

**Value of a Good Active Society.**  
Great possibilities are to be found even in the slowest country towns when a few live young people set to work in the right way, says the American Cultivator. The first step is a good active society of some sort—almost anything will answer if it brings the young people together—debating club, literary club, village improvement association or church society. If only there are two or three active spirits working and thinking together wonders may result. Progress may extend along unexpected lines. Political, business, social, religious or educational possibilities may be developed. But whatever the direction of advance the town will be quickened into a more vigorous life by the presence of a little organized effort.

**How to Make Peanut Salad.**  
Peanut salad is excellent for the duck or game course. Soak one cupful of nut-meats in olive oil, drain and mix with two cupfuls of cut celery and a dozen ripe or green olives, pitted and minced.


**How to Remove Ink Stains on Leather.**  
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**MODEL LANE SOCIETY IN AN ILLINOIS TOWN**

**Property Owners Have Scheme to Turn Ugly Alleys into Paths of Beauty.**

"Say, let's transform this alley into a lane," proposed the dreamer as he rested in a hammock under the trees near the alley that borders the rear of his suburban lot "estate" in Oak Park, Ill. Several neighbors had dropped into the rustic seat, and the dreamer decided it was an auspicious time to launch a scheme he long had had in mind, says the Chicago Post.

"It is taking on the appearance and odor of a regular city alley," he continued. "People are building here, and if we don't do something that part of our lots in the rear of the house soon will be most unpleasant."

He was encouraged by the tired commuters and went on:

"There is no reason why an alley should be a filthy place. There is plenty of law to keep it clean. But let us not depend upon law. Let us talk with the folk that live on this alley and get them interested. We will make it a real country lane and have it bordered by hedges, climbing roses and strips of turf."

"That would be fine, wouldn't it?" remarked one of the callers. "We could get the people in these two blocks to join us, appoint a lane commissioner and go at the job right."

"I don't know if the alley has produced the ugly rear of a flat building or the fat building, with its dun colored stairs, has produced the alley," the first speaker argued.

"In any event we have everywhere dirty alleys. Of course some are cleaner than others, but none is made to add beauty to a neighborhood. I see no reason why our lane should not be made one of the show places of this village. It will be a beautiful place to walk in when we get the plants and flowers growing."

"If we continue to call it an alley it would sound strange to ask a friend to stroll in 'an alley,' but we will rename it. 'Let us walk in the lane' will be all right, and when our visitors see the lane they will be charmed. The result will be that in time we will reform the whole town."

"It would be a good idea to have gateways at each alley—I mean lane-entrance," put in another member of the company, becoming enthusiastic.

"We could erect concrete posts, have gate hangers fastened to them and give the idea that the lane was a private driveway. If the posts were built on private property the municipal government would have no ground for objection."

As a result of the talk the Cottonwood Lane society was organized on the spot. Next year Cottonwood lane will be a model for the transformation of all alleys if the expectations of the enthusiastic members are realized.

**Good Work at Sterling, Mass.**  
At the annual meeting of the Village Improvement society of Sterling, Mass., the following summary of a few of its activities was given: Street signs have been placed throughout the village. A new piano has been placed in the town hall, which the town voted to buy. Prizes were given to pupils of the schools for the best flower and vegetable gardens. A public tennis court has been kept in order. The little park at the north end of the village has been graded and seeded down. A rubbish barrel was placed at the high school building, and two others are soon to be located near the center of the village. There are standing committees on sidewalks, public grounds, trees, street lamps, flower and vegetable gardens and new members.

**"Jayness" About a Town.**  
The annual complaint from property owners and lovers of a city beautiful in regard to the unsightly crops of weeds that are allowed to grow on vacant lots ought to receive the prompt consideration of the municipal authorities, says the Kansas City Journal. This is one of the most conspicuous evidences of "jayness" about a town.

**Notes of Civic Progress.**  
The St. Charles Avenue Improvement association of New Orleans has induced residents of that thoroughfare from Jackson avenue to Audubon Park to subscribe 50 cents a year each for the purpose of cutting grass, trimming trees, etc.

The Natick (Mass.) Village Improvement association reports that its plant and shrub exchange was a greater success this year than the year before. Shrubbery, roots and plants of all kinds were distributed, and the demand for them was much greater than the association could supply. All parts of the town are showing visible signs of the improvement that has resulted.

A recent issue of Park and Cemetery, Chicago, contained the following group of significant items: The North Chatham (Mass.) Civic Improvement association, a village of 100 inhabitants, has been instrumental in securing the lighting of the town by electricity. The association has raised funds to pay for two years' lighting, which is a good record for an organization not yet one year old.

Plans have been started by the Village Improvement Society of West Haven, Conn., to obliterate from the village a swamp which has for years been an eyesore and a breeding place of disease. The society plans to drain

up sections of the swamp, allow all the water to accumulate in a small area, forming an artificial lake, and then convert the rest into a public park.

**THE HOME DOCTOR.**

**How Various Aches and Pains May Be Quickly Relieved.**

A very good remedy for relieving Arache is to fill a little bag of soft dannel with salt and make this very hot in the oven. Test it against your cheek to make sure it is not too hot and then apply to the aching ear.

To prevent discoloration from bruises it will be found expedient to apply hot water cloths to the injured part and renew frequently until the pain ceases.

As soon as the barking cough begins in cases of croup give one drop of aromatic ammonia in a dessertspoonful of water. Repeat every fifteen minutes until relief is obtained or until a physician can be sent for.

Moistened tea leaves applied to a burn will relieve the inflammation and prevent a scar.

A teaspoon of ammonia added to a footbath of warm water will do much to rest tired, burning feet. Soak the feet in this water for fifteen minutes. Dry, and while the feet are warm and moist from the bath rub over them a small quantity of vaseline. In the morning dust the feet over with French chalk.

To remove a wart pour on it a drop of vinegar and then cover it with a much carbonate of soda as the vinegar will absorb. Keep it on ten minutes and repeat the application twice daily. In a few days the wart generally drops off, leaving only a tiny white mark.

For burns or scalds nothing is more soothing than the white of an egg, which may be poured over the wound. It is more soothing as a varnish for a burn than collodion.

**How to Rest the Brain.**

There are five things to remember to help rest an over-tired brain—(1) a healthy indifference to wakefulness, (2) concentration of the mind on simple things, (3) relaxation of the body, (4) gentle rhythmic breathing of fresh air, (5) regular nourishment. If we do not lose courage, but keep on steadily night after night, with a healthy persistence in remembering and practicing these five things, we shall often find what might have been a very long period of sleeplessness may be materially shortened and that the sleep which follows the practice of the exercises is better, sounder and more refreshing than the sleep that came before. In many cases a long or short period of insomnia can be absolutely prevented by just these simple means. Here is perhaps the place to say that all narcotics are in such cases absolutely pernicious.

**How to Cure Tonsillitis.**

Inflammation of the throat and tonsils is a common complaint at certain seasons of the year. A soothing drink for persons so affected is made by boiling a teaspoonful of isinglass in half a pint of milk with half a dozen bruised almonds and sweetened to taste. This drink has a marvelous effect in reducing the inflammation. It is widely used in England, but is not commonly known in this country.

**How to Know Linen.**

Cotton may be distinguished from the linen when one is making purchases by moistening the tip of the finger and pressing it on the fabric. If it wets through at once it is linen, while if any cotton enters into its manufacture it will take several seconds to wet through the threads. In linen the threads are more uneven than in cotton. This is a good test for handkerchiefs.

**How to Mend Gloves.**

Mend kid gloves with fine cotton of the same shade, not with silk. When a stitch in a seam gives way replace it at once. To mend a tear in the kid buttonhole closely round the edges once or twice, as the size of the rent may require, and then join the edges together. Save buttons from discarded gloves to replace the lost ones; they often match perfectly.

**How to Renovate a Black Bag.**

To renovate a black bag take a tablespoonful each of sugar and gin, and when the sugar is dissolved thicken the mixture with ivory black, add the yolk of an egg, beat all together, then beat in the white. Stir and apply like a kid reviver and leave for over twenty-four hours to harden. Then polish with a soft cloth or a chamois leather.

**How to Remove Indelible Ink Stains.**

To remove indelible ink stains make a solution of one-quarter of an ounce of cyanide of potassium to one ounce of water and apply to the spots. This is deadly poison. Ink spots may be removed by applying crystals of oxalic acid to the spots, steaming over a bowl of hot water. This is also poison.

**How to Cure an Inflamed Eye.**

For an inflamed eye use the white of an egg beaten to a froth and add to it a tablespoonful of rosewater. Apply this on a soft rag and change as often as it dries. The effect is most soothing, and the ingredients are easily procured.

**How to Remove Paint Spots on Glass.**

To treat paint spots that painters have left on your panes of glass soak in turpentine. If they have been left long enough to be very stubborn scrape the spots with the edge of a penny. It will not scratch as would a knife.

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**FARMER MAKES AN INTELLIGENT WITNESS**

**Knows the Advantage of Good Roads, the Economy of Easy Transportation.**

The following extract from a letter from Clayton Conrow of Cinnaminson, N. J., to State Highway Commissioner Sargent of Maine is the intelligent testimony of a farmer on the advantage of good roads, and based upon facts instead of theories, says Good Roads Magazine. And while local conditions vary, the principle involved—that is, the economy of easy transportation—is applicable everywhere:

"I live upon the line of an improved road leading from Philadelphia to New York, ten miles from the former place, and before the road was improved twenty-five baskets of promiscuous farm produce would make a big two horse road. After the road was improved the average load has not been less than 100 baskets, some farmers taking as many as 150 baskets to a load, but this last number is exceptional; also before improvement it would take a team all day to make the round trip of about twenty-three miles to the heart of the city; since improvement it requires an average of about seven hours. Now, assuming that a team and driver would be worth \$4 per day, the regular price here, it would cost 16 cents per basket for a farmer to land his produce in the market in the first case and but 4 cents per basket in the latter, allowing the seven hours to make a day.

"It must be evident to every unprejudiced observer that the farmers in this section would have been out of business had not the road been improved.

"It must be evident also that the farmer does not get all the benefit, for the citizen consumer shares a part of it, for it often happens during the glut of the season that farm produce sells for less than 16 cents per basket. This is a sufficient justification, I think, for asking the cities to help pay for improving country roads. This is true of everything the resident of the city uses or consumes. It can be delivered to him much more cheaply over a good road than a bad road."

**HOW TO USE A DRAG.**

**Some Points on Improving a Highway by the King Method.**

An Illinois highway commission has issued a bulletin on the split log, or King drag, which contains these instructions for its manipulation:  
Make a light drag, which is hauled over the road at an angle so that a small amount of earth is pushed to the center of the road.

Drive the team at a walk.  
Ride on the drag; do not walk alongside.

Begin at one side of the road or wheel track, returning up the opposite side.

Drag the road as soon after every rain as possible, but not when the mud is in such a condition as to stick to the drag.

Do not drag a dry road.  
Drag whenever possible at all seasons of the year. If a road is dragged immediately before a cold spell it will freeze in a smooth condition.

The width of traveled way to be maintained by the drag should be from eighteen to twenty feet. First drag a little more than the width of a single wheel track, then gradually increase until the desired width is observed.

Always drag a little earth toward the center of the road until it is raised from ten to twelve inches above the edges of the traveled way.

The amount of earth that the drag will carry along can be very considerably controlled by the driver, accordingly as he stands near the cutting end or away from it.

When the roads are first dragged after a very muddy spell the wagons should drive, if possible, to one side until the roadway has a chance to freeze or partially dry out.

The best results from dragging are obtained only by repeated applications. Remember that constant attention is necessary to maintain an earth road in its best condition.

**An Argument For State Aid.**

Ole Peterson, one of the most ardent advocates of good roads in Minnesota, is making a strenuous effort to arouse the people to support the proposed constitutional amendment, to be voted on in November, empowering the state legislature to make a direct tax levy for road purposes, says the Good Roads Magazine. In discussing state aid he recently said: "You will find that from 40 to 45 per cent of the taxable property of the state is in city and village property, and I think it no more than just and proper that this portion of wealth should be taxed in connection with other property in the state for the benefit of better country roads. The citizens of rural districts should be thoroughly conversant with these facts, in order that they may fully realize the benefit of state aid and that they may better appreciate the importance of the proposed amendment. If it is adopted the legislature can levy one-fourth of a mill, and that quarter of a mill will build some nice stretches of highway."

The Classified Ad columns of the Courier contain many items which will be of interest to you and you should make it a point to read them each week.



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