

CURRENT TOPICS.

Boston is building three new theaters. Chicago stablemen have recently organized. The Suez canal was begun in 1859 and completed in 1869.

There were 13,000,000 acres of land in New Mexico open to entry. St. Louis is the center of the stick candy trade of the United States.

There is a great demand for skilled laborers of all kinds at Ogden, Utah. Joseph Jacques Tissot, the artist, illustrator of the "Life of Christ," is dead.

Nebraska's crops for the present year promise to be the greatest on record.

It is proposed to establish a Japanese Monte Carlo on an island in Tokyo Bay.

Two coal mines are now in successful operation in Alaska. They produce good steam coal.

A calf with two tongues is the property of Farmer William Sykes, of Harper county, Kan.

There are by careful computation about 300,000,000 coconut palms in the world in full bearing.

Two Methodist missionaries in Moroni, Utah, are the only gentiles in the place. No converts yet.

The prince of Wales, though a sailor by training, is very fond of horses and delights in riding to hounds.

The most expensive and roomiest railway station in the world is that of the Peninsular railway at Bombay.

The latest returns of the population of Japan, including Formosa and the Pescadores, gives a total of 46,444,524.

The total valuation of Canada's mineral product in 1900 reached over \$63,000,000, or \$12 a head of the population.

Hard times in Germany are said to have caused a large diminution in the consumption of wine and spirituous liquors.

There are no less than 3,262 different species of fish inhabiting the waters of America north of the isthmus of Panama.

Within the last ten years more new methods have been devised for dealing with consumption than any other human ailment.

Mayor Jones, of Toledo, O., is a somewhat late but most zealous convert to golf. He plays daily and is fast becoming an expert.

The total number of farms in Alabama is given at 223,220, of which 129,137 are operated by white farmers and 94,083 by colored farmers.

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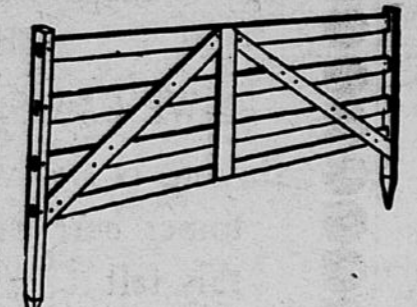
ROAD & FARM IMPROVEMENT.

WIND-PROOF HURDLES.

The Kind Here Described Is Anchored Securely Enough to Withstand Any Storm.

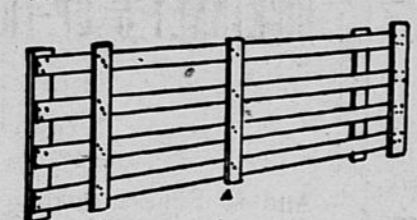
One objection which seems to be made to the more general use of hurdles is the liability of their being blown over. A writer in the Country Gentleman submits illustrations of hurdles, which, he says, offer less resistance or are better fortified against the effects of the wind.

Fig. 1, while not strictly a movable hurdle, is, nevertheless, considered as such, and is the one in most common use hereabout. I can only give common use hereabout. I can only give



MOVABLE HURDLE.

measurements from memory, but should say that they were ten feet long and five feet high when set up. The figure shown is made of sawed stuff, but they are more often made of split saplings. The construction, however, is precisely the same. Holes are made with a bar, and they are set end to end and pinned together at the top. These, like those supported on the A crutch, form a



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BEAUTIFYING ROADS.

A Movement That Will Appeal Forcefully to Those Interested in Aesthetic Progress.

The road improvement campaign, which has been so ably conducted by those interested in riding, bicycling and automobiling in recent years, is about to enter upon another stage of progress, which will appeal with special force to those interested in things beautiful. Heretofore, the utilitarian view of the road improvement has been kept well in the foreground, but now several New England communities are emphasizing the aesthetic value of beautiful roadsides.

Scientific road treatment must of necessity come first, but beautifying roadsides represents even a more advanced stage of civilization. The pleasure of riding over good, firm, smooth country roads is greatly increased when the trees, shrubbery and general roadside appearances are pleasant to look at and cool and inviting to the eye. That there are no art and science in roadside treatment is made very apparent by experiments made in New England.

Instead of sacrificing trees that would take half a century to replace, the road masters devise some methods of preserving them, while new trees are planted at favorable places. Shrubby along roadsides can be either a nuisance or a source of great aesthetic value. It all depends upon its location and nature. Along many roadsides the attempt is made to cut down all weeds, shrubbery and grass. Clean sweep is made of everything, and the result is anything but artistic.

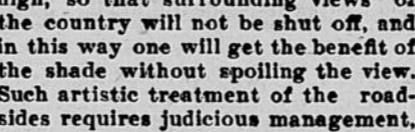
The movement started in New England now is to plant trees and shrubs along the roadsides to enhance their beauty. The plantings are far enough back from the roadway, so that branches will never interfere with passing carriages, and steps are taken to keep the ditches free from all obstructing growths. It is asserted that if farmers would give as much attention to trimming and caring for these trees and shrubs as they now devote to ruthless cutting down of everything along the roadside in the fall of the year, they would thrive and produce artistic effects. The selection of the proper trees and shrubs for the different roads is a matter for local consideration, but those which do not harbor insects injurious to field crops, and which give the most striking effect to the landscape, are recommended. These trees should be trimmed high, so that surrounding views of the country will not be shut off, and in this way one will get the benefit of the shade without spoiling the view.

Such artistic treatment of the roadsides requires judicious management, but systematic study of the subject is now being carried on in different parts of New England, and it is expected within a year or two a decided change for the better will be noticed along the leading country highways. Unsightly hedges and close cropped roadsides, with a general air of neglect and untidiness, may they disappear entirely, and the traveler will find constant feasts for the eye as he rides or drives through the country.—Harper's Weekly.

HANDY MANURE SLED.

All That is Needed for Its Construction Are Old Sled Runners and Some Planks.

A good and simple device for hauling manure is to take some old sled runners or saw them out of three-inch plank, which will need shoes; or if they can be bent as in A, they will not need shoes. Next take a plank three inches thick and cut out two pieces the shape of the ones in B, and set them on the runners as shown in figure C; then cut grooves near the ends on each side of these pieces an inch and a half from the



FARM MANURE SLED.

end, which is shown by a dotted line at F, and bore an inch hole in the runner on each side in a straight line with the groove; then whittle out eight pins an inch through and stick them in the holes in the runners and up along the grooves. Then take two boards six inches wide for raves, and bore inch holes in it and put this on top of the pins, which are left sticking up an inch; this board should be long enough to reach out on the end of the runner, where it should be fastened. Now put a shallow box on it, then a box about a foot high, with strips nailed up and down to keep it from falling off. This outfit is handy for hauling manure from the stable.—G. E. Durst, in Economist.

IT PAYS TO KEEP RECORDS.

Keep a record of what you are doing on the farm, the time of planting, harvesting, methods employed in cultivating yields of grain and hay, sales of cattle and other products. When intelligently kept, such records are invaluable, and it is but little work to jot them down each week in a book kept for this purpose of comparison year by year leads to better and more profitable farming, the discarding of unprofitable stock and unproductive varieties and the substitution of better ones. A record of events pays, and pays well.—Orange Judd Farmer.

DAMAGING DISCLOSURE.

The Mean Resort of a Political Candidate for Office to Beat His Opponent.

The two candidates for the legislature were speakers from the same platform, states the Chicago Tribune. "My fellow citizens," said the candidate with the long black mustache, rising to speak in his turn, "I am able at last to unmask the hypocrite that has just addressed you. It is a disgraceful duty, but you have a right to know what manner of man he is. Well may he tremble at the disclosure I am about to make, for it knocks the last prop from under him and shows him to you in his true light."

Here the speaker paused to take a drink of water. Then he slowly turned his head, looked over his shoulder at the other candidate with a glance of concentrated scorn, and faced the audience again.

A hush pervaded the hall. "Fellow citizens," he exclaimed, in a voice of thunder, "this man poses as a friend of the common people! He goes around shaking hands with everybody! Do you know why he does it? I will tell you. He does it to deceive you. Fellow citizens, he is no horny-handed son of toil! Those callouses in the palms of his hands were never produced by work. He never did a day's work in his life. Those callouses are warts! Warts, my fellow citizens! Warts! Warts in the palms of his hands! Let him deny it if he can!"

The other candidate couldn't deny it, and it cost him the election.

THE EXPERT.

Personal Practices of the Man Who Can Tell All About How to Succeed in Life.

"Ah, poor fellow!" said the magazine editor's visitor, drawing his chair up to the desk after a sad-looking, middle-aged man had shambled out, relates the Chicago Record-Herald. "I'm glad you gave him something. If I hadn't feared you might regard it as an impertinence, I would have given him a little change myself. What a poor, broken-down looking chap he was. What was his story? The same old thing, I suppose. Lost his job, can't get a chance anywhere else because he's more than 40. Family on his hands, too, very likely. By George, it's a tough proposition any way you look at it."

"I don't quite understand what you're referring to."

"Why, that poor fellow who was in here just now. I saw you give him some money. It must come mighty hard for one with a vestige of manhood left in him to ask for—"

"Oh, that fellow? He wasn't begging. He's the man who edits our department on 'How to Succeed.' I give him his money in dribbles to make it last through the month. You'll probably see him lying at the bottom of the stairs in happy unconsciousness when you go out."

Her Experience. "Is your typewriter an expert?" "Well, rather. Why, she has the office in a turmoil more than half the time." "How is that an indication of an expert typewriter?" "Oh, I didn't say she was an expert typewriter. She's an expert flirt."—Chicago Post.

Disposition is more than position.—Ran's Horn.

AN ITALIAN CAPTAIN Cured by Pe-ru-na of Catarrh of the Stomach After Doctors Failed.

Hon. J. D. Botkin, Congressman from Kansas, Writes an Interesting Letter.



CAPTAIN O. BERTOLOTTO.

Captain O. Bertolotto of the Italian Barque "Lineelles," in a recent letter from the chief office of the Italian Barque Lineelles, Pensacola, Fla., writes: "I have suffered for several years with chronic catarrh of the stomach. The doctors prescribed for me without my receiving the least benefit. Through one of your pamphlets I began the use of Peruna, and two bottles have entirely cured me. I recommend Peruna to all my friends."—O. Bertolotto.

In catarrh of the stomach, as well as catarrh of any part of the body, Peruna is the remedy. As has been often said, it will cure catarrh of any other part of the body.

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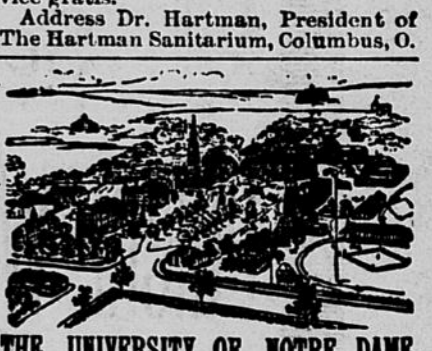
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