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made of Percale, Madras, Linen and
other cotton fabrics and silks.

Women's Stock Collars.

We've made a purchase of dainty
Stock Collars, an endless variety of
styles among them. Some are plain,
others embroidered. We have
bunched them in lots,
25c, 50c and 75c.

Wash Petticoats.

We believe the e Petticoats to be
better value than you ever bought
before. They are made of plain color
and fancy striped Seersucker with
ruffles or deep tucked flounces, at
\$1.00 To \$1.50

Cool Summer Corsets.

New models, Come and see them.
We can recommend several makes
at 50c to \$1.00 that are made of
light Batiste, but for those who
want finer qualities we have them
in better qualities.

Black Taffetas and Peau de Soie.

When asked for here they are shown in all qualities and widths and the
prices are very reasonable when the qualities are taken in consideration.

Fancy Silks for Dresses.

To merely mention the kinds and varieties of each would make a pretty
long list so we simply say come and see them and get the prices.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

A FEW FACTS FOR THE FARMERS TO
CONSIDER.

What Unimproved Highways Are
Costing Them—Construction and
Care of Dirt Roads—Farm Wagons
Should Have Wide Tires.

At no time in the world's history has
there been such an agitation on the
question of roads as is going on at the
present time, says a writer in Good
Roads Magazine. People seem to be
just awakening from their lethargy
into a realization that the old, rusty,
ill kept highways of their fathers' time
are not the means for proper traveling
facilities. Generally the farmer is a
cautious man and must be faced with
facts and be certain of success before
he will bestir himself. But when he
views with clear, unbiased vision the
losses from bad roads and then turns
to the influence of good roads he gives
his hearty aid and support to the
work. He finds that bad roads cause
idleness to teamsters during the winter
months and that they make the cost
of hauling three or four times
greater than it should be. Perishable
products are lost because of no access
to market, towns cannot be reached
when prices are good, and the most
profitable products are often not grown
on this account. All this results from
bad roads. Is it not enough to move
any farmer?

Good roads, on the other hand, make
farm products more profitable. They
economize time and force in transporta-
tion and reduce wear and tear on
horses, harness and vehicles. They
raise the value of farm land and make
habitation on it desirable. The country
is beautified, and rural mail delivery is
made possible. In short, good roads
aid the country commercially, socially
and educationally. They will make a
country just as sure as bad roads will
unmake it.

A good road must be the easiest,
shortest and most economical line of
travel. It must have a dry level crown
and good surface and soil drainage.
Moreover, it should be as light in grade
as possible and at all seasons be in good
condition. These are the things we
must work for. To begin with, purchase
a grader and a heavy roller of six
or eight tons. These are the principal
machines necessary for the work. First
grade up the crown of the road
little by little. Roll each layer thor-
oughly each time so that when the
crown is finished it is firm and solid
from top to bottom. Wetting the layers
during the rolling often aids in
bringing the soil particles into closer
contact.

The slope of the crown depends upon
the grade of the road. On the level
the slope should be one foot in twenty,
while on the hillside a little steeper.
On a very steep hill broad and shallow
depressions can be made to deflect the
water into the side ditches, but this
should be done only when necessary.
It is a serious menace to traffic. Now,
after the crown has been finished the
next thing to attend to is the ditches.
These ditches may be dug out with the
point of the cutting blade of the grader
or, better, be dug with scrapers. These
ditches should be broad and rather
shallow, so that a vehicle will not upset
on driving into one of them. By being
large they quickly carry away the sur-
face water in flood time and do not
leave it on the surface to soften the
foundation of the road.

Now, when the soil, freed from per-
ishable matter, has been rolled as hard
as possible and when the ditches con-
form to the requirements, only one
thing remains to complete the road. This
is drainage, the factor which is
to solve the problem of dirt road build-
ing. When the crown is rolled and
sloped properly and the ditches dug,
surface drainage is disposed of, but un-
derdrainage must be considered. Its
duty is to take up the soil water and
preserve a solid and firm foundation
for the road. It is out of sight, yet its
influence is very beneficial. These
drains are laid the long way of the
road just inside the storm ditch and
outside the rolled crown. All of the
water that escapes from the ditches
sooner or later must enter the drain
and be carried away. Besides these
main drains laterals may be laid at
intervals under the crown itself, but in
a properly constructed road they are
not at all necessary. Further than
draining the road a great deal of care
must be taken in regard to grade. No
greater load can be hauled over a road
than can be drawn up its steepest hill.
The grade of no road should be more
than 5 per cent, and the less the bet-
ter.

If all this is properly carried out, we
will have a smooth, level road, ready to
be used immediately. But, as with
anything else, roads need care and at-
tention. Farmers, when they once have
spent their money in building these
roads, should do everything in their
power to preserve them. Nothing will
help in this more than the general use
of wide tires in hauling heavy loads.
Wide tires do not cut in as do narrow
ones, but they act as rollers, and the
crown becomes better packed the more
traffic there is on it. Besides this, some
person should be placed in charge of
every section of road in the township
to keep it in perfect condition. The
roads should be inspected daily and

every rut and hole filled up. A spade-
ful of material will fill a hole one day,
while a wagon load would not mend
it a week afterward.

They Come High.

Bad roads are expensive from any
point of view. Each year they cost this
country more money than would build
a first class highway half across the
continent, to say nothing of the annoy-
ance and discomfort which must be
experienced by the millions who are
obliged to use them.

OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

Misapprehensions Concerning the
Grange Corrected.

First—"It costs too much."
The cost compared with the benefits
is but a trifle. The revenues could not
be reduced without crippling the work.
Other farmers' organizations have been
started on a cheaper scale, and they
failed, in part at least, for want of
funds.

Second—"Too much ceremony for
busy farmers."
Its ceremony is not cumbersome.
Ceremony is akin to system, and sys-
tem is essential to success in any call-
ing. The best drilled soldier is the
most efficient in battle, and the most
skilled artisan draws the highest pay.
The grange ritual teaches beautiful
and impressive lessons throughout.
None can learn them and not be made
better.

Third—"It is a secret society."
It is a secret only in the sense of
being private. It is not an oath bound
society. It is no more secret than is
a well regulated family or many
branches of the Christian church. All
of these conduct their private business
in private. Were the grange less se-
cret and less conservative it would
doubtless long since have gone the
way that other farmers' organizations
have gone. They came into being af-
ter the grange, proposing to eliminate
what their promoters called the objec-
tionable features of the grange—cer-
emony, secrecy, conservatism and cost.
They died, but the grange still lives.

Fourth—"But the grange uses signs."
Who does not? All use them because
they are often more expressive and
impressive than words, and because
they can be seen and heard where
words cannot. When any one calls at
a private house he raps on the door
or rings the bell. No one ever claimed
that there was any moral wrong in
this. Would it be wrong if by rapping
a certain number of times or in a cer-
tain way he could tell to those inside
who was without? What could armies,
or railroad, or mines, or factories, or
anybody or anything do without signs?
Was not the Jewish and is not the
Christian religion typical throughout?
—Red Book, Pennsylvania State
Grange.

A HINT TO LECTURERS.

How Do You Get Backward Mem-
bers to Respond?

In response to the above question
we have received the following from
Ohio lecturers:

Quotations or pennies.

By inducing them to ask questions.

By allowing them to talk while sit-
ting.

By allowing them to select their own
subject.

Encourage regular attendance and
time will do the rest.

By assigning them subjects in which
they are interested.

By hunting up a selection and plac-
ing it in their hands to read.

By occasionally imposing a fine of 5
cents for failure to respond.

By deftly turning the trend of the
discussion upon their hobby.

By asking them direct questions to
be answered then and there.

By keeping the thought before them
that they can do if they try.

By giving them something that they
can do and not too hard for them.

By giving them questions that can be
answered by yes or no for a starter.

By insisting that each member pre-
sent say something upon a subject under
discussion.

By studying each member's inclina-
tions and assigning them subjects ap-
propriate to the same.

By only asking them to respond when
I think something so interests them
that they can't sit still.

By writing a number of questions
from quarterly slips, having each one
draw out one and answer.

By impressing them with the fact
that they are capable of executing any
part assigned them and that they
should cast aside all fear, for we are
all brothers and sisters.—Lecturer.

A Trust to Fight.

William R. Hearst's energies will
probably be directed against that trust
which puts the average price of votes
up to \$9,833, and diminishes the out-
put to 150.—Springfield Union.

The Order in Maine.

Maine has reason to be proud of her
growth in number of granges and their
large average membership. While that
state has but about 350 subordinate
granges, in total membership she ranks
third in the Union. Seventy-four per
cent of her granges own their own
halls, and these cost from \$2,000 to \$7,
000 each.

HILLSGROVE.

Cyrus Haines while working in
the construction gang here on the
Sones' Railroad, fell on the bit of
his ax last week and received a ter-
rible gash, which will lay him up
for some time.

W. H. Biddle has purchased a
new driving horse.

Geo. Brombeck of North Bend is
visiting his parents at this place.

Harry Green of this place, has
raised some of the finest potatoes
ever seen on these flats. He will
have some of them on exhibition at
the Forksville Fair.

Ed. McCann has returned from the
St. Louis fair and reports a good
time.

Albert Lorah is attending the P. O.
S. of A. Convention at Chester this
week.

Hillsgrove will cross bats with
Forksville next Saturday on the Base
ball grounds, at this place.

Mrs. Thille Varganson of Estella
is visiting at G. Lewis, on the Pike.

The game of Ball between Proctor-
ville and this place was postponed on
account of rain, and will be played
this coming Wednesday. Game
called at 4 P. M.

Chas. Sullivan was a visitor at
Williamsport last week.

About twenty-five or thirty
people from this place attended the
revival services at Estella Sunday.

Rev. Brady of Scranton and Rev.
Bowen of Granville Center were the
ministers in attendance.

There was quite an excitement
on lower Poland St. most commonly
known as Murderer's Row, about
midnight Saturday, among a lot of
Poles. After filling up with stale
beer to the amount of about a barrel
a fight took place. While about a
dozen or so of the crowd went in to
do up a Pole, who is somewhat of a
desperate character known by the
name of Black George, and when
they had hammered him into insens-
ibility, they then threw him
through a window into the garden.
Dr. Davies of Forksville is in attend-
ance.

About thirty people from this city
attended the tent meeting at Estella
Sunday.

G. W. Brumbeck and family of
Gleasonton Pa. are visiting Mr.
Baumbecks parents at 46 Rural Ave.

Proctor v. s. Silver Slippers last
Saturday, no game—rain.

Rumor has it that the first excurs-
ion from Hillsgrove to Eaglesmere
via Sones Railroad will be run next
Sunday.

Hillsgrove and Forksville will
cross bats on the local diamond Sat-
urday next, on this occasion the fan-
atics from both places have promised
to bury the hatchet.

Sunday ball games are becoming
very popular at Mt. Vesuvius and
we noticed several of the Silver Slip-
pers absent from Sunday School late-
ly—break it off boys.

Our progressive confectioner, A.
J. Brong, advertises Peanuts free.

Recently we were rubber earing
at the phone and we heard the fol-
lowing conversation between the
managers of the Hillsgrove and Ber-
nice Base Ball teams. "Hello Ber-
nice, how would you like to arrange
a game with us some time soon?"
Oh, you people are too far off we
can get games with Dushore, To-
wanda, and Wilkesbarre." "Good
By." A few weeks later we
happened to be enjoying the same
pass time, when Bernice cut in with
the following, "Hello Hillsgrove,
is that Hillsgrove?" "Say, Hillsg-
rove, can you give us a game next
Saturday?" "No, you are too far
off, we can get games with William-
sport or any other town in Lycom-
ing County." Now we would raise
the question as to whether the
managers are not doing an in-
justice to the patrons of sport at both
towns, by allowing a little spite on
both sides, to keep the Coal Barons
and Silver Slippers from rubbing
noses.

ESTELLA.

Last Monday evening Mr. John
Litzleman and Miss Mable May met
with quite a mishap on the dugroad
between Wesley Lewis and Chas.
Vargason. The horse became un-
manageable, backing them off the
road, precipitating the young lady
into Mr. Vargason's potato patch.
Luckily no other serious damages re-
sulting.

Mr. J. McCadden and children of
Williamsport are visiting his sister
Mrs. Squire Bird also Mrs. Bird's
Mother from Brooklyn N. Y. is
visiting her.

Mrs. Geo. Betts and daughter of
Williamsport, are visiting the lady's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Plotts.

Floyd More who has been in Pot-
ter county is visiting his parents
here and nursing a badly cut foot.

Boyd Osler made a trip to Dushore
after his engine which was left there
for repairs, preparatory to beginning
threshing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hess are en-
tertaining the former's brother of
Columbia county.

Several loads from Hillsgrove at-
tended the tent meeting here, and
among them we noticed H. Green,
Mrs. S. S. Vroman and granddaughter,
Wm. Gumble and family, Ed
Hoffman and family, Andrew Ga-
lough and wife, and many others.

The tent meetings are well attend-
ed. Last Sunday Rev. Bowen im-
mersed five converts. There has
been several additions to the Decip-
les congregation also. Revs. Bowen
and Brady expect to return to their
homes the last of this week, but the
probabilities are that the meetings
will continue under the leadership
of Rev. Blair who arrived Monday
from Canton with Rev. Sayles. The
leaving pastors have made many
warm friends who wish them a
hearty return to Estella, when the
convention is again held here one
year from this month. The large
tent was filled to its fullest capacity
and many stood outside Sunday
evening. It was estimated that
there were four hundred people in
attendance.

SHUNK.

Still hot and dry, but before long
it will be wet and cold, be prepared
for it.

O how the dance goes on! Since
Payne, Isaac and Clarence have re-
turned from the army, receptions
are frequent.

There was a Kilmer reunion in
Frey's Grove, August 19th which
was attended by a large crowd, there
being about two hundred who took
dinner. The dinner, music and speak-
ing was fine.

The Wilcox reunion will be held
in Hosiers grove next Friday, and
we anticipate a larger turn out than
at any of the other reunions. Not
only Sullivan, but Bradford county
will also be represented.

W. H. Fanning, who has spent
last two weeks at the Bath cure in
Elmira, has returned home much
improved in health, and advises all
who are similarly afflicted to try it.

Delos Hoagland who has been in
the poor house of Bradford county
has returned to his father's place.
The poor masters of this town took
charge of him and placed him where
he rightly belongs.

Dr. W. F. Randall Meets With Serious
Accident at His Coal Mines.

Dr. W. F. Randall, of Dushore
was seriously injured on Friday
last week, while inspecting his coal
mines, near Lopez. A large stick of
timber fell from above, in the
draker, striking the Doctor on the
head, and glancing off to the shoul-
der. The result is a badly cut head
and a broken shoulder, and a very
narrow escape from instant death.

He was taken to his home and
made as comfortable as possible, but
will be several weeks before he
can resume his practice.

The Forksville Fair.

Premium lists of the Forksville
Fair have been sent out over the
county, and from all indications the
affair promises to be a great success
this year. Good premiums are offered
and everybody that can should take
an interest. The fair will be held
October 1th., 5th., and 6th.