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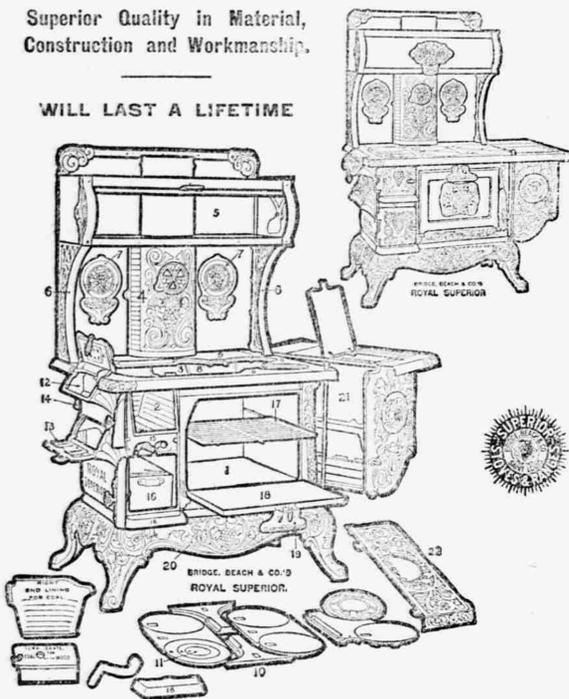
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Rushville is all wrought up over their recent fire which swept five buildings in the heart of their city with a loss of \$10,000. Most of the stocks of merchandise were saved, piling up in the streets like a blockade. They are talking of locking the barn now and want a chemical engine, a hose tower to drain and dry the hose and double the water pressure and supply. There are some buildings left in Rushville and it is proper to take precautions against another fire. Had they agitated this matter before the fire half or more of the town would have been against the proposition for more protection against fire and would holler their heads off about the increased burden of taxes. We don't think the people are worse in Rushville than in other towns but we're expressing the customary view of such matters and believe that it applies to many towns. Valentine people have no better facilities for fighting fire than Rushville but people here rely upon the stone buildings for considerable fire protection and think their superiority precludes the possibility of a fire of any great extent. What could we do with a fire in such a gale as that of Monday night last week? Why, the firemen couldn't get close enough to throw a stream of water onto the blaze or the smoke without following up the fire from the windward side with such pressure as Valentine now has.

If we wait for a disastrous fire to get ready to rebuild our water system we'll have less fire to fight than as our present system may be sufficient for a small town. It was very good when Valentine had only a few buildings but it is growing old, the old water tank is about to fall down or rot down and in such a case we'd have a big damage case on our hands if the collapse should crush Capt. Shaw's building under it or W. S. Barker's building to the north.

The water is also very bad in the summer time, tasting of the decayed wood and we're always out of water while the tank is being cleaned which never purifies the water very much and for two or three days after cleaning or disturbing the tank the water has a disagreeable smell and taste.

Of course, a change means expense but can't we stand that expense better with a whole skin than to have the expense follow a disastrous fire or the collapse of the old water tank?

We want twin reservoirs established on the big hill north of town built in the ground and cemented up, with a cover over the top and pipes leading to the water main from each reservoir so that we'll have water from the one while the other is being cleaned. With such a natural advantage many towns would have long ago made use of it and we hope Valentine will get busy now, not next week or next month or next year but NOW. Immediately begin to talk for the reservoir on the hill and keep it up until we get it. Let's have it big enough to supply the city. It won't cost any more than a big cellar. We don't want any contractor for this job. We want a foreman of the work to oversee the construction and employ home men for every dollar's worth of labor. Valentine people will have the bill to pay and the money all stays at home.

But we've got to get busy and vote bonds to start the work. How much do we want to vote or spend and what amount of work shall we undertake this year?

Let's build the reservoir first and connect up the water main. That is the most important thing to do for the health and protection

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of everybody and work should begin on it as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

Are you all with us?

Don't want anyone hanging back. The fellow who hangs back may drink too much bad water this coming summer and be sorry. Get enthusiastic in this work.

It's right.

### How to Enter a Country Newspaper Office.

Parties wishing to enter the printing office at this season of the year should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the inner door and give three raps. The devil will attend to the alarm. You will give your name, your postoffice address and the number of years you owe for the paper. You will be admitted into the sanctum and will advance to the center of the room, where you will address the editor with the following countersign: Hold the right hand about two feet from the body with thumb and fingers extended, the thumb and index fingers clasping a \$10 bill which you drop into the editor's hand, at the same time saying: "Were you waiting for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill and pressing it, will say "You bet!" After giving him the news of your locality, you will be permitted to retire, with a receipt for an obligation properly discharged.—Ex.

A bill has been introduced in congress to increase the salary of the president from \$50,000 a year to \$100,000. When it is remembered that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln each served for \$25,000 a year, and that this man Taft wants four times as much, it gives the real, true American citizen a panic.—Fairbury Journal.

The Journal should not overlook the \$12,000 item each year for autos for his Royal highness to ride in. The suckers no doubt enjoy this and respond with even larger majorities for the party of plutocracy, perfd and appropriations than in the past.—Crete Democrat.

"Please forward my paper to Lamoreaux, S. D.," was written on a postal card and addressed to us this week by someone who forgot to sign his name to the card. There was no post mark on the card showing where it was mailed and the card bore no other marks to indicate the author. Will someone please respond and get us out of this dilemma. We don't know whose paper to forward to Lamoreaux, S. D.

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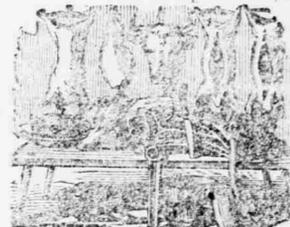
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