

# Trails to Nowhere

By O. Lawrence Hawthorne

"I have no time to travel far  
The trails that lead to Nowhere,  
For I must learn where riches are  
And follow roads that go there;  
I could not well afford," he said,  
"To wander where some cowpath led!"

'Twas years ago and miles away  
I heard this declaration,  
But I am wiser grown today  
And know its refutation;  
And I have seen how tragic is  
The fate of men with hearts like his.

I chose a charming trail one day  
They said would lead to Nowhere,  
But I went blithely on my way  
To find what flowers grow there,  
For I was seeking happiness  
And courting Nature's kind caress.

I followed far this sylvan lane,  
Enchanted by its beauty,  
Forgetting quite all hope of gain  
And thinking naught of duty,  
When suddenly I found that thing  
For which my soul was hungering!

I found the fortune which my friend  
Had sought in vain on highways;  
I found contentment at the end  
Of one of Nowhere's byways.  
Here was the chance at last, I knew,  
To do the work I wished to do!



## Washington

Through seven slow years of unad-  
vancing war.  
Equal when fields were lost or fields  
were won,  
With breath of popular applause or  
blame,  
Nor fanned nor damped, unquenchably  
the same,  
Too inward to be reached by flaws of  
idle fame.

Soldier and statesman, rarest union;  
High-poised example of great duties  
done,

Simply as breathing, a world's honors  
worn

As life's indifferent gifts to all men  
born;

Dumb for himself, unless it were to  
God,

But for his barefoot soldiers eloquent,  
Tramping the snow to coral where  
they trod,

Held by his awe in hollow-eyed con-  
tent;

Modest, yet firm as Nature's self; un-  
blamed

Save by the men his nobler temper  
shamed;

Not honored then or now because he  
wooded

The popular voice, but that he still  
withstood;

Broad-minded, higher-souled, there is  
but one

Who was all this, and ours, and all  
men's—

WASHINGTON!  
—James Russell Lowell

## Old Chronicle Tells of Washington as Fireman

George Washington was once a fire-  
man, says the Detroit News. At least  
he presented the volunteer company of  
Alexandria, Va., with a fire engine. M.  
B. Levick, writing in St. Nicholas, de-  
scribes this incident in the life of the  
father of our country as follows:

"Washington presented the engine  
in 1775 to the Friendship fire com-  
pany. That was almost a hundred  
years before there were paid firemen.  
In those days the fire fighting was done  
by volunteers, who belonged to differ-

ent companies, just as it is today in  
small towns. When a fire was dis-  
covered a big bell was rung and at the  
signal the members of the volunteer  
company came running from wherever  
they were; they hauled out the engine  
and dragged it, with a score of men  
tugging at a long rope, to the fire, and  
then fell to work for all they were  
worth, making the pump handles go up  
and down like a seesaw. The Friend-  
ship fire company was organized on  
August 13, 1774, the year before Wash-  
ington bought the engine for it, and is  
still in existence, although now Alex-  
andria has a paid fire department. The  
engine is there yet, and on special occa-  
sions it is brought out by the Friend-  
ship Veterans' Fire association."

## SAID BY WASHINGTON

A good moral character is the first  
essential in a man.

I feel everything that hurts the sen-  
sibility of a gentleman.

I hope, some day, we shall become a  
storehouse and granary for the world.

We do not wish to be the only peo-  
ple to taste the sweets of an equal and  
good government.

Would to God the harmony of na-  
tions were an object that lay nearest  
to the hearts of sovereigns!

I hold the maxim no less applicable  
to public than to private affairs, that  
"honesty is the best policy."

It appears to me that little more  
than common sense and common hon-  
esty would be necessary to make us a  
great and happy nation.

I am resolved that no misrepresenta-  
tions, falsehoods, or calumny shall  
make me swerve from what I conceive  
to be the strict line of duty.

The very idea of the power and the  
right of the people to establish govern-  
ment presupposes the duty of every  
individual to obey the established gov-  
ernment.



Mr. Leftout—I can't see why that  
rough neck professional wrestler is so  
popular with the girls. He can't  
dance.

Miss Toddle—He is a little clumsy  
on his feet but he knows so many de-  
lightfully novel holds.

No Risk.  
"I'd rather be right than be President!"  
I heard the Honorable cry.  
"You're in no immediate danger  
Of eer being either," says I.

A Vicious Circle.  
Mrs. Nagge—Statistics prove that  
marriage is a preventive against sui-  
cide.

Mr. Nagge—Yes, and statistics also  
prove that suicide is a preventive  
against marriage.

Taking No Chances.  
Visitor (in early morning, after  
week-end, to chauffeur)—Don't let me  
miss my train.

Chauffeur—No danger, sir. The mis-  
tress told me it would cost me my job  
if I did.—Stray Stories.

Pot Shots at Politics.  
The hardest circle to square is the  
political ring.—Asheville Times.  
Fruit trees may be improved by  
grafting, but it doesn't seem to work  
in the case of political timber.

## Mixture of Proteins

Soy-bean meal can replace the cot-  
tonseed meal or linseed meal in any  
good dairy ration. Peanut meal, soy-  
bean meal and coconut press cake  
have the exact kinds of proteins which  
are lacking in corn. The addition to  
corn of the proper proportion of any  
of these three feeds will produce a  
mixture of proteins that will supply  
all nutritional requirements. In grind-  
ing soy beans for dairy feed it will be  
well to mix them with flinty grains,  
such as old beans or barley. The oil  
from the beans is thus absorbed and  
the grinding is done with less diffi-  
culty.

## Chapped Cow's Teats

Glycerin is one of the best ointments  
to put on cow's teats to keep them  
from chapping. Dry teats after milk-  
ing and apply a little of the oil, rub-  
bing it in gently. If the teats develop  
large sores iodine may be applied, as  
it will prevent infection. It does burn  
considerably, however, and the cow  
may develop the kicking habit through  
its application unless she is handled  
carefully.

## Caring for Dairy Bulls

"Care and Management of Dairy  
Bulls" is the title of a new bulletin is-  
sued by the United States Depart-  
ment of Agriculture as Farmers' Bul-  
letin No. 1412, which discusses briefly  
several problems bearing on the  
proper management of dairy bulls  
to handle them safely, and how to  
keep them in good condition. A copy  
of the bulletin may be secured, as long  
as the supply lasts, from the United  
States Department of Agriculture,  
Washington.

## Contrivance Holds Bait

### Easily Reached by Mice

Recent experiments have demon-  
strated the value of a wooden poison  
station that may be easily and cheap-  
ly constructed to make poisoned bait  
readily accessible to mice without ex-  
posing it to the weather. Square  
pieces of 1 by 5-inch boards are cut  
for bottoms. A depression to contain  
the poisoned bait is made across the  
bottom board with a chisel or, if made  
at a planing mill, by a group of circu-  
lar saws. The two walls of the sta-  
tion are cut from 1 by 1 1/4-inch strips  
into 6-inch lengths. The whole is  
fastened together with four nails.  
Mice are attracted to these poison  
stations and have often been observed  
running around them.

## Old Pohick Church

Not far from Alexandria, Va., is a  
church of which one hears less than of  
some of the other churches in which  
the first President worshipped. This is  
the old Pohick church, of which, it is  
claimed, Washington was the designer.  
He also was a vestryman of this  
church, and it is known that he had a  
great and peculiar affection for it. It  
is a church having much to do with  
the spiritual life of Washington.

## Self-Feeders for Calves

Self-feeders for calves have not  
proved practical nor economical in ex-  
periments at South Dakota State col-  
lege. Too much high-priced protein  
feed was eaten and the calves were in  
too high a condition of flesh for eco-  
nomical growth. The calves also  
showed poor barrel development, indi-  
cating that very little roughage was  
eaten.

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