
HOUSE，F ARM AND GARDEN．


Country Roads．
Road－making as an art，，ays the Rural New Yorker，is but poorly understood
by the majority of our highway supervls－ by the majority of our highway supervis－
ors and road－masters，and what they do ors and rond－masters，and what they do
know is not alwaya carried out．There Is no doubt，a gradual improvement in our highways．The loss and lijury occasloned by gullying and wash－outs are so great that those means by which
stability of the traveled way is secured are getting to be tolerably well under－ are getting to be tolerably well under－
stood．But the other points，such as securing easy grades，conducting a road over a swamp，the management of clayey or mucky soils，and the removal
of stones，both fixed and loose，are all of stones，both fixed and loose，are all
matters in which our rural road－builders may easily improve their methods．In every farmers＇club，grange，and agri－ cultural gathering for the discussion of rural afllitrs，road making should be made a matter of frequent consideration．
The losses by reason of bad roads are very large－far greater than the cost of very large－－ar greater than the cost of
maintaining good ones．But they are so uncertain as regards particular in－ stances，and so divided among all hands， that the sum of them is not realized as it ought to be．The load that can be drawn over a road is limited by the load
that can be drawn over the worat places， that can be drawn over the worst places，
just as the strength of a chain is only just as the strength of a chnin is only
the strength of jts weakeat link．The strains thrown upon the different par
strenth of sit of a wagon or carriage，upon the bol and braces，the wheels，axles， shatts，and on the haruess（ to say noth－
ing of the horse，）by steep grades and ing of the horse，by steep，grades and
the uneveness of the road－bed，by deep mud，and by stones，are also matters that are large enough in detall，but from a monstrous aggregate far beyond the conception of those who do not figure in regard to them．We believe that there are few traveled roads in the coun－
try on which the unnecessary injury to try on which the unnecessary injury to
vehicles alone would not pay，and more than pay，for the cost and maintainance of a first class turnpike．
There is one thing，in particular， which would cost but little to remedy， that is very destructive to wheels，the most costly part of every vehicle，and
which is also the cause of very great which is also the cause of very great
injury to horses．Werefer to those loose injury to horses．Werefer to those loose
stones left upon the surface of the road－ way－thrown upon it in fact，when the roads are repaired，and left there the whole season afterwards．These stones could be all thrown off in a very short
time and at very little expense，but they time and at very little expense，but they loosen and broken tires they cause，and how many horses＇feet are injured by these provoking loose stones in the Other bad things，easily remedied，are holes and hollows worn in the road by
wheels，and rapidly increasing in depth wheels，and rapidly increasing in depth
by the softening caused by the collec－ tion of water in them after rains，these holes break more axles，bolts，braces， and spokes，ten timee over，than the cost of filling them up would amount to． A＂stitch in time，＂is here most import－ ant matter as they should．
the mater
Werent We repeat that ihese are things worthy
of frequent discussion among farmers， of frequent discussion among farmers，
so that knowledge regarding the proper remedies may be disseminated，and，
above all，a public opinion be created in above all，a public opinion be created in
favor of good roads．The civilization of a community is almont as well gauged
by the condition of its rosids as by by the condition of its roas
quantity of soap it uses．

To Boil Rice Savannah Fashion． Take one pound of rice and pick it thoroughly to get out black seeds or red
rice．Put on the fire，in a porcelain or rice．Put on the fire，in a porcelain or
tin－lined pot，three quarts of water，with two even tablespoonfuls of salt．Let the water come to a boil．Now wash the
rice in three waters．The reason for this is to get rid of the pulverized rice－Alour which adheres to the grain．This is a necessity；otherwise the rice never will be dry．－Throw the riee in the water when it is at the full boil．Let the rice boil rapidly for twenty minutes．Put
the cover on anddrain the waterentirely the cover on and drain the water entirely
off．Cover the pot，shake well，and put onf．the back of the stove，where it is not too hot，for fifteen minutes．This evap－ orates the water．Shake the rice into
the dish you wish to serve it in．Never the dish you wish to serve t t in，Never
uee a spoon．Rice should never be glutinous TVe Ghoul ate rice，grain
by grain in the＂Arablan Nighte By grain in the＂A Arabi
properly cooked rice．
5E The only effective way of curing decaying holes in trees is to make a plug
of oak or other hard wood，smear It with tar，and hammer it tight finto the hole untilits outer surface is on the same level as the hole．If there is any recuperative power in the tree the bark will soon grow over the plug and the wound be perfectly healed，which will
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