****************** NOVEL PROJECT TO TEACH IMPROVED METHODS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Žtasasasasasasasassas THE Illinois Central Railroad Company and the National Good Roads Association have completed arrangements for "Good Roads Train" between Chlengo and New Orleans for the purpose of constructing sample roads, as object lessons, at convenient mmercial centres. The office of public road inquiries, under the Secretary of Agriculture, is co-operating with the National Good Roads Association by furnishing two road experts, to instruct the farmers, road efficials, and people of States in the most improved methods of road construction. The great manufacturers of road machinery in the country are contributing machinery and com- pigeon ranch in the world. It is lo-

petent men to operate the same

in constructing dirt, gravel and maca-

This is the first attempt of any great

railway corporation to spend time and

farming communities to improve the

GOOD ROADS TRAIN'S PRACTICAL WORK, common roads. The officials of rail-

road companies occupy the same posttion as managers of any private or

corporate interest, for they must give an account of all expenses and results to the stockholders. There should be

a commonality of interest existing between all railroads and agricultural,

mining, manufacturing and commercial pursuits. The Illinois Central

Railway passes through the great agricultural and mining States of the

Mississippi Valley. These States, ow-

ing to the great rainfall and rich aliu-

impassable mud roads nearly five

months of the year. It is, therefore,

balance to encourage a betterment of

the common roads.

question of policy and commercial

The train will begin road building

it or near New Orleans, working north

as the weather will permit. It will

have a Pullman car, with commissary

to accommodate two Government en-

in assisting and stimulating

dam roads.

which will show the necessity and

these purposes. These roads in most ases will begin at the railroad stations and lend out into the country.

Fifteen places have been selected at which roads will be built. W. H. Moore, President of the National Good Roads Association, will arrange places and dates of conventions, Leading railroad officials, Governors, Sena tors and Congressmen will be invited to speak on convention days. project promises to be an industrial movement of far-reaching importance

Largest Pigeon Ranch in the World.

TEN thousand flying pigeons and 5000 little ones in the nests present the unique spectacle shown in the accompanying illustration of the only real

GOOD ROADS TRAIN

by hundreds every day in the year. At the age of twelve days the is fully grown and feathered, and if it escapes the market it is soon on the Each afternoon Johnson and his son go through the buildings and take from the nests enough of the fat squabs to fill orders for the next Early in the morning they are killed by disjointing their necks, dressed and delivered. Just now the senson is dull because of the abundant upply of ducks and quall on the mar-

The pigeons are well housed in three large buildings. In each of the sheds, running lengthwise and extending from ground to roof, are tiers of shelves, with narrow passage-On these shelves, between. loosely placed, are little square boxes, turned upside down, with small apertures for doors. These are the nesting places, and the largest of the buildings has 2000 inside and 1000 The others have nearly as outside. many. But the pigeons form nests



THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

New York City.-The blouse walst | or one and a half yards fifty inches not alone holds its place, but apparently gains in favor week by week. It suits the greater number of figures It is elegant in the truest sense, being entirely simple and is equally well adapted to the odd bodice and the en-

The May Manton model shown here-



PANCY BLOUSE WAIST.

with is made from panne satin in dove gray with polka dots of white, combined with cream point de Venise and bunches of darker gray panne, but all the season's silks and soft wool materials are appropriate, while the contrasting material can be varied again and again. Lace of all sorts is in vogue, panne velvet with silk is effective, panne crepe is still lighter in weight and any silk contrasts well with woolen fabries.

wide, with one yard of silk for revers, collar and undersleeves will be re quired.

A Buttonless Blouse.

The boy of seven years old feels dignified in his first long trousers. He is on promotion in a white "drilling" costume, made with long trousers and with one of the new blouses made without buttons. The blouse, in fact, has no opening in front, but is loose enough at the throat to slip over the head. It is extremely stylish made in this fashion. The collar is handsome and carefully made of blue linen braided with three rows of narrow white braid. The black silk scarf is surmounted with a bow knot, with loops and ends of fancy colored braid. loose sleeves fasten with two pearl buttons at the wrist on the inside

Fanciful Shapes in Collars.

Collars take a number of fanciful shapes. There are bands higher at the back, and with narrow turn-over collars, pointed, straight or scalloped. In others the collars extend to about three inches of the front, rounded and turned back in a slight flare.

Pretty Ornaments.

The prettiest ornaments to be seen in the baroque pearls are pins in the form of large daisies. The petals are of the pearls, each formed of a single one, slender and oblong. In the centre there is a large stone, a diamond or a topaz.

Woman's Plain Shirt Walst. The plain shirt waist is preferred by many women to any other sort, and

cotton and linen, but in the original is

of embroidered linen, batiste trimmed

with insertion and lace to match, and

is made over a fitted lining of blue silk.

When made from washable materials

the lining should be omitted, but oth-

The foundation consists of the usual

pieces, and closes at the centre front,

but separately from the outside. The

waist proper is plain across the shoul-

ders, and drawn down in gathers at

the waist line. At the front are hems

through which the closing is effected,

the band of insertion edged with nar

row frills of lace taking the place of a

box pleat on the right front and con-

cealing the closing underneath. The

sleeves are in bishop shape opened at

the back and finished with narrow

To cut this waist for a woman of me-

dium size three and three-quarter

yards of material twenty-one inches

erwise there is no change.



MISSES' BL OUSE ETON.

The fitted lining is snug and well has an extended vogue. The May At each edge of the fronts are bands of trimmings comprised of lace out-

lined by the dark panne. To cut this waist for a woman of me dium size three and a half yards of material twenty-one inches wide, three yards twenty-seven inches wide, two and a half yards thirty-two inches wide or one and three-quarter yards forty-four inches wide, with two yards of all-over lace eighteen inches wide to make as Illustrated.

The blouse with an Eton effect is exceedingly popular, and is peculiarly becoming to young girls. The large illustration shows one of the latest May Manton designs in fawn colored cheviot, with revers and undersleeves of white peau de sole, and is designed for a general wrap to be worn with various gowns, but the style is equally well suited to the entire costume of cloth, cheviot, serge or other fashion-able material. The revers, collar and sleeves are finished with narrow black and gold passementerie, but the facing may become any color preferred, and the trimming braid or applique white if desired; plain coat sleeves can be substituted for the fancy ones. The back fits smoothly and snugly, but the fronts are adjusted with slight fulness at the waist line to give the blouse effect over the curved belt. The odd shaped revers are formed by the fronts, which are faced and rolled back. At the neck is an Aigion collar that can be closed with the fronts when desired. The sleeves are made

over a regulation lining, to which the undersleeves are attached. To cut this blouse for a miss of fourwide, three and a half yards twenty inches wide, two and a half seven yards thirty-two inches wide or two country die when they are children. | yards material forty-four inches wide

L. M. SNYDER,

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FISHING FOR SHRIMP ON HORSEBACK.



heard of beggars on horseback, and a few travelers have em down in Mexico and Central America, where horsefiesh is cheap, ere is only one place in the world, it is believed, where the horse is em-This illustration shows a scene on the coast of Belgium he town of Newport. The fishermen's horses are attached to the nets for their excursion into the sen after shrimps. A procession of weath-aten fishermen starts from shore, each man mounted upon the back of for their excursion into the sea cach man mounted upon the back of the fishermen starts from shore, each man mounted upon the back of sed and docile horse dragging the triangular, purse-shaped net, which in the shrimp as it passes over the sands. These fishermen on horse-requently make hauls of several hundredweight at a single trip, and insidered the aristocracy of the Belgian littoral, holding about the reto their fellow tellors that cavalry bears to infantry in the army.

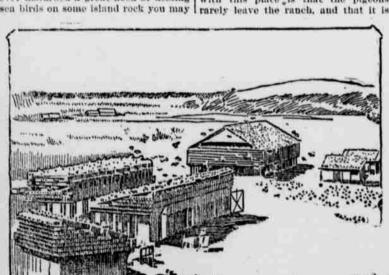
a small beginning has developed into conomy of utilizing read machinery a pretentious institution, from which the roofs, or in any stray nook where squabs and grown birds are furnished or cafes and family tables all over California. The ranch contains about eight acres

and is conducted by J. Y. Johnson, who lives among his winged pets. After running a gauntlet of fierce bulldogs his visitor finds himself inside a bewildering mass of life and color in kaleidoscopic change. Add to this a constant rear of cooing and of myrind dapping wings and it becomes ndescribably confusing. There are pigeons everywhere; the shed roofs are covered with them. They rise in these oil cans a colony of 3000 pigeons swarms like bees and darken the sun are comfortably stowed away. like a summer cloud. If you have

cated at Los Angeles, Cal., and from and lay eggs everywhere, in the passageways, on the floor and even on a few straws can be gathered together. In one of the nests the other day was found a squab having four legs, and being in other respects a more or less perfectly developed and lively quadruped. Johnson says these freaks

are not rare on his ranch. In one of the long sheds 1000 oil cans are utilized as boxes, the sides and ends being made entirely of them, laid like bricks in a wall, each with the open end inward. Through the centre of the shed runs a double tier of the same material, facing opposite crowded with them; the ground is ways and extending to the roof. In

A remarkable fact in connection ever disturbed a great flock of nesting with this place is that the pigeons



VIEW OF THE LARGEST PIGEON RANCH IN THE WORLD.

or road experts, the President of the National Good Roads Association, six competent men for operating have seen a counterpart of a pigeon

the machinery, and six laborers. At farm. each place selected to build a piece of There is no attempt to breed pure the road the officials, commercial organizations and farmers will furnish markets the dark squabs and saves the light ones, the object being to all necessary material. Special atition will be given to educating the eventually make the whole flock light people in making the best dirt roads, colored. The white birds make a betas many of the Southern States are ter appearance when dressed and find not blessed with stone or gravel for more ready sale. The flock is increased

seldom that one of them gets beyond the high wire fence which surrounds three sides of the place. They are fed assorted grain and screenings, and the cost of feeding the 15,000 is about \$7 a day.-Chicago-Times Herald.

Chinese Windmills Surprise Our Soldier When our soldiers arrived at Taku they wondered at the immense number of strange windmills all along the sea From time immemorial such windmills have been employed by the



Chinese to pump sea water up into higher basins, where wind and sun evaporate the fluid, leaving the salt. Such salt contains a great deal of bitter salt, which gives it a very disagreeable taste; but it appears to satsfy the Chinese. From Taku it is carried, in blocks resembling loaves of brend, to Tien-Tsin, whence it is scattered all over the country.

While the population of Maine is creased during the past decade only from 661,086 to 604,466, or but about five per cent., the cost of the State Government has nearly doubled during the last eight years.

Nearly one-half of the persons in this

shaped and closes at the centre front. Manton model given herewith includes The plastron, or vest, is attached to all the latest features, and is adapted the right front and hooked over onto to all waisting materials, silk, wool, the left, while the back and fronts are arranged over the lining before the shoulder and under arm seams are closed. The deep collar finishes the neck and fronts while the stock completes the plastron and closes at the centre back. The sleeves are charming. The upper portions are scalloped and fall over the full lace cuffs, which are unlined and transparent and are seamed to the lower edge of the lining.

Misses' Blouse Eton.

teen years of age, one and five-eighth