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THOUGH Davy Crockett is one of the great beroes of Texas, it has often been ommented upon that no suitable monument has ever been erected to his memory in the Lone Star state. Of course, it is true that the Alamo stands as un imperishable monument to the manner in which he died, but the glory of that

Davy shares with others. It is true that the Lone Star state has honored the memory of his wife, Elizabeth Crockett, in a tall marble shaft which stands in the town of Action, Texas. This monument is a striking piece of sculpture which preserves the story of a heroic wife and mother waiting for a hero-husband who never returned. When Crockett went to Texas to take part in the war of independence from Mexico he left his wife and children in Tennessee until he could establish a home. But before that was possible, he died at the Alamo. News traveled slowly in those days and for months, back in Tennessee, Elizabeth Crockett was accustomed to stand outside her cabin door with her hand shading her eyes, looking into the west and waiting for Davy. That pose is embodied in the figure of a woman which caps the shaft at Action. The new republic, grateful to one of her heroic defenders, made a large grant of land to Crockett's widow. She then went to

age of 82. The monument to Elizabeth Crockett was erected in 1922. In the same year the state of Tennessee unveiled a monument to Crockett near Lawrenceburg. And now, seven years later, Texas is planning a similar honor for him. Recently a bill was offered in the state legislature, providing for the appropriation of \$20,000 with which to erect a monument to Davy in the town that bears his name-Crockett,

Texas where she died in 1860 at the

Texas. Although Texas calls Davy Crockett one of her heroes, Tennessee was the state which gave him birth. Near Jonesboro, Tenn., stands a simple stone slab on which is engraved "On this spot Davy Crockett was born, Aug. 17, 1786." Davy Crockett was one of the most picturesque figures in all American history. There have been many Americans whose contribution to the building of our nation was much greater than his. But it is likely that he will be remembered long after some of these others are forgotten, for in many ways he ac-

curately symbolized the American | kee, who prided himself on his sharpfrontier which stamped its character so indelibly upon the consciousness of this nation.

noted, even in the backwoods of Tennessee where good marksmanship and skill as a hunter were no novelty. as a dead shot and a fearless bearhunter. At the age of eighteen he "learned his letters" while working as a plow hand. Marrying shortly afterwards, he moved west and when 'Old Hickory" Jackson led a force against the Creek Indians Davy went along. He served with distinction in this war and came home something of a hero, although he himself confessed quite frankly that he was "skeered a'most to fits." However his fame preceded him into the pext frontier community into which he moved and there he was appointed as

In 1821 be became a candidate for the Tennessee legislature, not because he felt himself fit for such an office but mainly for the sport of making the race "which was a brand-fire new business to me." Years afterwards he wrote in his autobiography of his entrance into politics as follows: "It now became necessary that I should tell the people something about the government and an eternal sight of other things that I knowed nothing about." The first time he attempted to speak in public he confesses that he "choked up" but no one stayed to hear what his opponent had to say when Davy ended his brief speech with this remark: "I'm dry as a powder born and I thinks it's time for all of us to wet our whistles." He was not only elected by a large

majority but was re-elected twice. During his third term in the legislature, in 1824, a delegation came to him to ask him to run for congress. At first Davy refused but finally allowed himself to be forced into the race which ended in disaster for him and he was defeated. Two years later, however, he made the race again and this time was elected to congress. During his campaign occurred the famous episode of the coon-skin. At one place he was preparing to "stand treat" for his supporters when he discovered that he had neither cash nor credit. But he did have his rifle with him, and long enough to become acquainted making a hasty trip into the woods. he shot and skinned a coon. Coonskins were then accepted in trade and when he flung the raw hide down on the counter, the Yankee landlord of the tavern was willing enough to take it in exchange for drinks for ficers. Five swords were buried in

ness in matters of trade had often boasted that no one could get ahead of him. Davy watched where the coon-skin had been placed and while the landlord was busy he quietly pulled it from the pile of skins. Then he flung it down again, demanding another round of drinks. It is said that he used this same coon-skin no less than ten times, to the delight of his friends and the satisfaction of their thirst. Davy says that his constituents "reckoned any one who could git ahead of a Yankee in a fair trade was the man for them in Congress."

So Davy went to Washington, there to become within a short time the favorite wit of the national legis-

But although Davy made such a hit in the East he seems to have lost touch with the people at home. "They concluded that he spent too many years in Washington, learned too much about congress matters and wasn't funny anymore," according to one historian. So the next time he ran for congress they snowed him under with their votes. When the result was announced Davy made his famous farewell address. He said: "I am going to Texas and you can go

Setting out on horseback, he fell in with a shell-game river-boat gambler whom he persuaded to join him in helping the Texans to fight for liber-Together they cut their way through the Mexican lines encircling San Antonio where were besieged a party of 140 Texans under Travis. Bonham and Bowle.

On March 6, 1836, General Santa Anna, the Mexican leader, launched his assault of 4,000 men against the garrison of the Alamo. Twice the attack was beaten off but the third time it was successful. After a short hand-to-hand struggle, only six of the 140 remained alive. One of them was Davy Crockett. He stood behind a breast-work, constructed of the bodies of dead Texans. In one hand he held a dripping bowie knife, in the other the wreck of "Old Betsy," the rifle which Philadelphia admirers had given him during his trip through the East. Davy had not been in Texas with the character of the Mexicans. So when they promised to spare his life if he surrendered he made the mistake of trusting them. He was led before Santa Anna who looked him over coolly, then nodded to his ofthe crowd. Incidentally, this Yan- the Tennessee bear-hunter's breast.

Famous Roman Palace

The Quirinal palace at Rome was begun by Ponzio in 1574, and completed by Fontana and Bernini. It became the royal residence of the kings of Italy after the breach of Porta Pia. September 20, 1870. Figuratively, the Quirinal signifies the state as the Vatican signifies the church.

Purpose of Knowledge Knowledge, a rich storehouse, for the glory of the Creator and the relief of man's estate .- Francis Bacon.

Health Department Is

of Highest Importance Standards that a city health department ought to follow in the handling of contagious diseases are explained by Dr. W. W. Bauer in a series of articles in Hygeia Magazine, entitled "Your City and Your Health."

The citizen has a right to expect prompt quarantine of persons with a contagious disease and those who have been exposed. Furthermore the health department should investigate the source and the means of spreading of these epidemic diseases.

A community should have facilities for hospitalizing persons with contagious diseases. There should be a modern isolation hospital and not the old-fashioned, disgraceful pesthouse.

Taking care of those who have contagious diseases is important but it is not enough. The up-to-date health department must be active in making available the latest proved methods for preventing epidemics.

There are certain definite things a community should do about tuberculosis, which is perhaps the most common contagious disease there is except colds. There should be clinics for chest examinations, public health nurses to visit tuberculosis patients who are cared for at home and a modern, well equipped sanatorium. The community should also furnish an open air school for children of tuberculous parents or with apparent tendencies toward the disease.

Quebec Sees Value of

Trees Along Highways Commendable agitation has been started by various bodies throughout this province for the planting of trees along the highways of Quebec. Apart entirely from what the province has done toward such planning, quite a few rural municipalities have shown a willingness to accept the innovation. This is a movement that will have the approval of all who are interested in the beauty of our province. Treelined highways not only add to the attractiveness of rural districts themselves, but are a magnet to tourists. The planting of trees is not a costly undertaking and gives splendid returns for the labor and expense it involves. In many places in the United States special commissions have been appointed by legislatures whose sole duty it is to undertake tree planting. In New Jersey an act provides for a special commission "whose duty it shall be not only to plant trees along highways of the state, but to look after their welfare as well." Such a measure is worthy of emulation in Canada.-Montreal Star.

"Homey" Entrances

The simplest entrance to the home is often the most effective. It doesn't take an elaboration of balconies, buttresses," brackets, columns, beams and arches to make an entrance that will

Here is another rule. Keep the en trance close to the ground. Entrances high above the ground look stilted. awkward, do not properly express the idea of home. We build high entrances for formal buildings like schools and courthouses. To get an entrance that sits close to the ground means also that the house must be set accordingly, which is as it should

Industries Important

Industrial development is a trend in the entire field and is more properly a state of mind, which is reflect ed in the living conditions of the army of the employed. This trend this state of mind and this reflection is a sharp departure from the days of tenement districts and a steady development toward individualistic homes for working men and women As a result, new industries mean additional homes, both contributing factors toward the city's growth, repre sentatives of the chamber of commerce, builders and real estate men are pointing out.

Lawns Add Character Any residential street, being a series of homes, each having its lawn in front, gives to the city's appearance a definite influence, good, bad or indifferent, according to the character of the development or lack of it. It can be truly said that it is the street trees, attractive homes and well-landscaped lawns that give streets of character their distinction and give cities the name of beautiful.

Curb Destructive Vines

Climbing plants are often guilty of vandalism. Boston ivy may not only beautify your chimney but damage it: Euonymus may pry off shingles and clapboards; Wisteria has been known to tear an ornamental iron railing from its foundation on a brick wall. Other garden favorites are equally de-

Landscape Harmony

Harmony with the landscape always should be in mind. Man must build his house in harmony with nature if the home is to be beautiful. By following nature's lead and carefully se lecting the house to fit the site, the home will not only be more beautiful, but more comfortable, practical and



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ILWAUKEE ELECTRIFIED OVER THE ROAD

Clear Thought Aided by Game of Solitaire

Solitaire may play an important part in the United States senate during the regime of Herbert Hoover. For Senator Jim Watson, upon whose shoulders undoubtedly will fall Vice President Curtis' toga of majority floor leader, has worked out

many of his problems in the past while going through the cards, and more than likely will continue to do so in the future. Just as John Marshall was wont to turn on "Old Sol" when threading his way through a legal maze to a court decision, so may the new leader

destiny of the administration through the many intricate stages of the senate by calm decisions arrived at while playing this game. Solitaire is about the only form of recreation of the Indiana senator. Winter or summer resorts never have him as a guest, for in the 12 years

of the Republican forces guide the

Record Engraving Feat

he has been in the senate he never

has taken a vacation .- St. Louis Post-

The Lord's Prayer, 69 words, 397 letters, counting punctuation marks, of an ordinary pin by Charles Howard Baker of Spokane, Wash. Baker is now an inmate of an institution for blind and insane. The engraving cannot be read without the aid of a powerful magnifying glass. Baker was at one time an employee of the United States government in the bureau of printing and engraving. He spent three years and eleven days completing this work. The pin at present is the property of Charles J. Seymour, a friend of Baker. Seymour carries the pin from place to place for exhibition purposes.

Oklahoma Asphalt

A study of Oklahoma asphalt has been undertaken by the Department of Commerce at the bureau of mines experimental station at Bartlesville. The study was undertaken with the co-operation of Oklahoma officials to segregate the asphalt deposits from other similar material which has been found unsuited for highway work. It is expected that the results of the study will give much material to throw light on the origin of petroleum and underground conditions causing accumulations of petroleum.

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ears of Giovanni da Tappia, a Spanish priest. He volunteered to direct it and extend its services of usefulness by a permanent endowment. This he obtained by begging alms. The original humble institution was transferred to a larger building close to the Church of Sta. Maria de Loreto. This building received the title of Conservatorio, and was endowed in 1566.

Object for Anger

Aimless indignation accomplishes