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What's the use of being a Sult chieftain, anyway? One member of the Sultan's cabinet is drawing a salary of only \$15 a month...

One of the strongest forces behind the development of the horseless vehicle has been the public demand for good country roads.

The unanimous decision of the Court of Appeals of New York State in an insurance case in which a policy holder tried to secure payment of an undivided share of the surplus is assuring.

Cartoons Drawn by Russia's Empress. In an illustrated life story of the Empress of Russia in the Young Woman, we are told that the Czarina speaks five languages...

ON A CALIFORNIA RANCH. Women Work in Fields Just as They Do in the Old Country.

It is quite widely believed that nature responds so generously to man in California that very little labor need be expended to supply himself with many of the necessities of life.

IN THE COUNTRY IN THE FALL.

They are hauling in the buckwheat From the field upon the hill, And the swollen stream is roaring...

The colts are in the pasture And the cows wind over the leas, All the swaying limbs are naked...

The glossy quail is resting On the weather-beaten log, And the huntsman from the city Stumbles down through brake and bog...

FRIEND OF THE BOERS

OLIVE SCHREINER IS ACTIVE IN THEIR BEHALF. Wants the Tyranny of Britain Clearly Understood—Sketch of a Peculiar Woman's Life—From South African Farm to Merited Fame.

BRIDGE MADE OF BAMBOO.

Yankee Ingenuity Quickly Conquered a Philippine Stream. Major B. F. Cleatham, of the First Tennessee Volunteers, sends to the Engineering News, from Molo, Philippine Islands, a very interesting account of a floating bridge constructed by the American army in the Island of Panay...

THE JOSSLYN REUNION.

BY HARRIET CARYL COX.

ES. I have heard of the reunion, but I can't say that I feel called upon to go. Elmira remarked, as she let the printed slip fall into her lap, 'I never felt prouder of the Josslyn blood, anyway. Mother would stick it into my name, but I must say the folks I've seen bearing that name weren't anything very remarkable.'



OLIVE SCHREINER.

feels deeply the wrongs of the Boers, and her pen has been active for months in presenting their side of the controversy with England.

HOW WASHBOARD WON FAVOR

Mrs. William Warren Says She Had Much to Do with It. Mrs. William Warren of Erastina place, Mariner's Harbor, Staten Island, claims that she was the first woman to introduce the washboard into the interior part of England.



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while, indeed, many of them originated in his active brain.

CUCUMBER CROP DESTROYED.

The great cucumber district, embracing hundreds of acres southeast of Benton Harbor, Mich., with an annual output of over 1,000,000 bushels, has been destroyed in the last two weeks by a foreign red bug.

HABEAS CORPUS SUSPENDED.

Ruling of a Country Judge Which Made Lawyers Gasp. Church congregations are always mightily well pleased to see their pastors in their pulpits after the summer season is ended, but not as thoroughly gratified as are members of the bar when the judges return from their vacations.

GOOD ROADS NOTES.

Abolish the Toll System. The continuance of the toll system is simply the perpetuation of an onerous tax upon the people for the benefit of the baldest kind of a monopoly.

Use of Crude Petroleum. A writer in a St. Paul paper states that he recently drove over a piece of road at Fort Worth, Texas, which was treated last fall with a wetting with crude petroleum.

Where the Farmer Profits. We may say that it doesn't cost the farmer anything to market his crops, because he does all the hauling himself.

Automobiles and Good Roads. The "good roads movement," which has been quietly and steadily progressing in the United States for several years, is likely before long to become a great national issue in politics.

One Country's Experience. Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, not long ago began the construction of a system of macadam roads.

Interstate Object-Lesson Roads. It is the intention of many States besides Massachusetts, either by connecting their detached sample roads or by laying down long lines to be built as a whole, to establish State roads upon the principal routes of travel.

The Anti-Rut Agitation. Over \$2,000,000 has been spent by the State of Massachusetts in the building of improved highways.

The fact that the Davis automobile trip from New York to San Francisco was abandoned on account of bad roads will make a text for the good roads people.

The best road for the farmer, all things being considered, is a solid, well-built stone road, so narrow as to be only a single track, but having a firm earth road on one or both sides.

Where the traffic is not very extensive the purposes of good roads are better served by narrow tracks than by wide ones, while many of the objectionable features of wide tracks are removed, the initial cost of construction is cut down one-half or more, and the charges for repair reduced in proportion.

A mile of broken stone road, fifteen feet wide, costs in the State of Massachusetts about \$5700 per mile, while a mile of the same width and kind of road costs in the State of New Jersey only \$4700.

Herr Rigenbach, who introduced the cog-wheel railroads that have enabled tourists in Switzerland to do their mountain climbing without effort, died recently.