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A Daily Thought
The best portion of a good man's life
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Of kindness and of love.
—Wordsworth.

REPAIRING PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

The agitation in behalf of improved rural highways has been carried on for many years with meagre results in most sections. There are, of course, exceptions, due largely to the public spirit of the rural inhabitants. There are too many farmers who think that the improving of the local highway is simply a scheme to facilitate the movement of automobiles throughout the country. This certainly is an unfortunate attitude of mind, as a good road is not only an advantage to the community at large, but yields a direct return in cash to the farmers who live along the highway; it adds to the appearance of the farm, increases its value, shortens the distance to the nearest market, helps materially in marketing farm produce, adds to the pleasure of country life, and otherwise makes possible a standard of business enterprise otherwise beyond the reach of those who have to depend upon the rural highway for transportation and communication. One of the biggest questions in transacting modern farm business today is transportation. But the whole question does not lie, as many seem to think, with the railways or steamship companies, the greatest defect in the whole system being due to the imperfect condition of the ordinary dirt road.

The first need is to provide suitable drainage. After this comes the smoothing and rounding of the crown of the road and the means whereby the rain water can easily get away. The spit-log drag, when it is properly used, does wonders on a clay road. The road machine, if intelligently employed, will also do a great deal towards making the road satisfactory. But both plans have to be followed up by constant watchfulness and timely repairing. In some parts of the country there are enterprising and public-spirited farmers who have begun to improve the highway in front of their own properties in a state of repair. At the first sign of decay they go out and fix the road, with the result that the expense involved is very small. If they waited for a few weeks or months it would require many dollars to make the repairs, and much time would be consumed. Where good roads exist their advantages are apparent, but good roads are the exception rather than the rule, and the need for some more systematic, aggressive and widespread road-work that will give to the country suitable internal lines of communication is very great indeed.—Weekly Globe and Canadian Farmer.

SOCIALIST'S TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN

London, July 14—Mr. Keir Hardie, leader of the Socialist party in the British House of Commons, who has consistently attacked King George in an article in the Pioneer, which is a Socialist-Labor journal, allows himself to admit implicit faith in the Queen.

"I confess," he writes, "to a weakness for that good lady. She is the only Royal person I have ever seen who looks like a healthy human being. She is not of the wax doll or professional beauty type. But she is a handsome woman, or what in Scotland would be called a bonnie woman."

"I hear on every hand that she is a 'hard-featured' woman. The statement is a libel. Queen Mary's features are those of a woman of capacity, who in her time has had frequent occasion to assert herself

and has done so firmly and to some purpose.

"To see her with her children, as I have, and to note her hearty laugh and the perfect confidence existing between mother and sons, is all the proof needed of her womanliness. Remembering the tragedy of her girlhood, it is not to be wondered at that she shows something approaching contempt for the gew-gaws of society and . . .

"But I am wandering. If all the counsellors fail King George, the Queen will not fail him, and it will be well for him if he gives warning ear to her counsels."

GROUND BROKEN FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION.

San Diego, Cal., July 19 Ground was broken for the Panama-California Exposition early this afternoon and that important event in San Diego's history was celebrated with unusually elaborate ceremonies in Balboa Park. The ceremonies began when a telegraphic signal was flashed across the continent by President Taft. Earlier in the day there were religious services in the park, with the celebration of High Mass by Bishop Conaty. The celebration is planned to continue through the remainder of the week and will include floral pageants, water sports and an industrial and civic parade.

SURE SIGNS of Kidney Trouble

If your back is constantly aching and if you experience dull shooting pains, your kidneys are out of order. If your urine is thick and cloudy or your passages frequent, scanty and painful, your kidneys and bladder are out of order. Neglect quickly brings on rheumatism, diabetes, lambrago, sciatica and etc.

Mrs. John Wagner of 13 Hollis St., Halifax, N.S., says: "Dull shooting pains would catch me across the small of my back . . . often causing me to suffer with severe head aches and spells of dizziness. Spots would dance before my eyes and everything would turn black. I would fall to the floor and be unable to get up again without assistance. A friend told me of Booths Kidney Pills and I began their use. The first box gave me relief and I am now well and strong."



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"How old are you?" he said.
"The young woman hesitated."
"Don't hesitate," said Mr. Root; "the longer you hesitate, the older you are."

EASILY REMEDIED.

(San Francisco 'Chronicle.')
It is near enough as the compass points to say that this man's grocery store is in the Western Addition, and that he is of Teutonic extraction. Mrs. Underwood went into the store the other day and paid for her purchase with a cheque for \$5. The next morning she remembered that she hadn't indorsed the cheque, and so hurried over to the grocer to catch it before it went to the bank.
"I'm so sorry," she explained to him, "but I forgot to indorse that cheque yesterday."
"Oh, dots all right," he answered, cheerily. "My daughter she indorse it. She can write."

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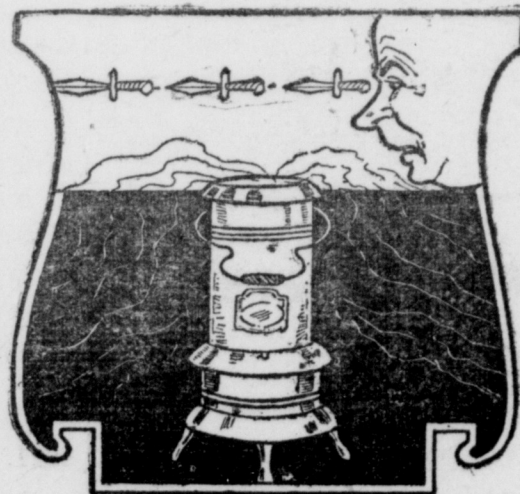
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