Then rough and wild the March winds blow, eneath the les we look, and lo ! 's see the brooks begin to flow.

When wilder yet the wild winds sing. We hark and hear the bluebird ring His silver trumpet of the spring. No bitter winds can him dismry : Though tey currents check the wi He scents to morrow in to day.

He knows that what hath been shall be He does not walt as we to see, The bloom and bad upon the tree.

The bloom and the loyful song i
Though bud and bloom be hidden long,
His faith is sure, his hope is strong.

—Nora Perry.

THE OURSTINE OF MOADS.

It is a Very Important Consideration :
Proposit Time.
From the West Chester Village Record. The roads in Chester county could not be much worse or farther from deserving the name of highways than during this February. Travel at a faster guit than a walk has been scarcely possible while the strain upon horses and upon vehicles has been tremendous.

Transit with heavy loads has been entirely barred, as few farmers have strong enough teams to have hauled a ton very far. Let no one suppose that this refers to roads in a new country for it refers to one of the oldest settled one suppose that this refers to roads in a new country for it refers to one of the oldest settled communities of Pennsylvania which has spent upon its roads for nearly a hundred years from one hundred to two hundred thousand dollars a year and which will spend during the coming aummer the same amount for what it spent the same sum last year. Never have the people complained so much as this year and one supervisor told us that in his township unless comething permanent was done in the way of road making some of the roads would have to be shandoned during the winter time. The annual lesses to people living in the county due to had roads, if they could be figured up, would undoubtedly foot up to surprisingly large sums, yet there is no improvement in the methods of road making from year to year so far as permanency is concerned. Townships have introduced road machines which do the work of mending roads in aummer much better and more cheaply than the oid-fashioned shovel, but the roads so mended are just as desp with mud and impassable in winter. Engineering skill has made the Pennsylvania railroad the most perfect in the world, while the common roads in Fennsylvania are far inferior to the roads made by the Romans two thousand years ago, when wealthy people didn't have the comforts now enjoyed by the poorest people in Chester county.

Something should be done in the matter. Everybody admits it now, but when spring opens and supervisors should attempt some permanent improvements, not many but a beginning, there would be a grand cry sgainst the increased tax and the life of those officials would be a burden when they went to collect the tax. There is one township in the county where the supervisors reduced the road tax

would be a burden when they went to collect the tax. There is one township in the county where the supervisors reduced the road tax last year, for which they received the thanks of the community, and several residents of that township tell us that they have walked to the railroad station several times during this winter because the roads were virtually so impassable that they wouldn't risk riding. If roads are only needed in summer time all well and good, but suppose a war in Europe had suddenly sent up tue price of wheat fifty cents a bushel the tad roads in Chester county would have barred the farmers from hauling their grain to the railroads except at a cost that would have eaten up all the profit, and—well let everyone figure for himself

a cost that would have eaten up all the profit, and—well let everyone figure for himself what the loss would be from the bai roads.

Good roads are possible as aynone who has ever traveled in England can certify and one needed't go that far to verify it. Down in Lower Merion, Montgomery county, Mr. A. J. Cassatt, formerly vice president of the Pennsylvania railroad, offered his engineering skill to his neighbors and they made him a supervisor, the result being that the roads are so vastly improved that winter travel has few terrors over that of summer. Of course the question of expense comes up, but if a itownship sets spart only a small portion of its annual tax levy for permanent improvetownship acts spart only a small portion of its annual tax levy for permanent improvements on the main roads it will not require many years to make those roads so good that the annual expenses of repairing them will be less than now, while the saving in actual expense and the added comfort and convenience of those who have to travel or haul will be largely added to. In connection with this there ought to be some way of reaching the railroad corporations and compelling them to bear their share of the expense of the roads leading to them.

Cooful and Hurtful Medicines.

ercisa certain class of remedies for consti-on absolutely uscless. These are boluses pation absolutely useless. These are boliness and potions made in great part of podophyllin, sloes, rhubarb, gambogs and other worthless ingredients. The damage they do to the stomach of those who use them is incalculable. They exacuate the bowels, it is true, but always do so violently and profusely, and besides, gripe the bowels. Their effect is to weaken both them and the stomach. Better far to use the agreeable and salutary aperient, Hostetter's stomach Bitters, the laxative effect of which is never preceded by pain, or accompanied by a convulsive, violent section of the bowels. On the contrary, it invigorates those organs, the stomach and the entire system. As a means of carring and preventing malarial fevers, no inclicine can compare with it, and it remedies nervous decility, facumatism, kidney and biadder inactivity and other inorganic aliments.

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