

MAKE RELIGION AN UMBRELLA.

Reverend's Ready Wit Rebukes Golfers Who Enter Church to Escape a Shower.

When the bishop of Colorado, Dr. Stanford Olmsted, was rector of the Church of St. Asaph, at Bala, Pa., his ready wit made him at once the admiration and the fear of the people of the neighborhood, says the New York Tribune.

There is a fashionable golf and riding club at Bala, with grounds that adjoin those of the little church, and it happened on a certain afternoon, when Dr. Olmsted was holding a special service, that a number of golfing clubmen were caught in a drenching shower, and hurried for shelter into the church.

They entered with a great clatter of their golf sticks, and with much suppressed chuckling and hard breathing. Their noise and their golf sporting attire made a jarring note on the simplicity of the service. But Dr. Olmsted paid no heed to them till the end of his sermon. Then he said, with a smile:

"We have heard of people who make a cloak of religion. Now we know that there are others who make of religion an umbrella."

Just in Time.

Broadland, So. Dak., Feb. 23rd.—Beadle county has never been so worked up as during the last few weeks. Every one is talking of the wonderful case of G. W. Gray, of Broadland, the particulars of which are best told in the following statement which Mr. Gray has just published:

"I was dying. I had given up all hope. I was prostrate and as helpless as a little babe. I had been ailing with Kidney Trouble for many years and it finally turned to Bright's disease. All medicine had failed and I was in despair."

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One for the Pickpocket.

When Mrs. Isabella Bishop, the well-known traveler, was in the United States she had at least one funny experience. She was riding in a car in Chicago, and felt her pocket being picked, but said nothing at the moment. Presently along came the conductor to collect his fares. When he reached Mrs. Bishop she quietly remarked: "This gentleman, turning to the thief, 'will pay. He has my purse.'"—N. Y. Herald.

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In the Gallery.

Jimmy—I'd like ter have an opry-glass some time.
Tommy—Oh, I dunno! I guess some uv dem gals on de stage looks better widout one.—Judge.

"Perhaps," ventured the unsuccessful contributor, "you didn't consider my little ode true to life." "Oh, it was true enough," replied the editor. "I assure you there was more truth than poetry in what you said."—Philadelphia Press.

An Ideal Woman's Medicine.



So says Mrs. Josie Irwin, of 325 So. College St., Nashville, Tenn., of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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ROAD AND FARM IMPROVEMENT

FARM WINTER CHORES.

My good wife often tells me, that "women's work is never done, and you men folks only putter 'round the place from sun to sun." But I reckon that us farmers always find a chore or two. When the days are short, and nights are long, around the barn to do. Don't you know there seems no end to fixin' here an' cleanin' there. If you wish the stock to show in spring they've had a little care. An' I've learned it pays good interest in springtime, don't you know. Jer' to hustle in the winter, spite o' ice an' sleet an' snow.

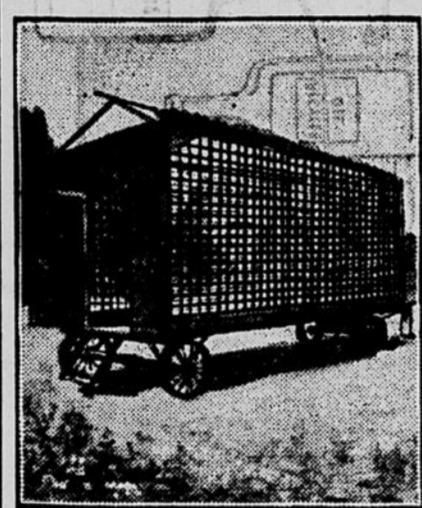
I jes' hate to see the critters lookin' dirty, humped an' lean. When a little bit o' extra work would make them fat an' clean. You jes' brush the cattle with the card, an' do it every day. For you'll find that when the buyer comes around you'll get your pay. Don't forget to overhaul the harrow, mow-cr, plow an' cart. Fix them up, ready for business when the buds begin to start; Oh, there's lots o' tools need fixin' 'gainst the comin' day o' need. An' it's now you've got to do it, 'fore the time o' plantin' seed.

—Orange Judd Farmer.

CAGE FOR JAILBIRDS.

Constructed for the Purpose of Confining Convicts While Working on Country Roads.

This cage is not intended for wild animals, as might be supposed from its appearance, but is used to confine human beings. The convicts are made to work upon the public highways, and in order to work the roads at any great distance from the county jail



PERIPATETIC JAIL.

It is necessary for the prisoners to camp out, so this steel car was constructed for the purpose of confining the convicts while working in the outlying districts. The cage is twenty feet long by eight feet six inches wide, and is eight feet from floor to roof. It is divided into two compartments; the larger one, for the prisoners, contains twelve bunks, and the smaller one has two bunks for the guards. The whole thing requires six horses to pull it over the country roads.—V. W. Gould, in Strand Magazine.

WIDE TIRE THE THING.

It Acts as a Roller on a Dirt Road and Makes Hauling of Heavy Loads Easy.

As I am a good-road lover, I wish to give my opinion on how to make a road hard and solid so that it will carry the heavy loads better than most roads generally do.

In my own experience years ago, I owned only one two-inch tire wagon. Since then I made a three-inch wagon out of old wheels by cutting it down a little lower and had the blacksmith put on three-inch tires, one-half inch thick.

The wonderful effect this has in improving an otherwise worthless farm convenience no one knows unless he has tried it. The wagon now is as good as a new one, and it does not cut down as before.

Farmers should be sure to order wide tires when new wheels are needed on old wagons. A three-inch tire will do, but a four-inch is still better, as it acts as a roller on the road, and when once packed the draft is much lighter. This is my experience.—H. F. Jahnke, in Farmers' Voice.

Pear Growing Popular.

Every class of fruit has its day with the amateur. Just now the pear is on the rising tide of popularity and is being boomed by the nursery agent. Car loads of this delicious fruit are shipped into the north annually, and the home grower who has fruit to sell has no trouble in realizing good prices. If you have rolling land, with good fair drainage and a clay soil, and there are a number of such locations in the central west, you may be safe in trying a few. But for the northern half of the belt or on low black soils, beware. Under such conditions the pear blight has blasted more than one man's hopes after years of patient care and waiting.—Midland Farmer.

Care of Horses in Spring.

Galled shoulders are very common in the spring when the horses are first put to work, and are easier prevented than cured, especially if the animal is kept at work. It is very important to see that the collars and harness fit properly; then the collars should be kept clean; keeping the collars well oiled will be a help. Wash the shoulders at noon and night with soft water after removing the harness. When the teams are stopped for a rest in the field, pull the collars away from the horses' shoulders; in this way galls may generally be prevented.—Midland Farmer.

DEMAND GOOD ROADS.

People of Arkansas Favor National and State Aid in Improving Their Highways.

The State Good Roads convention recently held at Little Rock, Arkansas, was one of the most important ever held in this country to consider any industrial question. It was large in numbers, enthusiastic in interest and harmonious in action. The legislature being in session at the capital, adjourned to meet in the great hall where the delegates and spectators assembled to the number of 2,000. The great questions under discussion were state aid and national aid to road buildings. There was almost a unanimous opinion in favor of both propositions and on the second day a resolution was passed by a unanimous rising vote of the convention instructing the legislature to pass a law at once levying a tax of two mills on every dollar of taxable property in the state to raise a fund to be used by the state to aid its different subdivisions in building roads. The opinion also prevailed that the United States government should become one of the cooperating forces in this great work, and should pay some share of the cost required to improve certain leading highways up to a high standard of excellence. In this connection the Brownlow bill now pending in congress, which provides for a system of cooperation between the United States and the different states, or subdivisions thereof, in road building, was under consideration. Among the arguments offered in favor of national aid are the following:

The revenues of the United States government, aggregating nearly five hundred millions of dollars per year, are drawn as much from the agricultural areas as from all other sources combined, yet at the same time when it comes to the distribution of the fund not more than 10 per cent. of it is put out in the rural districts, whereas, ninety per cent. is distributed in the great cities for public buildings, battle-ships, munitions of war, harbor facilities, etc. This discrimination has resulted very largely from a lack of attention and consideration. It is believed that congress would make appropriations for improving roads as well as rivers if urged to do so by the people of the rural districts. This instance was cited as an illustration of the wisdom of such a change:

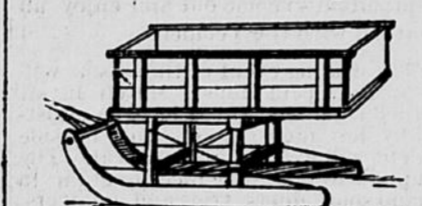
The White river is now being improved by the United States government at a cost of two million dollars which will result in a slight improvement in its navigation that will benefit but a few carriers and a small number of people, whereas a permanent and well-improved highway built with that large amount of money, either along the bank of that same river, or in any other portion of the state of Arkansas, would contribute much more to cheapening transportation, would serve many more people, would increase the value of land adjacent to it, and would add very much more to the state's wealth.

It was considered good policy by the participants in the discussion that the United States should be called upon to contribute a share in this necessary improvement of highways. This idea was indorsed in a resolution passed by the convention. Attention was called to the fact that the government has already appropriated a million dollars for such a purpose to Porto Rico and another million to the Philippines, and the secretary of war has lately recommended to congress, with the approval of the president, that three millions of dollars should be immediately appropriated for the use of the Philippine government to be mainly expended in building highways and other public improvements on the islands.

HANDY DUMPING SLED.

For All Kinds of Winter Work, the Device Here Illustrated Has No Superior.

Manure may be easily and quickly unloaded from a dump sled. An old bob sled with an extra high bolster and an elevated cross piece built up from the race in front, works all right. The



DUMP SLED FOR WINTER WORK.

box is fastened to the high bolster by means of eye bolts. It is fastened down to the front support with a strong hook.

With a little practice, manure may be spread, with this rig in winter, with very little fork work. For spreading, a block is fastened to the runners behind that stops the box at the proper angle to let the manure slide down and pay out slowly as the team moves along.

The angle must be different according to the kind of manure, the absorbent used in the stable, and the amount of straw or other substance used for bedding. The driver can help or hinder it with his fork as he drives along.—L. G. Spencer, in Farm and Home.

Farm, Orchard and Garden.

A good, thrifty, well-kept orchard and small fruit garden on the farm adds materially to its value in dollars and cents, as well as providing health and pleasure for all members of the family. The profits are in many ways far in excess of the cost of maintenance, and there is not one valid reason why a single farmer should deprive himself of a good variety of the home-grown fruit.—Midland Farmer.

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