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GOOD ROADS
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pouring water into a rathole unless one can get the rat. Therefore when any scheme for highway improvement of any magnitude is proposed...

When the roads were built and the citizens had had the experience of using them and paying for them...

The only trouble is to get the work started and started right. Indiana has the largest mileage of good roads of any State in the Union...

GOOD ROADS A BENEFIT TO ALL THE PEOPLE.

If, as it will hereafter appear, good roads benefit all the people and all classes of property...

The above question certainly looks like a puzzle, and they get harder as we go down the list...

Mr. F. A. Delano, president of the Wabash railway says: "You have no idea to what extent bad roads affect railway traffic..."

"Uniformly good roads over the country would prolong the crop moving period several months, and thereby not only relieve the traffic congestion, but the financial situation as well..."

The wholesale merchant depends for his business upon the country dealer. The country dealer in turn depends largely upon the farmer...

The Illinois Highway Commission has gathered some valuable data as to the effect of road and weather conditions upon highway traffic...

The report shows that the travel over hard roads is fairly uniform throughout the year, while that upon the earth roads is subject to the widest variations...

The count at Decatur, over a gravel road was, March and April 240, July and August 278. The count on the earth road at Sullivan for January, February and March was 54, August and September 310...

With good roads, the farmers live better, dress better, go out more, are better buyers and more liberal spenders.

The city resident lives upon the products of the farm and he wants an adequate supply regularly, at reasonable prices. With bad roads this is impossible...

North and west of Chicago the roads are generally improved and from this district comes practically the whole milk supply of the city...

MBK is shipped daily as far as 150 miles from the good road district of northern Illinois to cities in the corn belt. These should be, but are not, supplied by adjoining farms.

As to the farmer helping to pay for the paving of city streets, he has not the same interest in their condition as the town man has in the country roads.

The answer to the fourth question will be an incident, a very common one. A widow woman goes into a grocery store in a country town and asks for a dozen eggs and a pound of butter...

She pays three cents more for the eggs and four cents more for the butter, and this seven cents represents her bad road tax paid that evening.

Under State aid tax for good roads, her annual assessment would probably not exceed 10 or 15 cents. Is a further answer necessary? We think not.

Wash Day at Pullman. The Pullman Company, whose president, Robert Todd Lincoln, is the only living son of the best friend the plain people ever had, is strong on economy.

Those of us who know have long grumbled at the fact that the porter, who cleans down the untenanted upper berth where one's head will strike it hardest, is paid only \$25 a month.

The Pullman Company is capitalized at \$128,000,000, and two years ago its stockholders cut a "melon" of \$20,000,000; but does its frugality stop, think you, at holding up the porters, the public and the railroads?

Esthetic travelers have looked with favor on the practice of covering up the blankets in a berth with a clean, white sheet. This is in conformity with what is known as the "third sheet rule," which was adopted January 1, 1905.

Oh, fortunate traveler, ignorant of the disclosures of the high official muckraker: "Thou hast no figures nor no fantasies, which busy care draws in the brains of men; therefore thou sleep'st so sound."

Prof. Frederick Starr has in press a large work describing the life and customs of the Indian tribes of Southern Mexico. This book, "In Indian Mexico," will contain many illustrations reproduced from photographs taken by the author on his explorations.

When a woman drives a horse she is always whipping him with the lines.

AN INDIAN GREETING.

Telling about the Indians of the Pacific coast as he found them in 1846, Paul Kane, the Canadian artist, tried to give an idea of their language as he found it at that time.

I would willingly give a specimen of the barbarous language of this people, were it possible to represent by any combination of our alphabet the horrible, harsh, spluttering sounds which proceed from their throats, apparently unguided either by the tongue or lips, says Mr. Kane.

They have, however, by their intercourse with the English and French traders, succeeded in amalgamating, after a fashion, some words of each of these tongues with their own, and in forming a sort of patois, barbarous enough certainly, but still sufficient to enable them to communicate with the traders.

This patois I was enabled after some short time to acquire, and could converse with most of the chiefs with tolerable ease.

Their common salutation is Clak-hoh-ab-yah, originating, as I believe, in their ancestors having heard, in the early days of the fur trade, a gentleman named Clark frequently addressed by his friends, "Clark, how are you?"

The trouble with most of the books on diet is that they are too scientific. They deal with grams and liters, with proteins, fats and hydro-carbons, and the untrained reader does not translate what he reads into terms of bread-and-butter, beefsteak, eggs and apple-pie.

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The electric tramways of the City of Mexico have been chartered by a company with \$4,000,000 capital. Electric light plants are being constructed at Juicatan and Oaxaca, and light and power plants on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

BEAUTIFUL DOWNERS GROVE PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Home of W. Harry Spears, Formerly Editor of the Downers Grove Reporter.

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Table with columns: Leave Chicago, Arrive Downers Grove, Leave Downers Grove, Arrive Chicago. Includes times for various routes and days of the week.

Greater Cleveland has cheerfully celebrated his seventy-first birthday. Oster will be terribly disgusted when he hears about it.
A Chicago scientist announces that he has discovered the origin of heat. Heat has just received his winter's coat bill.
Once more taxes are to be raised in Japan. Those little brown chaps are finding out that civilization and glory are expensive.
The true "Merry Widow" is the one whose husband left her so well provided for that she can afford to buy one of the hats named after her.
One of the learned doctors announces that a certain amount of candy is good for people. Why can't somebody say as much for strawberry shortcake and ice cream?
Twenty-five per cent of Chicago's milk supply is reported by experts to be under the proper grade. Are they never going to stop the leaks in the water department?
Esperanto is reported to be making rapid headway as an international language, but there is no likelihood that baseball reports will ever be written in it. It has no slang.
Great wealth does not appear to give its possessors the ability to get any more matrimonial happiness than is allotted to the ordinary person who has to work for a living.
Dr. Edward Everett Hale, 96 years of age, says he has been a hard worker all his life. How contemptible he must seem to some of the members of the Vanderbilt and Gould families.
Ten thousand men are wanted to work at Fairbanks, Alaska, for \$5 a day each and board. But this is not likely to be at all encouraging to the many people who are anxious to find out how to live without working.
Although it is only six years since St. Pierre, Martinique, was destroyed by the eruption of Mont Pelee, the islanders have begun to rebuild the city. Steamers call at the port, and business is slowly resuming, so short is the memory of a great terror, or so indifferent are the people to a rarely recurring danger.
An association of students in a co-educational college near Chicago is promoting a plan to introduce a department of "art appreciation," and offering to pay the first year's salary of a competent instructor. Not only will the new number of the faculty install modern principles of home-building, furnishing and decoration, but he or she will be expected to teach "the decadent art of good and appropriate dressing."
The "decadent art" is a new name for the old one, and it is not to be understood that a wholesome department of the city's old system that has been a success since the days of the ancients.