ROAD MENDING IN FRANCE.

ow the Highways of the Republic Are Kept in Order. Mr. Joseph Pennell gives the following

interesting account in Harper's Weekly of road mending in France: After the road has been constructed mes the important part—the mending it. As has been said, this is most costly. So marvelously is it done in France that I can scarcely expect any one to believe the statements I am about to make. The great military roads of France, Les Routes Nationales, radiate from the large cities like the spokes of a

They are all marked with kilometer stones, a kilometre being about five-eighths of a mile. The stones are about two feet and a half high, a foot and a half broad, and a foot thick. As you approach the first stone you will notice on the side nearest you the name of the next important town, with its distance in kilometers and meters. On its face, following the lines of its semicircular top, you will read grande route number so and so, and below the name of the great city from which it starts and the reat city to which it goes, say Paris and Marseilles, and the actual distance to each by this road. On the other side is the distance from the large town from which you started.

Every hundred meters you will see a neat little white stone with the number inscribed on it. As there are a thousand meters in a kilometer, there are ten of these stones, and when you come to each you can tell exactly the distance you have made. The fifth stone, which marks the half way distance between the two kilometer stones, is usually a little larger than the others. As you pass from one of the eighty-six departments of France into another you will see a larger stone marking the boundary line and recording the distance to many important points. If the gradient becomes at all steep, the fact will be announced some-what as it is at the side of a railway, and there are several other marks used by

the engineers which I do not understand.
On the first house in each village approaching from either end you will find proaching from either end you will find the name of that village clearly written in white letters on a blue ground on a metal plate, the name of the village you have just left, with the distance, an arrow pointing in its direction, the name of the one you are coming to and the of the one you are coming to and the names of the nearest large cities both ways. At all cross roads you will find the same information. The kilometer stones themselves are painted white, and the numbers and names are cut into the stone to protect them from the rain, and painted black.

The roadway is wide enough for two or three teams to pass. Beyond is a sweep of beautifully kept grass, and beyond again two great deep gutters, outside of which is a bank of earth higher than the fields which it bounds, keeping all the water, if there should be any, back in the fields and off the water. back in the fields and off the roads. Every hundred feet or so, cut in the grass by taking the turf out, is a small gutter, through which any water which may fall in the road is drained into the deeper gutter. As you ride along you will see that the road is divided by movable tin signs with cantonniers on them. Near these signs, which are usually about a mile or two apart, you will find a man breaking stones small enough to go through a two and a half inch ring. ing the broken stone up in a symmet piling the broken stone up in a symmet-rical mass like a house roof, which must exactly fit into a skeleton frame the cantonnier places over it. These stone breakers are at work spring, summer

and autumn.

Other men will be picking up the droppings on the road, putting them in a wheelbarrow, in another part of which is fresh sand to sprinkle over the place, and they carry rakes and brooms to touch up any imperfections on the surface, for such a thing as a loose stone or a lump of dirt is already support. of dirt is almost unknown. Having gathered anything which may have fallen from passing carts or wagons— for the horses hoofs do not kick up the grind into it—each goes over the whole of his allotted space with a broom about ten feet long, sweeping off the sand, which is taken away and stored for fu-

ture use or sold.

This is kept up daily from April till October, and so thoroughly that, though I have traveled over the roads of France in both the wettest and driest summers and autumns, I have never found half an inch of dust or mud on the Grandes Routes. The cantonniers, when any distance from villages or towns, have houses in which they live, and they go to their work morning and evening between the north, of cypresses in the south, of syca-mores, which line so many roads of the Midi. It is absurd to say the roads are like those of a park, for in no park out of France are they equaled.

The Shape for Road Surface. The shape to be given a road surface has been a subject of much discussion. In order to get a good water shed, an es-sential to long wear, many roads have been made so rounding in the center as to be uncomfortable to vehicles. It is now generally conceded that the cross section should be a curve and that the height of a road should be one-sixtieth of its width, that is, a roadbed thirty feet wide, should be six inches higher in

At a recent meeting of the New Jersey board of agriculture Mr. Frank Keefe, of Mercer county, in a paper on road mak-ing, recommended that where the expense can be borne asphalt be used; where stone is plenty, a Telford road; where districts are thinly settled, a six inch bed of stone covered with a two inch layer of gravel. He also recom mends especial oare in maintaining roads after they are built, and suggests the giving of prizes by the state each year to the counties having the best roads.

The associated cycling clubs of Phila-delphia have voted to appropriate a suf-ficient sum to send each Philadelphia councilman a copy of "Roads and Road Making" and "City Streets."

Dr. Parr and the Peasants—Ben Jonson's Quick Wit-

Dr. Parr (the celebrated scholer) was once preaching in the country parish of another clergymau, and, as was his habit, used learned language. The rector afterward said to him: "They cold not understand you." "Nonsense said Dr. Parr; "I am sure there wa nothing in my sermon which they could no comprehend." "Well," said the rector, "I will call one of them in and see if he understands the meaning and see if he understands the meaning of the word' felicity." So he called in a laboring man, and said: "John, can you tell me what is the meaning of "felicityt" "Well, I don't know sir," said John, "but I believe it is some part of the inside of a pig."

Lord Craven once invited Ben Jonson to dine at his boase. At the appointed time Ben trugged off in his usual poor clothes, patched all over

usual poor clothes, patched all over and knocked at his lordship's door The astonished porter scratched his head, and before he conducted the stranger in, sent to inform Lord Craven that a shabby clobhopper, who called him self Ben Jonson, desired to see him His lordship fiew to the door to welcome the poet, but started back in surprise when he saw such an odd figure. "You Ben Jonson;" said be. "You Ben Jonson, indeed! Shouldn't care for your clothes, but your face—zounds! You couldn't say 'Bol' to a goose." "Bol" said Ben. His lordship goose." "Bo!" said Ben. His lordship burst into a hearty laugh, and, satisfied by the joke of the personal identity of his famous guest, conducted him in.—



overheard one say of her, "By Heaven she's painted!" Yea, "retorted she indignantly, "and by heaven only!" Ruddy health manted her cheek, yet this beautiful lady, once thin and paie, and suffering from a dry, hacking cough, night-sweats, and spitting of blood, seemed deatined to fli a consumptive's grave. After spending hundreds of dollars on physicians, without benefit, she tried Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery; her improvement was soon marked, and in a few months she was plump and rosy agrain,—a perfect picture of bealth and strength.

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General Fremont's Debt. BALANCE OF \$21,000 FOUND TO BE DUE HIM FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

Washington, May 10-A most cur ous incident illustrative of delay in orrecting official mistakes in the departments at Washington has just ome to light as a sequence of the passage of the bill placing John C. Fre-mont upon the retired list of the army with the rank of Major General.

The first Republican candidate for he Presidency is a most picturesque patriarch, seventy-one years old, and nas been for years in circumstances, if not of actual poverty, at least straight ened. In 1848, when as Lieutenant in the army, he seized and held with an iron grip, the region which is now the State of California, and no one denies that the nation is indebted to him for that gilded member of sisterhood.

While engaged in this service, Lieutenant Fremont's accounts with the Government were left in such a state that he has always been reguarded as an official debtor to the Government to the amount of \$19,000; and it has been one of the chief sorrows of General Fremont's later years that he was un-able to square this balance against him a record of which was in the office of the Third Auditor of the Treasury.

The other day General Fremont called at the office of Second Comptroller Gilkerson, of the Treasury, whose business it would be to pass upon the balance against him. The old man in trembling tones stated to Colonel Gilk-erson that his financial circumstances are such that if his salary as a retired Major General were retained, to meet this alleged shortage he would be for sometime in actual want. At his re-quest the Second Comptroller investigated the accounts and greatly to his surprise discovered that instead of deneral Fremont being a debtor to the United States, the Government had actually owed him for over forty years \$21,000. The records were perfectly clear and it was proved beyond dispute that through a mistake in bookkeeping Lieutenant Fremont had been charged with \$19,000 for which a voucher was

Department. When General Fremont called again to ask Colonel Gilkerson whether some arrangement might be made to pay his supposed indebtness by installments, he was so unprepared for the glad news awaiting him that he fainted. Thursday a warrant for the amount due him was made out, duely approved and signed.

Chemist's Idea of Wine-

We have heard a great deal of the superior excelence of Speer's N. J. Wine, and of its being adopted in European hospitals in preference to their own wines. The most scientific men of this country and liquor assayers appointed by state government, pro nounce it a most valuable article for sickness. We cannot write more on this subject, but publish the following card, which speaks for itself:

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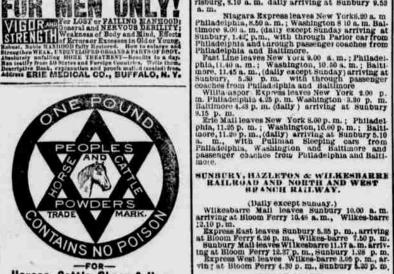
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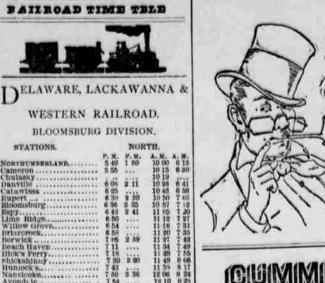
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and intermediate stations.

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5.30 p. m. Past Line (daily except Sunday) for Reaovo, Watkins and intermediate stations, with through passenger coaches to Henovo and Watkins.

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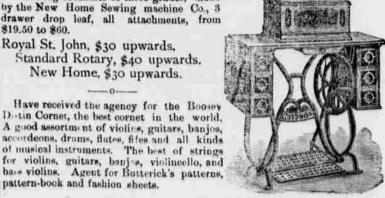
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