



Good doctors are scarce everywhere. Country doctors are underpaid and overworked. Peekskill, N. Y., physicians have agreed to charge \$1 for telephone consultations. If advice on how to treat a cold is worth telephoning for it is certainly worth a dollar. In England the fees of rural physicians are fixed by the Government. We may come to that in America. The fees must be high enough, however, to encourage well trained young doctors to settle in small towns and to stay there.

Several Eastern towns where doctors have failed to make a living have agreed to pay a salary out of public funds to a good doctor, for public health work, which still leaves him time to engage in general practice. That way of insuring a doctor a living and at the same time safeguarding the public health is a sound, American method and should be more generally adopted, as it will be.

ENGINES

The next big improvement in automobiles will be an engine that uses crude oil or distillate instead of gasoline.

Heavy-oil engines use cheaper fuel, get two or three times as much power out of a gallon of it, require no complicated electrical sparking apparatus, and have no valves to be reground. The motor car of the future will have an engine of that type, driving the front wheels instead of the rear wheels, and will have no gears to shift.

Airplanes will use the cheaper fuel, too. A Diesel type engine flew a plane from Detroit to Washington recently. Elmer Sperry announces that he has perfected such an engine for air use on which he has been working for years. A company has been formed in England to manufacture a heavy-oil automobile engine invented by a Swede, Hesselman.

Sweden, by the way, produces more first-rate engineering ability in proportion to population than any other country except, perhaps, Italy. Ericsson, inventor of the screw propeller and builder of the Monitor, was a Swede. So were Alfred Nobel, inventor of dynamite, and De Laval, inventor of the steam turbine and the cream separator.

EDUCATION

The best American I ever knew died the other day. I shall not print his name; he would not have liked the publicity. He probably had never earned as much as \$100 a month, but he sent his four children through college. A Cape Cod fisherman's son, he was a schooner captain in the West Indies trade at eighteen. At seventy-five he was hauling mail and baggage in his old Ford truck, preferring independence to retirement.

Unlettered himself, one of his sons is a professor in a Western university, one is on the Harvard faculty; a daughter is superintendent of a great training school for nurses.

"Sorrell and Son," one of the most popular English novels of recent years, has for its theme the sacrifices of a father for his son's education. A new theme in England, but one of the oldest in America.

CLIMATE

Chicago may rival Florida as a winter resort when the new power plant of the Commonwealth Edison Company is completed at State line on Lake Michigan. More steam power will be generated there than on any other square mile in the world. To cool the huge condensers of the compound engines, four hundred thousand gallons of Lake Michigan water will be pumped up every minute and will flow back with its temperature nearly a hundred degrees higher.

In New York the average temperature of the whole Upper East Side of the city has been appreciably increased by the condenser water from the New York Edison company's plants, flowing into the East River. The southern end of Lake Michigan and all the towns that border it will have a perceptibly warmer climate when the new State Line plant gets into full operation.

ACCIDENTS

Automobile accident cases cost the hospitals of the United States more than \$15,000,000 last year, for the care of the injured. More than one-third of this was never collected, because the persons responsible for the accidents could not be compelled to pay for the damage they had done.

Next to industrial accidents, automobiles send more individuals to the hospitals than any other one cause. The care of the victims is a charge on all the rest of us, to the extent

that the deficit in hospital expenses has to be made up out of taxes.

Almost every state makes insurance against industrial accidents compulsory on employers. Only Massachusetts requires automobile owners to carry liability insurance. If you are injured by a car with a Massachusetts license, the insurance company pays. If a car from any other state hits you, you can usually whistle for your hospital bill, or start a tedious and expensive lawsuit.

Eventually every progressive state will adopt the Massachusetts system or something like it.

MOUNTAINS

Motorists driving from Harrisburg (spelled without a final "h") to Pittsburgh (with a final "h") are interested in the signboards on the peaks of the Allegheny Mountains (spelled with an "a" after the "h") as they cross into the valley of the Allegheny River (spelled with an "e" instead of an "a.")

Farmer's Philosophy

Farm to make money and you'll fail; farm to make a living and you'll make money.—Farm & Fireside.

Man Who Built Hotel in Waukegan, Suicide

Suicide of M. F. Schavoine, 40 years old, associated with L. M. Polakow and Theodore Williams in the promotion and erection of the Hotel Waukegan and recognized as the financial genius of the project, which occurred at the Milwaukee hospital for nervous diseases at Wauwatosa, Wis., Dec. 5, was disclosed to friends of the man in Waukegan last week.

Schavoine, an inmate of the Wauwatosa institution but nine days hanged himself with his belt from the head of his bed in his room in the hospital. He was dead when the body was found by an attendant on the following morning.

He had been admitted to the institution on November 26. The records of the hospital showed him to be in an extremely nervous condition and a complete breakdown, due to worry and overwork.

Still Hope

Our generation has seen the first halting steps toward the abolition of war and more good influences are at work in this direction than ever before.—The American Magazine.

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