HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

EUROPE'S GOOD ROADS

Regarded as Economic Factor of Life and Not a Fad.

Legacy Left by Romans Has Been Husbanded and Has Added to Prosperity of France—Austria Is Close Second.

The wide interest that the road question has for all classes in Europe is remarkable, and it is this unity of purpose that builds on the network legacy left by the Romans, Frances Milton writes in the Scientific American. Since that time, and that of the Henris and the Louises, to whom were due much of the elements of beauty that compose the French road system today, particularly with respect to tree planting alongside, and since the later day of the military road making genius of Napoleon much has been undertaken in the way of refinement which has produced, if not an actual money return, at least a prosperity which would otherwise have been unknown.

To be just there are as good roads in the United States today as in France. In top dressing, in comport with the needs of the new locomotion, according to any one of the four or five methods commonly made use of in America, results are superior even to anything yet achieved in Europe.

Brick is found on some roads of Holland, but it dates from before the motor car era, before even that famous pavement of Terre Haute, Ind., owning already to some twenty years and still good. Great claims of durability are made for brick, and if these two examples have any weight, the thing would seem to be worth something. In France there is a famous stretch of Route Nationale in the south, near Marseilles. Straight as an arrow, flat as a billiard table and smooth as marble, with a row of windbreak cypresses on the north, which in the writer's opinion is the nearly ideal roadway. French national, departmental and communal roads, as a class, are the best in the world.

In the French Alps are the finest mountain roads in Europe, far and away ahead of those of Switzerland on all counts. Many of them were due to the genius of Napoleon and his military road builders, and if their main purpose in times past was strategic, today they are essentially practical.

The mountain roads of Austria are a close second, particularly when it comes to considering them from the point of view of the motor car.

Italy has a nationalized roads system; so has Belgium. Austria and most of the German confederation. The first three meet the situation but partially, organization and control being decidedly inferior to that in France.

MAINTENANCE OF GOOD ROADS

People in Many States Are Filled With Enthusiasm for Improvement of Public Highways.

The present year promises to be the greatest in the history of the movement for the improvement of the public roads of the United States, according to the reports received from all parts of the country by the United States department of agriculture. A joint committee of congress is engaged in an investigation of the feasibility of federal aid in the construction, improvement and maintenance of public highways, and a number of the state legislatures are considering good road legislation. In connection with the general impetus that the good road movement has recently had in all parts of the country, the director of the office of public highways says:

"Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of maintenance in connection with the work of improving the roads. The people in nearly all the states are filled with enthusiasm for road improvement and are spending enormous sums of money in the construction of superb roads, and yet almost without exception they are making little provision to care for the roads after they are built. This is true not only in the various counties, but under many of our state highway departments.

"To maintain the roads in good condition year after year requires a considerable annual outlay, but this outlay is infinitely less than the loss which must fall upon the people eventually if they allow their roads to go to utter ruin. The thing for all advocates of good roads to do is to urge continuous, systematic maintenance, and the setting aside every year of an amount per mile estimated by the engineer in charge to be sufficient for the proper maintenance of the road—a course which must make for economy and efficiency."

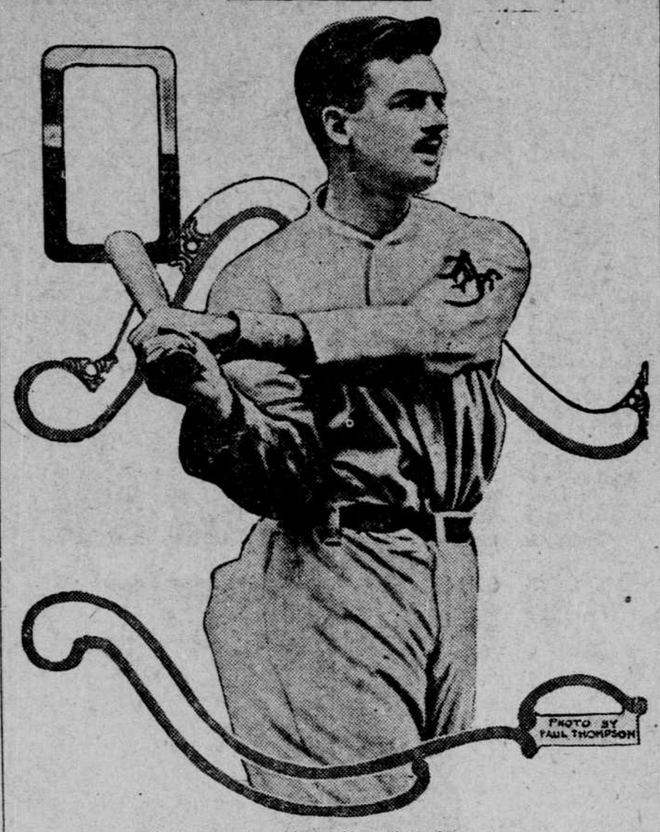
Manuring Garden in Spring.

Any time in the early spring the garden may be manured. The spring rains will dissolve richness from fertilizers and carry them down into the soil for feeding the plants next summer. If the garden is manured in winter fresh manure may be used with safety, as it will have lost much of the heat by planting time.

Future Fence Posts.

If you want fence posts for the future, Locusts or Eucalyptus are the proper caper. Plant some.

HAS AVERSION TO SWEET-SCENTED NOTES



Arthur Shafer, Clever New York Shortstop.

Arthur Shafer spoiled a romance and made a good baseball item when he reported to the Giants at Marlin this spring. The romance concerned his aversion to playing Joseph to Potiphar's wife. The public prints last winter printed the story that Shafer had decided to quit the game because he objected to so many mash notes. Shafer says the man who sent out the story exaggerated it, to say the least. He admits he did say that a ball player was burdened with a lot of scented missives from love-sick girls and that they got mighty tiresome, but he denies that he ever said a thing like that would make him quit baseball. He will play the game, he says—and throw the notes in the waste basket. The item of interest to the fans on his reporting to McGraw was that the leader of the Giants would make him the regular shortstop this year in place of Fletcher. Shafer accepts the job with all its responsibilities and says he will play out the string. If the girls like him, let 'em write, but they must read their answers in the stars; he positively will not waste postage making dates.

TELLS ONE ON JIM CALLAHAN

White Sox Recruit Willing to Accept Tickets "Bought and Paid For"—No Applause Needed.

Jimmy Callahan, manager of the Chicago White Sox, celebrated his thirty-ninth birthday, and his friend Frank Fogarty, the "Dublin Minstrel," sent a telegram to him wishing many happy returns and big success the coming season.

Fogarty tells a clever little yarn on Callahan: "Jimmy and George M. Cohan are very warm friends," said the comedian, "and whenever Callahan and his team strike New York while Cohan is playing there George sends a batch of tickets around for the bunch. On one of these occasions when Callahan was handing out the pasteboards he told the boys to give Cohan a good round of applause when he made his first entrance for the evening, and also at the finale. The gang went to the show and several of the recruits were busy discussing baseball when Cohan made his entrance. They forgot to applaud. Callahan was wild and at the close of the performance he panned the boys severely.

"Some weeks later one of the players met another in the hotel elevator

Manager James Callahan.

after the game and told him that the boys were going to a show that night.

"Going to a show tonight, did you say?" asked the recruit.

"Yes. Callahan has the tickets—"Bought and Paid For."

"Bought and paid for," repeated the youngster. "That's good; the last tickets we got bawled out because we didn't applaud the guy that gave 'em to us. Now that these tickets are bought and paid for he probably won't care whether we clap or not."

Bert Annis Retires.

After ten years in the game as a magnate, during which time he has, according to report, dropped a lot of money, Bert Annis, who recently sold his Grand Rapids franchise, announces that he is done for all time. Annis has been a pillar of the Central league and helped keep more than one club afloat.

Schulte After Record.

Frank Schulte, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Cubs, has the lofty ambition of making 30 home runs this season. Schulte made 21 circuit drives in 1911, but fell down last season. The record for home runs is held by "Buck" Freeman, who made 25 with the Washington club in 1899.

Scattering Notes of the Diamond

It is estimated that the Boston Red Sox entire salary list this season will reach $80,000.

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Manager George Stovall believes that the Browns are 50 per cent. stronger this season than they were in 1912.

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Shortstop George McBride of the Senators has missed only eight games in the six years he has played with Washington.

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Arthur Hofman has come back for Fred Clarke. His legs are all that are ailing him. Hofman bids fair to be called "Circus Solly" again.

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Jack Miller is playing an improved first base game for the Pirates, and the principal problem that confronted Manager Fred Clarke seems to be solved.

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Sam Agnew, the young catcher of the St. Louis Browns, has a great record. While with Vernon last year he caught exactly 100 games and had no passed balls.

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Long Tom Hughes, the veteran pitcher of Washington, is going as good or better than ever. Griffith has three fine veterans in Johnson, Groom and Long Tom.

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Brockton of the New England league has signed a deaf and dumb third baseman named Nimmo, who comes recommended by Jack Kleinow, the veteran catcher.

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Manager Joe Tinker has selected five twirlers to do the bulk of hurling for the Reds for the coming season. Tinker has selected three veterans and two youngsters.

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Ownie Bush, the diminutive shortstop of the Detroit Tigers, has received an offer from Charley Carr to act as instructor at his baseball college in San Antonio next winter.

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Connie Mack is going to carry ten pitchers. He believes his youngsters will learn more watching the veterans pitch than if they were out slaving for incompetent minor league managers.

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"I have a young infielder named Smith on my team," says Manager Stallings of Boston, "whom I picked up on the lots in Cleveland, and he looks so good that I wouldn't take $10,000 for him right now."

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Manager Friel of St. Paul will use Walter Rehg, bought from Pittsbugh, regularly in the outfield. With Rehg and Miller turned over to the Saints, the Pirates can call the deal for O'Toole-Kelly completed.

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Bunnies have the call in American league outfields this season. Four recruit gardeners are nicknamed "Bunny." They are High and Powell of Detroit, Leibold of the Naps and Brief, with the St. Louis Browns.

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An Atlanta writer says the Cracker club is bound to make money out of sales of players this season, and then names a half dozen players who are sure to go up and every one of them has already had a trial or two and failed.

STRIKE-OUT RECORDS

Twirlers of Eastern Clubs Excel Those of West.

New York Team Has Furnished King in Seven of Last Sixteen Years—Chicago Supplied Two in Jeff Overall and Beebe.

Inspection of the pitching records of the National league for the last sixteen years develops the fact that the leading strike-out artist has generally been a member of one of the eastern clubs.

Only during five campaigns from 1897 to 1912, inclusive, did a western team supply the pace setter in making men retreat to the bench after hitting nothing butt atmosphere. Frank (Noodles) Hahn of Cincinnati twice was the strike-out king of the National league. "Rube" Waddell of Pittsburgh once enjoyed this honor, and so did Fred Beebe during a campaign when he wore the liveries of both the Chicago and St. Louis clubs. Hahn's years of prosperity in the strike-out line were 1899 and 1901. Waddell was the leader in 1900 and Beebe ranked first during 1906, which was the last year a westerner was in the king row. "Jeff" Overall, the big Californian, who has just returned to the Chicago club, after an absence of a year, was the hero in 1909.

Rube Marquard.

The New York club has supplied the strike-out king in seven of the last sixteen years, Christy Mathewson having been the leader during five campaigns, Richard Marquard in one and J. Bentley Seymour in one. Matty hung up the high mark in strike-outs for a season in 1903, when he whiffed 267 of his adversaries. The previous best record was 249, made by Seymour in 1898.

The Phillies have twice furnished the senior league with its Walter Johnson. Earl Moore led in breezing men in 1910 and Grover Cleveland Alexander was the hero last year.

Below will be found a list of the leading strike-out pitchers in the National league from 1897 to 1912, inclusive:

"Jeff" Overall.

Year.	Pitcher and club.	Games.	Strike-outs.
1912	Alexander, Philadelphia	46	195
1911	Marquard, New York	45	237
1910	Moore, Philadelphia	46	185
1909	Overall, Chicago	38	205
1908	Mathewson, New York	56	259
1907	Mathewson, New York	41	178
1906	Beebe, Chicago-St. Louis	34	171
1905	Mathewson, New York	43	206
1904	Mathewson, New York	48	212
1903	Mathewson, New York	45	267
1902	Willis, Boston	51	231
1901	Hahn, Cincinnati	42	237
1900	Waddell, Pittsburgh	21	131
1899	Hahn, Cincinnati	33	147
1898	Seymour, New York	44	249
1897	McJames, Washington	42	161

Rooting for Chance.

Manager George Stallings of the Boston Braves sent Manager Chance a telegram saying he is going to root for the New York Americans. "I am going to root for the Yankees this year, because some of my old players are with them. They are the finest lot of men I ever met in baseball, and I feel sure that they will work for you as they worked for me," read the telegram.

No Use for Pads.

Terry Turner probably is the only Nap who doesn't protect both hips with a pair of sliding pads. The reason is because Terry never slides on his hips. His strong and only forte in sliding is on his stomach, and in this line he hasn't a peer in the league.

Another Mack Is Playing.

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	Hail Insurance Premiums Collected	Hail Losses Paid
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Northwestern National, Milwaukee	5,629.20	2,138.20
People's National, Philadelphia	8,954.17	841.90
St. Paul F. & M., St. Paul, Minn.	21,066.20	5,293.11
National Fire & Columbia Underwriters, Hartford, Conn.	24,336.59	7,853.99
Northwestern F. & M., Minneapolis	26,217.80	5,120.88
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A mere man, who had slipped unnoticed into a back seat, rose at this point, and the light of sudden inspiration gleamed in his eye.

"Rat catcher!" he shouted. And then he fled.

Masterfulness Checked.

"I've a good mind to go and jump into the river," said N. Peck, at the end of a little domestic discussion, as he picked up his hat and started out. "You come back here," said his wife. "If you intend any such trick as that, just march upstairs and put on your old clothes before you start."

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