

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN ROADS.

What Experiment Has Failed - Some Opinions from Rhode Island.

Experiments on the amount of traffic force required to move a load show that it will take eight horses to draw a truck and load weighing 9,000 pounds on firm soil covered with gravel four to five inches deep.

On broken stone road in good condition the same load can be hauled by a force of one and one-half horses and on the same road in bad condition, with rut four to four and one-half inches deep and thick mud, five horses will be required.

On the subject of good and bad roads the following from the pen of the late F. G. Holland gives a comparison unfavorable to the existing road system in America.

"The point which I wish to impress upon my American reader is simply that the English horse better than the American horse in a city or on the roads of the country, does twice as much work as the American horse similarly employed in America.

"We are using today in the little town of Springfield just twice as many horses as would be necessary to do its business if the roads all over the town were as good as Main street is from Ferry to Central.

"The expense of building good roads is an important item, and the maximum is too expensive for country byways and crossroads, and in fact, is only feasible where travel is extensive.

"The committee on improvement of highways, Rhode Island division of the League of American Wheelmen, recently received two important letters upon the subject of good and bad roads which are of general interest.

"I am very glad to hear that there is some prospect of legislation in regard to our faulty highway system. When I returned from my first and prolonged visit to Europe I could scarcely believe that I had all my life been on roads that were so poor as the roads in my own country.

"The president of the Rhode Island Domestic Industry society writes: "As to the matter of highway improvement, I think it is of the greatest importance to the prosperity of our agricultural communities that some change should be made in their care.

"In my own town, Scituate, we have about twenty-two miles of highway, divided into about sixty road districts, and in some of these districts, I fear, the road taxes have been so high that the 'working out' or standing out plan. Last spring, at our annual town meeting, it was decided to make a change by appointing road commissioners, the number not to exceed three.

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A new arrangement, 200 foot long, was seen to coil itself up in a snaky form on the coast of Florida last month. It was a snake of the Florida coast, and its name is the Florida snake.

It was successful when he gave it out, but a young lady missed the point. Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota is a perfect type of the bustling Farmer.

"I'll relate one incident," said the Senator, "that will give you an some idea of the bright society people you often meet in Washington. I was at a little gathering a few days ago when for one of the amusement, the hostess proposed that each guest propose a conundrum.

"The people seemed pleased, and one young lady laughed quite heartily. At a reception a few nights afterward, when the young lady who had laughed so heartily at the conundrum opened me in the room she exclaimed to a group of friends: 'Oh, I've an awfully funny conundrum, and it's Senator Pettigrew's too!'

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World Day Later. A HOTEL WHERE GUESTS OBJECTED TO EARLY RISING.

"Pat down room No. 5230 be called in time for the 4.30 train in the morning," he said, as he leaned gracefully toward the night clerk in a Mississippi hotel.

"Case of life and death" queried the clerk. "Oh, no but I want to get to Jackson before noon."

"Hadin' you better wait for the 9.30 train?" "What is it to you?" "Nothing but the excitement and fuss, and I shall probably have to testify at the coroner's inquest."

"Come up-stairs, please." "When they had ascended to the first sleeping floor the clerk continued: "This is room 28, as you see. There are five bullet holes in the door. Man in seven last wanted to be called for that early train. Room No. 30 has had bullet holes but those stand for two men. This new piece in the carpet here is where a man fell and bled to death. Killed here."

"But who killed these guests?" asked the traveler. "Did I say other guests, as soon as the darky comes up and knocks and bawls out, Colonel Shaw, who has No. 32, reaches for his shotgun. Over in 20 Judge Hawkins slips out with his revolver. Major Brooks, who is in No. 38 always comes in a good third with his dagger. The rest of the fellows along the hall are always more or less well healed. We don't care so much about the darky, as darkies are mighty cheap around here, but there must be an inquest on the body of the white man, and--"

"Then it was a mistake. I'm in no hurry. In fact, I like Mississippi in general and this town in particular, and even if I get away at 9.30 I shall be glad to see you. Just rub out the smudges, and if I don't get up in time for breakfast you needn't mind sending a darky up to pound on the door."

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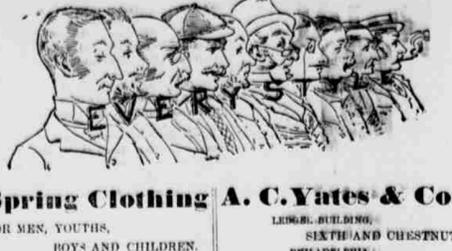
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