print suggestions in the line of village improvement. Contributions from readers are ciety.

The man who owes a debt and persists in spending money for luxuries in spending money that does not belong to

Do not forget the two cent stamp on rural route letters. It does not feel good to pay "1c. due" on a statement of account.

In any city where the majority of its citizens are home owners, one will find pretty homes and happy satisfied people. They are always on the alert for period. the best interest of the town and its moral welfare. Where this is not so such an interest is not displayed.

A man who sent a dollar for a "potato bug killer" received two blocks of wood with the following directions: "Take the block which is No. 1 in the right hand, place the bug on No. 2 and press them together. Remove the unfortunate and proceed as before."

develop and grow for your benefit.

finds everybody full of hope and enover the prospects of the stakes and goes to work with equal file past his desk and tell him all interest.

People take pewspapers nowadays, read them and then throw them away. They never think what a source of pleasure and profit-or reminiscence and thought, a file or even a few num bers of such a paper would be to them twenty or thirty years afterwards. Pay for your papers and then keep

Sympathy is never withheld from those who suffer loss from accident or unavoidable misfortune of any kind. but the local merchant is slow to sympathize with a patron who goes to the city and buys a barrel of musty oat meal. Such experiences are creating greater confidence in the small home department store.

Don't throw salt on the cement side walks. The composition out of which the walks are made won't stand for it. The salt has the effect of softering the cement and rendering the walk boney combed. Ashes and sawdust are tis proper things to place on them. The best way to treat them, however, is tuse a snow shovel on them in good sea son, then there will be no need of any thing che.

in general, responded quite liberally in ticable. re.niftances the past two weeks; day not only wishing to do their part in making the beginning of the new year a happy one for the publisher, but desire to afford the opportunity of reading the issues of the paper in knowing that it is paid for. The news is more easily digested and relished when this is done. There are a number, however, who are waiting for as to send a statement, informing them how accounts stand. To those receiving one kindly remember that it takes dollars to conduct a newspaper, and that we also have hills to meet.

There are two ways of spending a dollar. You can spend it at home, gain an easy conscience, make another friend and perhaps get the dollar back to-morrow, or you send it away, feel that you have signed, offend the home merchant and forever lose the dollar and the blessed influence for good to yourself and neighbor.

Let us rally around the standard of youth, remembering that the future of our country shall be what the young people make it. Let us show our fath ers and mothers that the boys and girls of to-day shall be ready to stand forth fully equipped men and women of to-morrow. Let us show them the rising generation which is following in their footsteps is fully competent to succeed them and shoulder the responsibility of the farm, the home and the nation.

It has been frequently suggested and the suggestion is a good one, for every farmer to place his name and the name of his farm on his road-gate. Not only would persons driving to a place more easily find it, but it would add more pleasure and interest to people driving from place to place. This last result would have special effect with regard to well kept and pretty houses. An observing person will seldom pass a beautiful farm without desiring to know who is its enterprising owner.

Being a newspaper first, last and all the time this paper will print all the news of all persons or parties and factions during the coming campaign. It will endeavor to treat all politicians fairly and decently, going on the theory that a man is not necessarily a horsethief because he is a Republican, chump because he is a Democrat, or crazy because he is a Prohibitionist or a Socialist. Whatever views the editor has he will express regardless of the resolutions of any party, the actions of any committee or the notions of any

ners are continually going up the spout; the plumbers are always in the gutter; the paperhangers are up against 'em alone. Don't knock. You'll get the wall; bakers are compelled to raise used to it. Be good and you will be the dough; the policeman has to be on happy. Drop in at the Reporter office the beat to live; the shoemakers have when in Downers Grove and you will to work on the uppers and get waxed be happier. in the end; the clockmakers run on tick and are never on time; the washwoman is always in the soak, and she is the only one you see hanging out on the line.

tle and spanked much; the new-fash- prove it, and we'll thank you for it. ioned woman says much and spanks Don't be afraid of criticising us that's little. When one thinks of the spank- what we like. It shows that you are ngs he used to get, he is inclined to interested in our efforts.

think the new-fashioned way is the best, but when he see the 8, 10 and 12year-old boys standing around on the streets smoking pipes and cursing and swearing and chewing tobacco, he is inclined to think the departed oldfashioned woman is a sad loss to so-

Parents should feel a great interest in the welfare of their children. Most parents do, but often do not let the matter be known. Next to the parents the teacher feels the same interest. Having this feeling in common there should be close affinity between parent and teacher. Teachers and pupils are always glad to have parents visit the school to confer about the work. Don't nut off going until you have a kick to register, but go during the sunshine

Every once in awhile some cheer ful individual remarks to us: now that the paper is out I suppose you can take it easy for three or four days." Yes, how delightful it is that a country editor has practically noth ing to do between press days. Busi ness runs along automatically. When the bills come due money drops of of trees with which to pay them. What are you doing for your town? Subscribers vie with each other to see If you have no confidence in the growth who can pay the farthest in advance, and improvement of the town and Advertisers beg for additional space. country in which you live how on earth | And the way the news hunts up the do you expect other people to move editor is also pleasant to contemplate. among you and cause the country to There is something really strange about the way the news items act. When the paper is out the editor simply goes to his desk and leans back in his easy chair and looks wise and waits for next week's press day. The place, be, too, soon becomes imbued day before press day the people line with the same spirit, drives down his up in front of the office door and then news of the week. He writes it up in ten or fifteen minutes, takes it back and hangs it on the book. The compositors take the copy shake it over the type cases, say a few mystic words, a week later. On returning he was inthe type flies into place, and after a are ready for the press again. And more money in the bank. It is the money for your watch," and he countgreatest snap in the catalogue. Now If the editor could only do away with the door. "Oh yes," he said, turning press day, his joy would be com-

#### Urged to Co-operate.

Downers Grove is growing so rapidly that it is now more than ever necessary to look closely to the sanitation of the village. All citizens are urged to co-operate with the health commissloper in his efforts to maintain and improve the present good conditions during the approaching hot months, not only by at once destroying or remov ing all refuse of any description, especially such as is liable to become offensive or injurious to health, but also by giving promptly to the health commissioner any information that may be of service to it in its duties, and in The subscribers of this paper have, any other manner that may be prac-

> Don't Stop My Paper Don't stop my paper, editor : Don't strike my name off yet; You know the times are stringent, And the dollars hard to get ;

But tug a little barder Is what I mean to do, And scrape the dimes together-Enough for me and you.

I can't afford to drop it. And I find it doesn't pay To do without a paper. However others may: I hate to ask my pelghbors To give me theirs on loan. They don't just say, but mean it:

"Why don't you have your own?"

You can't tell how we miss it. If it by any fate Should happen not to reach us. Or come a little late; Then all is in a hubbub. And things go all awer : And, editor, if you are married, You know the reason why,

The children want their portion. And wife is anxious, too, At first to glance it over. And then to read it through: read the editorials, The locals I peruse. And read the correspondence, And every bit of news.

Don't Knock You're not the only shirt in the wash Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long face and get sour on your stomach. Hope a bit. Get a smile on you. Hold up your head. Then pull. Bury your hatchet. Drop your tomahawk. Hide rour little hammer. If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't get mulish. Don't roast. Be jolly, Get popular. It's dead easy. Help yourself along. Push your friend with you. Soon you'll have a whole procession. There is no man that ever helped himself by knocking other people down. No man ever got rich trying to make people believe that he was the only good man on earth. You can't climb the ladder of fame by stepping on other people's corns. They're their corns; not yours, and they're tender. Keep off the corns. Be a good fellow. When a stranger drops in tell him that Downers Grove is the greatest town on

earth. Make him believe it, too. There's no end to fun minding your own business. It's lot's btter to have others get stuck on you than stuck on rourself. Nobody gets stuck on a Look at the condition of the work- knocker. All men are not alike. Once ingman to-day. Where is he? The tin- in a while you may find one that is very much alike. But some are different. If you don't like their style let

If you like The Reporter tell your friends and your neighbors and ask them to send in their names. And if you don't like the paper, tell us. Give The old-fashioned woman said itt- us an idea what you think would im-

Right Kind of a Town Did you ever stop to think that our town is a town that enjoys many nat ural and acquired resources-a town that needs but the skillful manipulation of man to make them yield bountifully of their rich treasure—a substantial town whose foundations are laid upon a soil that cannot be sur passed for productiveness—a town supplied with the best and purest of water-a town whose educational advantages have reached a standard through the skillful direction of competent officials, second to that of no other place of its size anywhere—a town where harmony among the communicants of the different churches are in perfect accord with the object sought by our forefathers of the Mayflower gin who had used them with good reand all doctrines are ably expounded sults. I sent for a box and took the with untrammeled freedom from the remedy. It proved to be just what I repulpits of our different churches-a quired and enabled me to get around town whose social advantages are equal to those afforded by places many times its size and age—a town where the rich enjoy every luxury desired, and the poor are not allowed to suffer-a town where peace and good will toward men

#### A New Fake Abroad

make a good citizen.

Our readers should keep their eyes open for fakers and swindlers; they are numerous and work every scheme to catch people. The latest swindle worked by a sharper in one of the cities recently, is an apt illustration of the ability of these dead beat fakers to catch not only the ignorant, but all others who are not constantly on their guard. The swindler walked into lewelry store and selecting a \$125 watch, left a check for \$600 drawn on an out-of-town bank, with instructions that the watch be regulated and that he would come after it and his change formed that the check was no good. few passes by the foreman the forms "Well, that's strange," he said. . "It's F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and the second time that bank has done the editor goes down and deposits some that thing on me. But here is the ed out \$125 in currency and started for around, "you better give me that check." It was willingly handed over to him. On the back was the jeweler's endorsement. With this the man went into a bank, got it cashed and was never beard of afterward.

#### Don't Do It, Boys

A word to you, sonny-you little twelve or thirteen-year-old boy, who is smoking cigarettes on the sly. What do you want to be when you grow up-a stalwart, healthy, vigorous, broadshouldered man, or a little, puny, measly, no account, weakminded dude, If you want to be a man, strong like a man, with hair on your face, brains in your head and muscles on your limbs. you just leave those cigarettes alone. If you want to be a thing pitled by your folks, despised by respectable girls, held in contempt by gentlemen keep right on smoking and end your days a physical wreck. Occasionally we notice a few lads leaning up against a building trying to "be men" by smoking, but it is a bad way to do it.

Just What You Make It Your town is just what you make it. If you have a good town it is because you and your neighbors use what it fluence you have towards making it good. Some people seem to think they can buy all their goods out of town and it will not make any difference with their local merchants. But this is not true. Every small town lives from the farming community. They depend entirely on the farmer. If the farmer does not trade with them they must go ther go out of business the price of land in that vicinity is cut in tw Therefore the farmer's interests in this respect are identical with the mer chant. We believe that if the true effect of the mail order business was known and understood by all the people, the injurious practice would cease and people would buy their goods at home where they ought to. At the rate the mail order business is increasing the time will come, and our children will see it if we do not, when the now thriving towns of the country will be reduced to a postoffice, a blacksmith shop and a little cheese and cracket store. This statement will be laughed at simply because the people are not In a position to know the facts. But when you consider that there are familles, many of them who hardly buy to exceed \$25 worth of goods from their own merchants in a year, then the enormity of the situation begins to

They Appreciate It Then. Not until one leaves home does he really appreciate his home paper. That "distance lends enchantment" is truly proven in this case. When a man pulls up stages and shakes the dust of his old home from his shoes to seek pastures new he naturally has a bankering to know what is going on in his old home. It is then be appreciates the home paper that had always made weekly visits to his home, but which he had heretofore looked upon as a mere circumstance in the whirlpool of life. Its weekly visits to those who are abroad are like a spring shower upon the parched fields. The movements and actions of those left behind is ever of interest, and they are delighted in reading about their one-time neighbors. Truly, the home paper is not really appreclated until we get where it is hard to get.

What Is a Gentleman? The question always comes up: What is a gentleman? Some say he is a man with a silk hat, and others a man with a smooth tongue. But men connected with the newspaper trade have a canon of their own. "Mr. Editor," said a patron one day, "how is it you never call on me to pay for your paper?" "Oh," said the man of types, "we never ask a gentleman for money." "Indeed," the patron replied. "How do you manage to get along if they don't pay." "Why," said Mr. Editor, "after a certain time we conclude he is not a gentleman, and then we ask him

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