly hopelessly isolated. Home life is broadened and enriched, Boys are willing to stay "down on the farm." Girls cease to envy their city

cousins and to leave home for "the bright lights," Just a few minutes of travel, on a

particular road leading out of the city of Wisconsin Rapids, will convince the most doubtful skeptic of the value of good ronds and their influence upon home life. About two miles from the city this road branches. One branch is called "the left road"; the other "the right road." The left road is almost always in a deplorable condition; the right road is hard-surfaced. The homes on the left road are dilapidated. the front yards scarcely recognizable among the tangle of broken machinery, old wire and various other objects placed "out of the way." The land has been cropped until it is impossible for even quack grass to flourish. The stock, descendants of some grand-dad's scarcely any characteristics of a high-

dent. Can you expect the boy or girl to remain on the farm under these conparently dead. But there is nothing ditions? Not one boy or girl living to th notion that it will continue to on this road has any education above wiggle until sunset and then stop. the eighth grade, and very many have Sometimes it will stop before and not even progressed that far. These sometimes after sunset, --- Pathfinder young people, many of them lying Magazine, about their ages, have had to seek a "job" at the store, mill or factory, instead of completing their education. Can home life be pleasant and happy where these conditions

exist? The road to the right leads through

The esthetic influence a good road

a more stable income each year. They

are sending their children to high

his self-respect, has allowed his home

How necessary to that home is a

bilities and new happiness,

The right road is, in the true sense

of the word, the "right road," We

must build more of them. Until this

is accomplished home life in isolated

sections will, in the future, simply

exist; but when all roads are "right

roads," these same communities,

highway bond issues. Sixty millions

of dollars have been spent since 1913

on the Lincoln highway alone for im-

provements, and many millions more

will be spent during the few years

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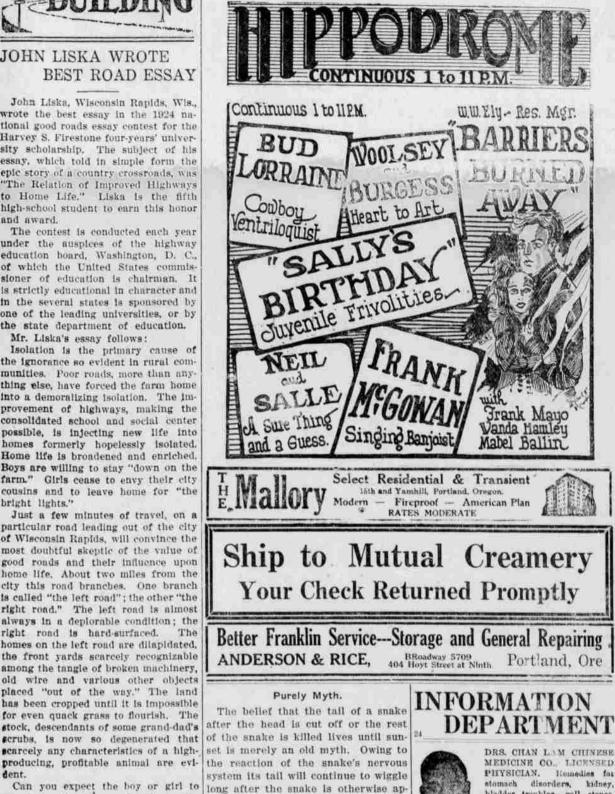
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transferring them to markets.

Remark Left Impression.

A man and his wife were buying a horse, "How could such a lovely creature have a temper?" asked the woman. "My dear, that is exactly what passed through my mind when I married you," answered the man, and he has not heard the last of it yet.

Word for the Cyclone.

About the only good thing that can be said about cyclone is that it doesn't -Des Moines Register.

Slight Accident Fatal.

A young man in London who was struck on the head by a chicken bone used as a missile died of septic pneumonia set up by the slight scalp wound he had received.

Final Adjudication.

Though reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of men and things, yet it is our own meditation must form our judgment.

Oxalic Acid in Rhubarb.

Rhubarb, when eaten in excess, has been known to act as a powerful polson on account of its natural content of oxalic acid .-- Science Service.

Must Move Fast.

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Mankind's Duty.

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is curly brown beard, shot with white, failed to hide the nervous twitching of a cruel mouth. And always he kept his rifle pointed in the direction of the worker.

At the mellow call of a horn, he slid to the ground and called his employee. "Supper," he announced, laconically. They filed to the house, the stranger in front. An elderly woman met them at the door.

"My new hand," the Devil said, by way of Introduction. The woman murmured something and led the way into the kitchen.

Anse played the part of host with cost the taxpayers anything for an a hospitality bred in the bone of the investigation as to who was to blame, mountaineer. He pressed fried chicken and squirrel and all the viands which constitute the highland menu upon his guest. But the stranger noticed the boy, Troy, sat in front of the stove with a rifle across his knees and never took his eyes from his

> face. The meal finished, the host escorted the laborer into the living room, A certain look of constraint seemed to leave him as he picked up his rifle and fumbled the hammer.

He caught his guest's eye and chuckled: "Somehow I don't never seem right unless I'm totin' ole Betsy." "I reckon there are some pretty

tough men in these hills," the other responded, looking with concern at his blistered palms.

"They's five thousan' dollars reward fer me in Kaintuck an's I hafter be keerful. I hain't one uh th' McBees. My men knows 'em all an' they hain't one uh 'em could cross Tug river alive. Whut I'm nervus about is these here smart. Jack deetectives. They hain't nothin' to hender 'em frum comin' to me, like ye done, fer a job, an' waitin' fer a chanst to capture me when I hain't on my guard." "That's why you carry the rifle with you all the time," exclaimed the hired

man, in sudden enlightenment. The Devil brooded in portentous

silence. The other busied himself pricking with his pocket-knife the water blisters caused by his strenuous afternoon.

"Hit's this away," Anse fumbled, suddenly, "I hain't never harmed a soul whut hain't fust harmed me. I wanta live in peace with my feller man, but things has happened, which they won't let me.

"Them McBees butchered my brother. He wuz my pal, my playmate. They filled him with lead an' cut twenty-five wounds in his body-all on ac-

For answer the outlaw whistled shrilly. Half a dozen lonfers on the platform were transformed into alert mountain men. They bounded toward the detective and surrounded him with leveled revolvers. Anse chuckled at the changed expression of Hardin's face and waved them away.

"Ye see, Bill, they're my people. They'd die fer me like I'd die fer 'em. Ye bin buttin' in on a private quar'l an' ye don't deserve to git away. Jump on yer train an' go back to Roanoke whar ye belong before I change my min'. An' don't never come back !" The officer shrugged his shoulders and thrust his gun back in his pocket. "Good-by, Anse," he called from the platform of the last coach.

Devil Anse Canfield stood and watched the train disappear in the East. His thumb felt vainly for its wonted occupation; a look of fear sprang into his eyes.

"Troy, Tro-o-y !" he yelled, shrilly, The boy ran to him,

"Whur's Betsy ?"

The lad handed her to him. The feel of the cold steel reassured him. With a sigh of relief he turned to his buggy, his thumb twiddling the worn hammer as a dog licks his master's shoe.

"Come on, kid; less go home," he drawled.

Fires in Forests

It is not practicable to equip forests with lightning rods. No remedy is now in sight for disastrous forest fires due to lightning, such as have occurred on a vast scale in the western states during the last season. When lightning strikes a tree the ordinary result is to splinter the wood or strip off bark through the sudden generation of steam. In the great inajority of cases the tree is not set on fire. Nevertheless the aggregate number of forest fires started by lightning is, in many parts of the country, greater than the number due to all other causes combined.

Odd Way to Pay Tax

A southern Ohlo taxpayer, being assessed 8 cents as his federal income tax, originally mailed postage stamps covering this amount, but was informed that stamps were not acceptable. Then the collector received a small block of wood, in which a hole had been bored and 8 cents secreted. A corn cob was used as a stopper to hold the money in place.

venience. Several farms are equipped Stanley. with every modern convenience, both

Twins Had Same Idea.

The Dependable Man.

Probably the most remarkable and | The men who reach the top seldom exerts is very evident. Often it stimulates latent self-respect into practical authentic story concerning twins is walt for a lift. They are climbing expression. These people are con- that of A., a twin, who bought a set while others are waiting for a boost. tinually adding some improvement in of champaign glasses in a town in The higher they climb the more room an honest attempt to beautify their Scotland as a surprise for his brother, they have, for there's always room on home surroundings. Through diversifi- R., who at the same time bought a top, though it may be ever so crowded cation and rotation of crops they have set of exactly the same pattern in at the bottom where all must start .-succeeded in bringing their land to a England as a present for A, Grit. high degree of fertility, resulting in

Had Many Successors.

schools, agricultural schools and universities. A better education is the United States at the Standard white settlers after the federal govteaching these children to realize the theater in New York city in 1789. Mrs. ernment had purchased it from the

In a large measure, on the road to tle Buttercup. the left, the average farmer has lost

Cannibalistic Spiders.

to fall below the standard, and has Spiders were found by the Mount falled to keep in stride with the times. Everest expedition 4,000 feet higher Father-"I had no idea that your He is considered inferior to city peohome upon the pinnacle where it another, abouid rest, "The True Home of Man."

What Job Escaped.

good road! What a relief it must Another thing old Job escaped-and Whittier's "Snow Bound" to have the road opened and the floundering carrier bring the village paper to the The left road may be compared to the snow-bound road, impeding prog- to think the right thought and he'd be flattered -Doctor Johnson, ress, forcing isolation. The right road soon be perfectly well and happy .--

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High Price, Considering,

ple. Farmers, such as those on the than any vegetable growth. The studies would cost so much!" Sonright road, are again placing the farm spiders are believed to feed upon one "They ought not to father. I don't study very much!"-Pelo Melo, Paris.

Flattery's a Compliment.

Finitery pleases greatly. In thes have been to those simple folk in it is probably one of the reasons he first place, the flatterer may think was so patient-was having someone what he says to be true, but, in the come smilling around as he sat there second place, whether he thinks so among the ashes, scraping himself or not, he certainly thinks those whom with a potsherd, and telling him just he flatters of consequence enough to

Classifying Peanut.

The peanut is a pea rather than a nut and belongs to the same group of plants as do beans and common gardon pens, differing only in that it possesses the character of blooming above ground and maturing its fruit or pod beneath the surface of the soll.

