The American consul at Valencia, Spain, reports these facts to the state department at Washington: The road in length, and an average of 3,200 vehicles pass over it daily. Until 1892 it was constructed of flint stone. The annual cost of keeping it in repair was about 35,000 pesetas. At the rate of exchange at that date this amounted to \$5,470. The construction of a steel roadway was determined on, and the annual cost of keeping in repair the central zone of road thus relieved from heavy traffic-which proceeds over the steel rails-is now only 2,500 pesetas, or about \$380 at the present rate of ex-

The total cost of the road laid was 60,950 pesetas (\$9,506). The expense in detail was: Steel construction, 44,100 pesetas (\$6,890); transportation and laying steel construction, 3,250 pesetas (\$507); binding stone construction between rails and lateral zones, 13,600 pesetas (\$2,109); total, 60,950 pesetas

The rails, during the seven years they have been in position, exhibit a wear of 1-250th of an inch yearly, and have not required repairing.

Ample room is allowed between the rails for two horses to walk abreast. Horses do not appear to slip on rails of this construction. At each side of the rail are layers of binding stones, the paved road being higher than the face of the rails. The municipality of Valencia is of opinion that the saving in cost of repairs through a road of this description pays for its construction in a short time, and other and similar roadways are in contemplation.

From various parts of Spain inquiries have been made concerning this road. I learn that a similar construction was decided on at Alicante in 1898, but was temporarily abandoned when events caused exchange to increase. A toll of (about) eight-tenths of a cent is charged each vehicle passing over this roadway.

### HOW TO BUILD ROADS.

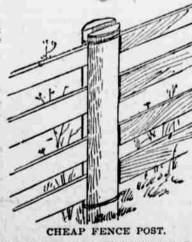
They Shold Be Rounded Up in the Center so as to Shed Water to the Side Drains.

roads is good drainage. "Take the water out and keep the water out" is a rule which must be followed in the making of every road. It is not enough to Boston, hangs the charter of the govdig trenches at the side of the road and ernor and company of the Massachucall them drains. These trenches must setts Bay in New England, brought be real drains; that is, they must have over by Winthrop in 1630. The great a good fall to a clear outlet, and be in every respect capable of carrying the convincing symbol of authority, is apwater away. The road must be rounded up in the center so as to shed the water quickly to the side drains. There must be a track in the center of the city were much mystified by finding road along which travel can pass. This track must be hard and smooth so as to condition stowed in vacant houses, afford the least friction to travel, pre- sheds and brickyards. It was finally vent ruts and at the same time permit discovered that the boys had gotten and holes must not be permitted to fumes of gasoline, and some of them form, but be filled up as soon as they have really become gasoline drunkappear. The drainage must not be ards. abandoned with the taking care of the surface water, but in many instances must extend below the surface in the form of tile underdrains, so as to form a firm foundation and lessen the de- London. structive action of the frost-injurious only to wet and water soaked roads. In addition to the simple work on roads. better methods with regard to culvert land is £21 per annum. and bridge construction are greatly needed. The principles above enumerated with respect to reads require an infinity of special methods and treatments in arriving at the best results according as the land is high lying or low; is clay, sand, vegetable-mold, etc.; is difficult of drainage; according to the extent of travel, the quality of road metal obtainable-these and many other varying conditions. That road making and highway work of all kinds is considered a matter in which every man is proficient is probably one of the evils underlying the bad conditions of our roads to-day-Rural World.

# SLAB FENCE POSTS.

When Made According to Directions Here They Are Durable and Quite Satisfactory.

A cheap fence post, where the ordinary posts are scarce, can be made according to the plan shown in the cut.



The boards are run between two slabs that have been sharpened and driven linto the ground facing each other, When the boards are in place, the slabs are nailed together through the boards, making a very firm fence. A bit of wire can be wrapped about the top and bot-tom to make it still stronger, if desired. At all sawmills such slabs from pine logs can be obtained, and a very serviceable fence made with them. If cedar slabercan be had the fence will be almost indestructible.- N. Y. Tribune.

the eggs of the tent caterpillar on the

### TRAVEL AND TRAFFIC

Express trains pass each other at a velocity of 90 yards a second.

Yorkshire is the county in England which has the greatest railway mileage. The next is Lancashire.

Four hundred and seventy-two miles of new lines were opened in Japan between Valencia and Grao is two miles during the year ended March 31. There are now 2,653 miles of railroad in operation.

Henceforth a hundred working hours in ten days is to be the maximum exacted of any railway employe ir France, and no consecutive stretch of more than 12 hours is to be tol-

Fingers are valued at a high price in Australia. A Melbourne boy of eight had his fingers crushed in a gate at a level crossing, and one bad to be amputated. An action on his behalf was brought against the state railway department. The jury awarded the full amount claimed, \$5,000.

In Japan a railway train was blown from a bridge on October 6. The train consisted of two locomotives, three freight cars and four passenger cars carrying 80 passengers. While crossing an iron bridge the whole tram, with the exception of the locomotives, was blown from the bridge into the stream below.

The French military authorities are planning the creation of six railway regiments. The war in the Transvaal as shown what an important part railway operations will play in all future conflicts. According to the Railway Review, the regiments will be recruited among railway employes, and they will be drilled in running trains. repairing and destroying tracks, telegraphing, etc.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The world's production of lead amounted in 1898 to 777,000 tons.

The phosphate output of the state of Florida last year amounted to 425,000 tons, and of that total 300,000 tons was purchased by Germany.

There are ordinarily from 30 to 40 varieties of fish on sale in the Honolulu markets. A large percentage of the natives make their living by fishing.

It is said that the government purchases about 10,000 typewriters per annum, and the administration is about to make a systematic attempt to secure a considerable reduction in the The first principle applicable to all price of the machines by clubbing the orders together.

In the office of the secretary of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, at seal of England, a most ponderous and pended to it.

According to the Philadelphia Ledger, the police of a small Pennsylvania boys fast asleep and in a semi-conscious water to run off the sides quickly. Ruts into this condition by inhaling the

# BITS FROM ABROAD.

Half a million clerks are employed in Germany has 23 boats of over 17,000

tons capacity.

The average rent of houses in Eng-

Hundreds of Americans are at present employed at Russian factories.

The healthiest troops in the world are those of the German army.

It is estimated that the population

of Europe doubles itself every 660 years. The annual consumption of meat in England is 70 pounds per head, 16 per

cent. of which is imported. The "burning mountain" of Montet. in Aveyron, France, is a coal mine

which has been burning for several crat. Berlin is to have a network of underground railways. It is expected

that two years will suffice for completing it. When an unmarried woman is borne

to the grave in Brazil her coffin, the hearse and the livery of the coachman are all scarlet. A new dredge for use in the Volga river, Russia, has been constructed in

two parts so as to pass through the

canal system leading to the Baltic. Greece has followed Italy's example in forbidding the exportation of antiquities. Notice has been served on foreign governments and learned so-

# AUTOMOBILE NEWS.

A large soda water manufacturing firm in New York city has just put into service a very heavy automobite wagon weighing 5,600 pounds. It is driven by electricity.

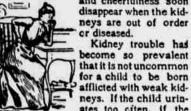
An automobile club has been formed at Bologna, Italy. There is also one at Nice. According to the Motor Car Journal, there are now 2,173 members belonging to the Automobile club in France. In one week 99 new names were enrolled.

The park commissioner of New York city is issuing permits to automobile owners to the number of two or three s week. Up to the present time only electric carriages have been permitted to enter the park, as it is thought the

gasoline carriages are noisy. Park Commissioner Clausen, of New York city, has granted a permit to a woman to run an automobile vehicle through Central park. At first he was in doubt as to her ability to manage an automobile, but she invited him to take a ride, and he sent his secretary Winter is the best time to destroy instead. The latter was speedily convinced of her ability, and the permit was issued forthwith.

## Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kid-



ates too citen, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made mis-

erable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet tell- Home of Swamp-Root, ing all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and

### NO PLACE OF REFUGE.

mention this paper.

No Spot on Earth Where a Fugitive Is Safe from a Man with a Warrant.

"A very interesting fact of modern life that seems to have escaped attention," remarked a New Orleans lawyer the other day, "is that the world has wiped its last city of refuge off the map. There is no longer any spot on the globe where our fugitives from justice are safe from extradition.

"When I first began to practice law an

American criminal of retiring disposition had a wide range of choice in the matter of foreign residence. Spain, Turkey, Algiers, Japan, Holland, Chili, Ecuador, the Philippines, Cuba and all of Central America except British Honduras guaranteed scentity to assorted brands of fugitives, from mur- Journal. derers down, and the list of resorts open to simple embezzlers was very much larger. For years you remember every runaway bank cashler made a bee line for Canada, and the thing got to be a standing joke, like the motherin-law gag and the merry quips about plumbers. Nevertheless, the circle kept steadily contracting, and one by one the different countries entered into mutual treaties and put up the bars. so the American crook who wanted z change of air began to find himself in the position of Dick Swiveller, when he checked off the London streets he couldn't traverse without meeting creditors. It was mighty hard work to figure out a safe itinerary. Canada clung tenaciously to the tourist trade, but at last she passed a law against bringing stolen property into the Dominion that practically excluded the flitting banker. Japan was one of the last of the distant powers to adopt a treaty covering what are called 'crimes against property,' and the new proviso was a severe blow to felonious gentlemen in delicate health. It robbed them of the balmy climate of Yoko-hama. Eventually things simmered down to Central America, and then by process of elimination to Spanish Honduras. That was the final stronghold of the fugitive, but in 1898 the congress of the nation approved a new treaty clause, containing the usual extradition

lause, containing the usual extradition rovisions.
"So, as I said before, there is now no city of refuge on the face of the earth. The man with a warrant goes where of this paper, who win give all needed beforeneever he lists,"—N. O. Times-Demo-

# A Tribute to the Sex.

The Professor-There is evidence to show that one of the most famous edifices of antiquity was constructed principally by women. His Wife-Which one?

The Professor-The Tower of Babel.

His Taste Was Great. Miss Leyfers-I hear young Bosworth has a lovely collection of the choicest

Miss Bathurst-Well, he is in his cups most of the time, so he has a right to be

particular about them.-N. Y. World. No Wonder.

# Lady-These references look all

Applicant-Yes, mum. It doesn't look well in me fer to say it, but me little bye Terence is the best writer in his class .- Demorest's Magazine.

right.

# The Deadhead Habit. This life is all a fleeting show, And many a man, alas! Wastes all his time in scheming to Get let in on a pass. —Chicago Times-Herald.

Touched. Mrs. Goodheart-And you can't find any work? That seems terrible! What

#### is your trade? Saymold Storey (attacking the pie)-I'm a strawberry picker, ma'am.-Chicago Tribune.

A Herote Remedy. Dr. Squills-How did you cure that man of fits?

Dr. Pills-I had nothing to do with the cure. He moved into a flat, and now he hasn't room to have a fit.-N. Y. The Only Method.
Concerning lifes prosperity—
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I'll say with all sincerity,
Those folk who chase it get it.—
Chicago Record.

## A GRAVEYARD PROMOTER.

An Enterprising Missourian Who Has Become a Plutocrat in the Business.

"You eastern people are not the only enterprising inhabitants of the globe, said an enthusiastic man in a New York business house, according to the Sun of that city. "I have a neighbor in Pemiscot county, my state, Missouri, who is a sort of plutocrat in graveyards. Some years ago he opened a tombstone factory in his part of the state, and as he marked down the price, he had quite a boom in his business. In a short time there was a monument or headstone at every grave in the cemetery, and as live people do not buy tombstones, this man's business was hit by what your Wall street folks call a flurry. What does he do but go to another town not far away and buy a graveyard of his own, and put down the price of lots. This caused quite a cemetery boom until all the lots were disposed of. As soon as some of the people began to die the enterprising tombstone dealer was again in the whirl, or, as my old friend Wilbur F. Storey was wont to say of his paper, on the top crest of the advancing wave. In a year or so he had every grave in the cemetery marked with his goods, and another thud hit his business. But he rallied, went to another town, invested in another graveyard site, and manipulated this scheme as he had the others, and with like results.

"That makes three cemeteries he has started, filled and marked, and the last time I saw him he told me he was looking for another. He is now known as a graveyard promoter."

## The Cheerful Idiot.

"Every woman is an aristocrat a heart," said the youngest boarder. "Yes," said the cheerful idiot, "she hates to think herself as classed with the plain people."-Indianapolis Jour-

#### Unprejudiced. Critic-That last sonnet of yours is

beauty.

Poet-I am aware of that, I can appreciate a good thing, even when it happens to be my own.-Town Top-

#### After the Ceremony. Mae-I am afraid it is going to be

an unhappy marriage. They are both so ill-tempered. Ethel-Oh, well, then neither of

them deserves to be happy .- N. Y.

#### Repartee. "My daughter has a great ear for

"Well, that wouldn't be so bad, if she didn't think she had a voice for it, too,"-Chicago Times-Herald.

# "I feel weak," said the medium.

"Well," said his brother spiritualist, I always keep a supply of spirits in my cabinet here. What'll you have? -Philadelphia North American.

To Be Expected. When his dear Anna said she'd be His bride, he felt elated; He couldn't help it, for, you see He then was Anna-mated. -Elliott's Magazine.

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