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The desire to speculate a hundred or more years ago was apparently as great as it is today. An example of this is shown by the organization of a company in 1782 to build a turnpike from Philadelphia to Lancaster, Pa., a distance of sixty miles. The charter was secured, and in ten days 2,285 subscribers made application for stock. As this was more than the law allowed, the names were placed in a lottery wheel, and 600 were drawn. With these subscriptions the work began. The road builders of that day knew little or nothing regarding the construction of highways, and the ridiculous mistakes made on this occasion taught them some valuable lessons, says Guy Elliott Mitchell in the American Cultivator. The land was condemned, the trees felled and the road-bed prepared. The largest stones that could be found were dumped upon it for a foundation, and upon this colossal base earth and gravel were spread. Then the work was declared complete, but when the washing rains came deep holes appeared on every hand, sharp stones protruded from the surface, and the horses received scratches and broken limbs as they sank between the boulders up to their knees.

The gigantic error of the road builders was then made plain. Indignation meetings were held, at which the turnpike company was condemned and the legislature blamed for giving the charter. Had it not been for an Englishman who offered to rebuild the turnpike on the macadam plan, as he had seen roads built in the "old country," improved road construction would have received a severe blow. The Englishman's proposition was accepted by the company, and he was successful in completing the Lancaster and Philadelphia turnpike road, which was then declared to be "the best piece of highway in the United States, a masterpiece of its kind."

Grading Attachment That Can Be Put Upon Any Tractor Engine.

Streets of Holdrege, Neb., have been improved and beautified by a very unique and eminently practical road and street grading machine, the invention of Elijah A. Hollenbeck, of Funk, Neb. The machine was built by Mr. Hollenbeck himself, and notwithstanding its crudity of construction, owing to lack of facilities for turning out the proper kind of work, it has proved a success and a money maker from the very start, says the Omaha World-Herald. It is in fact a road grading attachment, so constructed that it can readily be put upon any ordinary make of tractor engine.

The machine is very simple in its construction and seldom ever gets out of order or causes any annoyance to the operator. It consists of a frame attached to the boiler and running gear of the engine. On the left side, directly in front of the large drive wheel, is a beam carrying the plow. The furrow cut by the plow is just outside of the tread of the drive wheel of the engine, enabling the operator to cut a straight bank to any length desired. The dirt is dropped from the moldboard upon a belt conveyor passing under the boiler of the engine and deposited in the middle of the street or road to make the grade. The outer end of this elevator can be raised or lowered to meet requirements.

Mr. Hollenbeck, the inventor, is a young farmer who has lived on a farm all his life. He has had no special training as a machinist, his only education in that line being that gleaned from practical experience in operating threshing machines and other kinds of farm machinery.

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A Lawyer That Was Not Hunting Litigation Over Land.

It's the canny old bird that cannot be caught with the bird line of litigation.

You've probably heard of Lawyer Hackett of Somerset. A little while ago he purchased some land over which there had been a lawsuit for years, until the parties had spent half a dozen times what the land was worth. Hackett knew all about it. Some of the people wondered why he wanted to get hold of property with such an incubus of uncertainty on it. Others thought that perhaps he wanted some legal knifing work and would pitch in red-hot to fight that line fence question on his own hook.

That's what the owner of the adjoining land thought, says the Baltimore Herald. So he braced himself for trouble when he saw Hackett coming across the fields one day.

Said Hackett: "Where's your claim here, anyway, as to this fence?"

"I insist," replied the neighbor, "that your fence is over my land two feet at one end and one foot at least at the other end."

"Well," replied Hackett, "you go ahead just as quick as you can and set your fence over. At the end where you say that I encroach on you two feet, set the fence onto my land four feet. At the other end push it onto my land two feet."

"But," persisted the neighbor, "that's twice what I claim."

"I don't care about that," said Hackett. "There's been fight enough over this land. I want you to take enough so you are perfectly satisfied you have got your rights, and then we can get along all pleasantly. Go ahead and help yourself."

The man paused, abashed. He had been ready to commence the old struggle tooth and nail. But this move of the new neighbor stunned him. Yet he wasn't to be outdone in generosity. He looked at Hackett.

"Squire," said he, "that fence ain't going to be moved an inch. I don't want the blamed old land. There warn't nothing to the fight but the principle of the thing."

Meteorological Cussedness.

At Westtown, Chester County, Pa., the Friends' big school celebrated its one hundredth anniversary recently. They have at the school a kind of diary, or log, which has been kept up continuously for 100 years, and in which the state of the weather every day during all that time has been noted down. The log was consulted for an auspicious date in the matter of weather for the anniversary, and it showed that every June 10 has been clear since the beginning of the school's career. Then some said: "Since it hasn't rained for 100 years on June 10 we had better avoid that date, for it will be sure to rain then this year." But others said that reason and philosophy indicated June 10 to be a day devoted, from some unknown atmospheric cause, to sunshine and blue skies. The latter set of people carried the day, and the school celebrated its anniversary on June 10. But it rained so hard that the guests had to sit around in tents.

She Would Have Stopped It.

Some time ago the wife of an old inhabitant of a Durham, England village died, leaving a grown-up family behind her. The father remained a widower about eighteen months; then he entered the matrimonial state again. The youngest daughter, aged about twenty, on the day of the wedding, went to the village butcher's.

After the usual courtesies, the butcher asked her: "Is it true your father got married agyen?"

"Aye, it's over true!" said the girl. "Didn't ye want him to get married agyen?"

"No; we wor sail agyen it, but sad fynd wad hev his aan way. But Aa back if ma muther had been living sh'd had put a stop tiv't!"

She Might Relent.

HE.
You treat me now with cold disdain,
But some day you'll regret;
I shall not go away and pine,
But I'm going out to get
A job somewhere and I shall work
And be a magnate yet.

SHE.
Go, leave my presence, since you say
You don't intend to fret;
You'll never, never see the day
That you'll make me regret—
But still, I wish you'd let me know
What kind of job you get.
—Chicago News.

Practicing Medicine.

"Doctor," sighed the fat man, "I guess it's no use. I've tried everything you've prescribed and grown fatter all the time. Your latest recommendation was to ride horseback. I've done so faithfully for a month, but I've taken on eighteen pounds and the horse has lost 160."

"Ah! there's a scientific suggestion," said the elated doctor. "Try letting the horse ride you for a while."—Detroit Free Press.

Getting Even.

"Oh, yes," said the stocky man with the square jaw, "my married life is quite a happy one."

"Glad to hear it," said the thin man with the thin hair. "Got any particular system?"

"Well, yes. Whenever my wife gets into a tantrum I go out and end the fellow who introduced us and give him another licking."—Indianapolis Journal.

In the Air.

"Where do you live?" asked the police magistrate.

"I live a block above Stanton street, your honor, corner of Essex."

"But the officer says you live at No. 999 Houston street."

"That's all right, your honor, I live in the top flat."

"Prisoner discharged on the ground that he's an angel."—Mail and Express.

Jack Wins.

"Which suitor are you going to accept, Clarissa?"

"I can't decide, to save me, ma, which I like best; Harry is so timid, and Jack is so persistent."—Puck.

Short Talks on Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates.

People generally read advertisements more than they did a few years ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves. Advertisements more readable. Some of them even become, in a way, a department of the paper, and people look for them every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to any other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country. In many cities there is just one man who appreciates the value of such interest. He breaks away from the old set style. He tells something interesting in his space every day.

There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper—look at its local news columns, and its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact.

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