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It's fortunate that the corn doesn't have to wait for legislative enactment before it grows.

President Taft's Aunt Della, of apple pie fame, says the secret of Mr. Roosevelt's popularity is that he has always steered clear of tariff discussions.

Count Zeppelin shows the same nerve and persistence in his airship ventures that Sir Thomas Lipton did for so many years in his determination to win the cup with his yacht.

The hostility between the British and the Boers which was so acute seven or eight years ago, has, under the statesmanship of the leaders on both sides, almost disappeared.

There are signs of democratic insurgency in the south to match the republican insurgency of the middle west and elsewhere.

The New Jersey gubernatorial campaign promises to be one of unusual interest and activity.

One cause of the high cost of living was recently discovered in New York, when an inspector gathered three automobile loads of fake measures from the shops of the city.

Scientists figure out that between motoring, aviating and the innumerable other ways of transporting the body without use of the pedal extremities, that a thousand years from now, man will lose the use of his feet.

A new \$20,000,000 dry goods combine has been organized to operate a chain of department stores in the central west and northwest.

Mayor Gaynor of New York seems determined that two pints shall continue to make a quart and four pecks a bushel.

President Taft has visited Eastport, Me., the extreme northeast corner of the United States.

It is now planned to blow up the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor instead of raising it.

Texas promises to furnish the big surprise in the census count. Only a seventh of the probable population has been counted so far.

How to keep the boy on the farm. Let him graduate at an agricultural college, and he will become so fascinated with farming that he will permanently follow it.

A shortage is reported in the Panama hat crop, because 200,000 of these hot weather headgear are tied up in New York till investigation can be made as to the payment of duty.

Many a public man whom age and illness compels to drop out of the activities of life years before life really ends, and to whom it is a hard and bitter thing to see the procession close up and move on without them.

Nothing shows more emphatically and clearly the revolution that is taking place in means of transit than the growth of the automobile industry.

General Nelson A. Miles takes pains to assure the timid people of the United States that he is constantly fearing war with Japan.

Southern men of education are beginning to see the hand writing on the wall, and realize that unless the people of the south act promptly in developing the wonderful resources of their section and educate their children to make practical use of their opportunities, those resources and opportunities will pass largely or altogether into the hands of the newcomers.

Since President Diaz of Mexico has accepted his recent re-election in spite of his previous declaration that he would retire at the end of his last term of office, it may now be taken for granted that he will remain at the head of the Mexican government as long as he lives.

A man in Georgia met a stranded miner, penniless and friendless, fed him, clothed him, and loaned him a small sum of money.

If a foreigner traveling in this country were to base his idea and estimates of our public men upon the representations he sees of them in most of the newspapers he would come to the decision that those of them that did not belong in prison ought to be in a circus.

Secretary Knox expresses the belief that the time is near at hand when the nations of the world shall realize a federation as real and vital as that now subsisting between the different parts of a state.

The Rio Grande river at El Paso, Tex., has so shifted its channel as to add five million dollars' worth of land to the United States side.

There may seem to be a certain many aviators just now, but in proportion to the population, it is about one out of a hundred thousand.

How many real calamities can a man stand at one time? We go down at the third.

It is always the case with the true reformer that he either has too much, or not enough.

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Advertisements show us that the number of institutions which profess to cure the drug habit is constantly increasing.

The people of Kansas and Nebraska are feeling considerably amused and somewhat indignant over a recently published text book in geography that says that "Kansas and Nebraska lie in a belt of high plateau land east of the Rocky mountain foothills and stretching from Texas to North Dakota, which has very little rain, not enough to make grain growing profitable and so is devoted to grazing."

It has long been a serious problem with ship builders to devise a brake which would stop a ship suddenly in case of an emergency.

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chief is mainly in his head. Many a man who thinks he is a racer, is really only a sand hauler.

Every boy ought to learn to swim. But it was mighty cold last winter.

What's become of Silver Hole, just below the dam?

It was only 31 yesterday. What are you complaining about?

Envy that man who is permitted to shave in the bathroom as leisurely as he pleases.

What's become of the old-fashioned young man who used to ride from one town to another on a bicycle?

What could be more fun on days like this than to spend the whole afternoon diving into the Elkhorn under the shade of the trees at Burr Taft's?

Every American boy baby has in him the chance to become president of the United States.

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Why isn't the minstrel show repeated? Amateur performances are usually repeated by special request.

When a man takes off his shoes the first thing after getting home from his day's work, it is a sign that he is getting old.

There would, however, be a good many more guilty men if a majority, instead of a unanimous vote, were sufficient to convict.

In every country town there is a mechanic so clever that people wonder that he doesn't build an airship, and beat Glenn Curtiss.

We still contend that if a man wants really good fishing, he can only get satisfaction in the railway folders or in another man's stories.

An Atchison man recently decided to be as attentive to his wife as he was while courting her.

While there is no law on the subject, the women don't expect a widower to marry again until his children grow up.

Considering the great prosperity, and the demand for help, we see an unnecessary number of men sitting around.

The average man has about as much use for a gun as a soldier has for a parasol; ever see a soldier carry a parasol?

In gathering up the fragments, it may also be stated that those Hutchinson and Chicago prayers were answered fully.

A farmer was trying to hire harvest hands today. "I feed well," he said, "I never ask anyone to get up from the table."

In view of the fact that a candidate doesn't want enemies, he is mighty willing to risk making them by boring people.

A certain Atchison Presbyterian has three ambitions: To attend a prize-fight, see a big railroad wreck and witness a hanging.

An Atchison man who attended the Fourth of July celebration at Coolidge says the playing of the Coolidge band was a misdemeanor.

Of course, we wanted him to come back, but when we remember that he might have come back as the star performer in "Davy Crockett" it makes the blow easier.

We hate to see a man punished, but there is one Atchison man we fear we will be compelled to let go to the devil. He is determined to go, and we don't see what we can do to prevent it.

PROPER TYPE OF ROAD TO BUILD

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PLAN OF BUILDING MACADAM

If Satisfactory Ideas of Dust Prevention Are Developed Roads of This Material Will Continue to Be Extensively Used.

During the meeting of the Ohio Engineering society, at Columbus the following paper was read by James C. Winders, state highway commissioner.

Road building is largely a local problem, and the proper type of road to build is that which will make the best use of the material at hand to produce a satisfactory road surface and at an expense not exceeding the money available.

In the earliest extensive road improvements in Ohio the problem was solved by using gravel for the wearing surface, and this early work was practically confined to the region where an abundance of gravel could be found.

The majority of these roads present in their present condition one of the most important problems of today's road work. On account of lack of sufficient repairs a large part of the mileage is practically worn out.

At the time of their construction these roads were undoubtedly the proper type, as the cost of the work came within the means of the farmers who paid for them.

These roads in the best form of their construction, when new and in good repair, provided an admirable surface for public travel, and at present there are many of them which can hardly be excelled by the more modern construction.

The resurfacing of many of these roads has been done with crushed stone, and where properly done, using the old

Asphalt Roads in Massachusetts. It is the expectation of the Massachusetts highway commission to extend the use of asphalt compounds for the coming season in its roadmaking.

Starters of Good Roads. If highways are an evolution from the primary paths made by animals and men, the first roadmakers did not make their paths straight certainly, and many a road today is a monument to the leaders in roadmaking of the long ago.

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GOOD ROAD BOOSTERS.

Valuable Hints From Address by Congressman Ferris of Oklahoma.

Good roads bring the products of the mine and forest to the factory door.

Good roads bring thrift to the farmer and thrift to the consumer and wealth to the nation.

Good roads bring us more rural routes—will bring us better ones and more efficient ones.

They make better homes, happier firesides, more patriotic people.

HIGHWAYS TOO WIDE.

Those of Germany Compared to Roads of the West.

It is argued that as a general thing and particularly in the west the roads of the United States are too wide.

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First American Macadam Road. The first road to be built according to the macadam method in the United States was begun in the year 1792. It was called the Lancaster pike and extended from Philadelphia to Lancaster, Pa., a distance of sixty miles.



FINE STRETCH OF MACADAM. (From Good Roads Magazine, New York.)