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FOR BETTER ROADS

SMALL PAVING BLOCKS USED

They Are Proving Popular in Rural Regions in Europe—First Laid in New York State.

For a number of years country roads in parts of Germany, Austria and other European countries have been paved with small cubes of stone but it is not so generally known that small-block pavements have been laid in the United States. They are believed to have been introduced first by J. Y. McClintock, county superintendent of Monroe county, N. Y. After an experience of ten years or so, he recommends the use of blocks of vitrified clay, measuring 2 1/4 inches on each side. These are laid on a base of gravel, macadam, concrete or broken slag, which is usually made wider than the pavement in order to support the gravel or broken stone laid beside the cubes to form hard shoulders to carry vehicles that



Laying Vitrified Blocks.

are forced to turn out of the main roadway. During the last year about six miles of such pavement were put down in the county.

Mr. McClintock holds that this type of construction is desirable where a substantial base is already in place, as in the case of an old gravel or macadam road which is not worn out, or a base can be constructed at low cost. The vitrified blocks are often laid by unskilled labor, properly supervised, with entirely satisfactory results.

Another type of small-block pavement was recently laid on the Morris-town turnpike in New Jersey, which carries a heavy traffic. There is a section of this road about 1,200 feet long having a 7 per cent grade, where it was decided to try small granite blocks in the hope that their numerous joints would reduce the tendency to slip and skid on this rather steep slope. The blocks are 3 to 4-inch cubes and were laid on a thin foundation. They were not laid in rows but in curved lines, forming a mosaic pattern, and the joints were filled with fine stone and a grout of cement and sand.

PIONEER GOOD ROAD BUILDER

Over \$120,000,000 Expended or Pledged During Last Two Decades in New York State.

Twenty years ago New York embarked upon its policy of state aid for the construction, maintenance and repair of state, county and township highways. Since that time approximately 20,000 of the total mileage, estimated to exceed 80,000, have been improved.

As a pioneer in the good roads movement, the Empire state has always occupied first rank. Over \$120,000,000 has been expended or pledged during the last two decades for highway construction.

CONVICTS BUILD GOOD ROADS

Prison Camps No Longer in Experimental Stage in Oklahoma—Accepted Institution.

In Oklahoma prison road camps are no longer in the experimental stage, says the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. They have become an accepted institution in the state. In the central and southwest sections prisoners are building the Ozark hill; in the southeast, they are grading the Jefferson highway, and in other districts they are assisting in the local good road movement.

Illinois in Earnest

The state of Illinois will put to its voters at the 1918 election the question of issuing \$30,000,000 in highway bonds, the interest and retiring fund for which is to be provided for by an increase in the motor vehicle registration fees.

Drainage and Foundation

Drainage and a good foundation are the first considerations in improving a road with a hard surface. The best possible foundation is a good earth road with a low crown.

December Weather Report

Temperature: Mean 23 deg., maximum 61 deg. on 30th, minimum 22 below zero on 10th.

Precipitation: Total 0.45 inches. Total snowfall 0 inches.

Number of days—Clear 17, partly cloudy 6, stormy 5.

Prevailing wind—Direction N W 13 days.

Rainfall since Jan. 1, 34 1/4 inches.

Chas. S. Ludlow, Observer.

Congregational Church Notes

The pastor will give his fourth sermon of the series on "How God Visited the Earth". Subject will be "God's visit to the tent of Abraham". Come and hear him.

The pastor's Bible Study Class of boys enjoyed a social gathering at the home of Mrs. Lulu Kellogg last Saturday evening. This class is organized and is doing good work. They are earnestly working for new members and will welcome any boy not attending elsewhere.

At the business meeting Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pierce were received into the church by letter. Claude was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School for the year. They are warmly welcomed into our church again.

MEXICO'S MANY "LOST" MINES

Operators and Prospectors Driven From Their Work by Threats and Depredations of Yaquis.

Many of the lost mines of Mexico were the result of depredations of the Yaqui Indians. They killed or drove prospectors from the country and obliterated marks of the workings. Thus many mines, with great possibilities, were lost.

One of the mines of the Estrella del Norte Mining company was lost for many years. The only clue to its location was found on an old Jesuit map, which said it could be seen by looking from a church door. The church was found and the land dug up as far as could be seen from the door, but no trace of the mine was found. Later, after the search was discontinued, a wall that had been built at a date later than the map, fell down and exposed another door. Men with field glasses, looking from this door, discovered the old mine.

Many of the churches of Mexico that cause the world to wonder, because of their architecture and priceless ornaments, owe their existence to mines. The Baroyeca church, built in 1732, was built from the wealth derived from the Mina Grande mine, in Baroyeca mountain. Prior to 1850 the walls were lined with sheets of pure silver from the mine. The candleabra, the altar rails and other parts of the sanctuary were of silver, and the altar vessels were of pure gold.

Gold Beating Is Ancient Art

Pedestrians walking through Arch street near Summer street are often puzzled by a constant sullen pounding almost under their feet. Many are the questions asked of the men who do business in that vicinity, says the Boston Globe.

A similar noise probably was heard in Egypt more than 2,500 years before the advent of the Christian era and the Greeks are known to have been engaged in making noises very like it in 1400 B. C.

For the pounding is made by gold beaters, who are beating gold into thin sheets, much as it was done centuries ago by the Chinese and the Egyptians. It is one of the most unique trades carried on in Boston and the men who do the pounding are, many of them, veterans of many years; some of them have done it and nothing else during all their entire business lives.

GROWTH OF HOSPITAL IDEA

Value of Such Institutions in American Eyes Is Shown by Their Astounding Growth.

Figures in a recent official report to the United States department of labor show the astounding growth of the hospital idea in this country during the last half-century. In 1873—less than 50 years ago—there were in the United States only 149 hospitals; today there are nearly 9,100—an increase of nearly 6,000 per cent in the number of institutions. In 1873 the total capacity of the then-existing hospitals was 35,453; today the hospitals of the country have a total capacity of approximately 800,000 beds—an increase of over 1,000 per cent. The amount of money at present invested in these institutions is roughly estimated at nearly \$2,000,000,000; the annual expenditure for supplies, equipment, upkeep and new construction is said to be about \$750,000,000.

There is much that is gratifying in these enormous totals, says an editorial in the Modern Hospital. Certainly, no stronger testimony could be adduced to show that the people of the United States are thoroughly converted to the hospital idea and do not mean to be deprived of the benefits of hospital care.

Useful Asset

Poet—"I sent you some verses about three weeks ago. What have you done with them?" Editor—"I'm holding them. Every little while lately I get thinking that we are not getting out as good a paper as we ought, and then I take those verses and see how much worse the sheet might be, and that makes me cheerful again!"

HAIR

By HOLA FORRESTER.

All the way out to Glendale on the train Winifred ran over in her mind the delightful surprise she would spring on Olive. It had been hard to keep from phoning her at the station, but just one glimpse of her face when she opened the door would be worth it all.

It had been nearly four months since she had left Glendale. Before that there had been five years of life spent there with Olive after her early widowhood. Neither of them ever quite understood what a relief that widowhood had been after Chester's deliberate bullying and worrying every one in the family half sick.

Olive always said she was glad there were no children where there had been no real love. So the years had passed restfully until Winifred's appointment at Washington and she had gone away.

Lewis had been the only person who objected.

"She needs you here. She's dependent on your companionship," answered Lewis doggedly. "And it isn't right or necessary for you to get out and hustle, Win."

"But I want to," protested Winifred. "I love it here, but I want to do something else, be somebody, can't you understand?"

But he had kept his own point of view, and only Danny seemed to get her idea rightly. Danny was nearer her own age, anyway, and not at all like his cousin.

"You know what Chester says about you, Win," he told her teasingly. "Says any girl with red hair is totally unreliable and prone to temperamental fits. Is your hair very red?"

"It is a chestnut," answered Winifred calmly. "If Lewis doesn't like it he may glance in the opposite direction whenever he is in my vicinity. Do you blame me for going, Dan?"

"I do not," he sang out cordially. "I'm going away myself. Government aviation service after the war. Fine stuff. Maybe I'll drop in on you at Washington some day and say hello."

He had dropped in, too, several times, and it had seemed as if two or three months of service had set the boy up as no other training could have done. He was better looking than Chester, and more companionable, she decided. Then he had gone away to one of the southern stations, and Winifred found herself lonely.

Olive had only mentioned him once in her letters to her. He had been transferred, and might go to some of the islands.

As the train drew up to the little stone station, Winifred leaned forward from the platform, wishing suddenly some one was there to meet her. She took one of the little jitney cars up to the bungalow.

She sent the car back at the curb and went up the veranda steps.

She sat down on the top step to ponder on just what window would be the best to break into, when there came the hum of a motor on the street and a car came swinging leisurely along. Someone was leaning back at the wheel singing. She knew Dan's voice instantly, and sent out a glad hail to him.

"Great Scott! why don't you let people know you're coming?" he exclaimed joyfully, as he bounded up the steps to her side. "The honeymoon pair have been on their way two days now. Olive didn't want to tell you for fear it would disturb your plans in the spring."

"Is Olive married?" she demanded. He nodded with a grin of amusement at her manner.

"We all said you'd be wild. That's why we didn't tell you. She's married old Chester. Ches was sweet on you last year, wasn't he, Win? Did you throw him down? I'll bet you did. Anyway, they're happily married and gone South. The bungalow is yours. Better come home to mother, though, and be warmed up. The furnace has been out two days."

But Winifred felt distinctly offended. "No I shall go straight back to Washington," she said coldly. If Olive and Chester did not care to notify her of their wedding she would not stay in Glendale at all.

"They're not going to live here. I'm going to," said Dan deliberately. "I've always liked this place. Don't you remember, Win, and Chester's going to stay South awhile and then live in town, so I've taken over the bungalow."

"For a clubhouse?" asked Winifred. "For self and wife," he told her. "I'm twenty-three in June, Win, and it's time I settled down."

"I never dared to show you how much I cared for you, Win," he protested, "not with Chester and all the older fellows hanging around last year. You seemed way out of reach to me, but now it's different. You know how well I've been doing, and don't I honestly seem ever so much older to you?"

"Agas," said Winifred gravely, her chin on one hand. "You've grown, too, Dan."

"Let's not go straight home," he pleaded. "It's a wonderful night. Let's take a whirl down along the shore road, Win, and then I'll bring you back to mother and we'll tell her. It is yes, isn't it?"

"Aren't you afraid to marry a girl with red hair?" Winifred asked. Dan rose and helped her down the steps.

"I'll tell you when we're in the car," he warned.

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Farm Bureau Notes

COUNTY AGENT CONFERENCE
The County Agent Conference and the Meetings of Organized Agriculture will be held at Lincoln, January 14 to 25.

FOUR KINDS OF BULLS

The first is the scrub bull, promiscuously bred.

The second is the grade bull, half bad and half good.

The third is the pure-bred, of merit but slight.

Just a pure-bred scrub, if you named him aright.

The best kind of bull, now hark what I tell,

Is bred for production and appearance as well.

As workmen are known by the tools at their side,

So farmers take rank by the bulls they provide.

In which class are you? Are you tied to a scrub?

That is fit for naught else but an old sausage tub?

Are you using a grade in the foolish belief

That halfway is getting you somewhere? In brief

Is your bull called a pure-bred yet with nothing to show

That his ancestors knew how to rake in the dough?

Is your herd bull a bull of the very best brand

Who lifts you the mortgage he finds on your land?

HENRY R. FAUSCH,
County Agricultural Agent.

LEGAL NOTICE.

W. G. Peck, real and true name unknown and Mrs. W. G. Peck, real and true name unknown Oscar N. Whitney, as assignee of People's Building & Loan Association for the benefit of its creditors Oscar N. Whitney and Mrs. Oscar N. Whitney, his wife, real and true name unknown People's Building & Loan Savings Association, the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of W. G. Peck, deceased; the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estate of Oscar N. Whitney, deceased; Lois S. G. T. and S. in Block 1, of Sweeney's Addition to Blue Hill, Webster County, Nebraska; and to have the court find and decree that said plaintiff, and her grantors and the persons under and through whom plaintiff claims, have been in the actual, open, visible, notorious, exclusive, and adverse possession and occupancy of said premises for more than ten years last past and to exclude said defendants, and each of them, from any right, title, interest or claim in, to or upon said premises and for general equitable relief in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendants, and each of them, in reference to said land.

That said defendants, and each of them, are required to answer said petition and appear in said action on or before the 25th day of January, 1918. Allice A. Banks, Plaintiff Sinner & Boshugh, Att'ys.

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