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country, because of their own frayed nerves and ruined digestion, or because of the frailty of their wives, or the need of fresh air and space for exercise for their growing children.

SUBURBIA, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, IN ALL ITS INFINITE VARIETY

Living in the Open a Professional Cure for Slums and a Pleasant Personal Dissipation—Will the Future See One Big City or One Big Suburb?—The Endless Joys of "Roadtown."

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Horace, so far as we moderns can learn, never commuted. He loved his Sabine farm with the passion of a denizen of the Main Line.

But if the commuter and his problems are a very modern matter, they are important and absorbing in inverse ratio to their age.

The City Holds the Club

PHILADELPHIA is now in a position to establish adequate rapid transit facilities—Director Taylor.

The Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company cannot survive the ruinous competition of an independently operated and city-owned high-speed system.

To prevent so calamitous an issue, the Union Traction Company, through the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, is offered terms that protect it absolutely.

Such an assumption is absurd in view of the status of public sentiment. No Councils would dare fail to meet the people's wishes on this issue.

Put a Full Cargo in the Orm. A CENTRAL committee in New York announces that 17,000 tons of food have been sent to Belgium.

Fair Play for City Employes. THAT the interest of Mayor Blankenburg in the city's employed is equal to his interest in the unemployed of Philadelphia is shown in a message to Councils.

Saving the Saloon From Within. THE saloons must reform from within or be so drastically dealt with by statute as to suffer something very close to confiscation.

Joy-takers From Fun-makers. HAPPINESS is the inalienable right of every one. Sorrow, sadness, gloom, pain and misfortune must come, but it was never the intention of the Creator that they should dominate life.

Suffragists to Play the Game. NOW and then a political reform is obtained by a spontaneous uprising of the people, but as a rule organization is essential to success.

The Crime of Being a Commuter. CHARLES LAMB could write an immortal essay upon "The Inconvenience Arising From Being Hanged."

out the smoke nuisance. Commercial life will settle down to a busy, hurried way. There will be more time and appreciation for the theatre, museum, lecture hall and library, upon which so much of civilization rests.

Philadelphia With Forty Millions. Another "difficult," H. G. Wells, goes even further. These "railway-begotten giant cities" are "destined to be annihilated by dissection and diffusion as to amount almost to obliteration."

Comfortable Country Life. But what does the commuter care? The man who discovers that he wants a little clean air to breathe or a bit of garden to chase the bus off, sets himself down by the side of a railroad or the end of a subway, and enjoys life.

The Shoestring City. Still another vision of future suburbia has come out of the last few years. More remarkable than any of the rest, and far more bizarre and impossible-appearing on the face of it, Edgar S. Chambers' "Roadtown" does take notice of that tendency of rapid transit to distribute population in straight lines.

Hum of Human Cities. "The biggest business in Los Angeles" is what the Los Angeles Express calls the city government. The biggest employer, the biggest purchaser, the largest agency for promoting the health, safety and convenience of the people, the greatest educational institution, the greatest provider of recreation, the greatest owner of land, buildings and equipment, the greatest builder of material works in this community is the city government itself.

Curiosity Shop. The result of careful observations made at battlefields hospitals by one of the leading surgical authorities of the French gives the relative frequency of wounds not instantly fatal as follows: Slight, 69 per cent; serious, 15 per cent; very serious, 25 per cent. The experience of recent wars shows the head and the right arm as the most frequent lodging places of projectiles.

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SCRAPPLE

Rollo Learning to Work. One day when Rollo was about 8 years old his father said to Rollo's mother that it was about time that the boy was beginning to earn his salt.

The Siren. There was a man named Jacques De Hamon. Who sang so very well. To hear his voice the festive clam would crawl out of its shell.

Double Trouble. "Spell your name!" said the clerk sharply. The witness began: "O, double T, I, double U, E, double L, double B, double O, double T."

Views of Readers on Timely Topics

Contributions That Reflect Public Opinion on Subjects Important to City, State and Nation.

Close on Its Heels. First Father—What? Your son is an undertaker? Why, I thought you said he was a doctor.

Another Sincere Twins Evidently. For Sale—An electric suitable for a lady with two bodies in good condition—Sign on Woodward avenue, Detroit.

The Torture of Silence. "I did not think I should live to tell it." "How you must have suffered!"

Open Wall Street. There is good hope for the speedy opening of all the Exchanges. The first step has been taken and recently the success of the experiment is established.

Wants Better Transit Service. In connection with the proposed series of railroad rates for commuters, it is distressing that Philadelphia should have such poor connections with its suburbs.

Auto Lines to the Suburbs. In some parts of the country automobile business are being operated in lieu of trolleys or as competitors to trolleys.

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