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Trees as Soil Builders.

Studies of the various regions of the country and of the trees adapted to culture in each are made by the forest service at Washington, and one aim of these studies recently has been to point out how waste and neglected spots may be turned into wood-lots to serve the double purpose of furnishing timber and improving the soil. Results of these studies and experiments may be had by application to the agricultural department.

Many poor soils now waste spots on the farm would become profitable if planted with the right kind of forest trees and cared for in the right way. This will often grow where grain and grass will not, and certain forest trees thrive in the very soil where fruit trees fail. Swamps, stony ridges, exhausted fields and washed hill-sides need not be abandoned. There are many in most of them if they are set to work producing wood-lots and forests. But knowledge and judgment are necessary, and a bad guess may be costly.

Many trees do well in these soil-conditions bearing trees in particular. The farmer is fortunate whose land has no poor spots. Few landowners are so well off. Fertile acres are usually fairly profitable, but the gravelly barrens, knolls, marshy swales and exhausted and eroded slopes are not. Scarcely one of them need remain unproductive. They will grow (higher) pine, locust, poplar, orange, oak, chestnut or some other kind. But the soil must be studied and the species selected to suit it. Failure might follow the planting of walnut on soil gullied to white pine, or vice versa.

It is decidedly worth while to keep all of the farm at work. The owner pays taxes on all his land and is out of pocket for whatever is not earning him something. Further, by growing a tree crop on land which is too poor to grow the quality of the land itself is improved. Forests add humus to the soil, better its character, and it has lately been discovered that the decaying leaf litter has also the power of gathering from the air a certain amount of nitrogen, the most important of plant foods. In this respect the forest does for the soil what leguminous crops, like clover and alfalfa, do. Wood growing on worn-out land thus becomes doubly profitable. The land is made useful and improved at the same time.

A Good Word For Trade Schools.
The fact that a green boy who wants to do right will be given instruction in the average machine shop does not solve the apprentice problem, according to a writer in the current Engineering Magazine. Preparation for doing right is lack of the success of money, and want of preparation accounts for failure in others who try to do as mechanics. Technical schools furnish an adequate training school for the apprentice, according to the writer.

Question whether the north pole is a source of happiness or just doesn't "care a continental" either way when Explorer Peary gets another \$100,000 to finance the search.

It's all very little to encourage young men to go into politics, but there ought to be some way of encouraging them to go back to work when they get out of politics.

So far as the bills go, it will be hard to convince Uncle Sam that it was a "do nothing" congress.

Mercy is a quality that should be striven sometimes, but really that youth who was jailed for stealing a horse to take his girl driving may one day be equal to kidnapping a girl so that he can exercise a horse.

Duke Abruzzi says he is willing to wait ten years for Miss Elkins. It is appalling to think how many "heart interest" stories founded on the supposed alliance could be printed in that time.

Predictions that the Panama canal will not pay are even more unwarranted than the attempt to fix an exact date for the opening.

Being a recent traveler, the Duke of the Abruzzi knows where to look for a choice variety of girl.

The postmistress wouldn't care to be in clover for fear of catching hay fever.

A man traveled 104,000 miles in the course of a wife. When seeking "trouble" some men don't mind distance.

Straw votes will soon be showing which way the political windbags blow.

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You will notice that they have learned the lesson to obey at school, while the other boys have not learned this either in school or at home. This defect of home training is being felt throughout the whole country in all departments of work, and what we shall do in the future for our all around mechanics is a mystery to me. Many of our shops are willing to teach boys, but what do they get in return? When the apprentice has been in the shop about two years he becomes dissatisfied with his pay and leaves to enter another shop as a journeyman. I believe that manufacturing concerns should require a written certificate as to the thoroughness of men applying for positions. It would tend to correct the defect.

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Digging the Panama Ditch.
Ain't all the speculation and controversy about the cost of the Panama canal, the time required to complete it and the uses to which it can be put in the future. It is a relief to be reminded now and then by good authority that the digging goes right on. The recent report to that effect by Secretary Taft is reassuring. "It ventures the guess that the work of digging can be finished in three years.

The locks and dams are the great uncertainties about the canal. The ditch can be dug, and in that we prove that the project of a waterway across the isthmus is feasible. The work that is to last for all time practically, and what remains to be added to the ditch to make it available for commerce should be well done. The health and the labor problems seem to have been solved. Patience and economical management will do the rest—in time.

If you must get busy canoeing, young man, put in at least one summer learning how before you ask your best girl to take a chance with you. Incidentally while learning wear a bathing suit and have a life preserver handy.

One who rocked the boat was drowned, while all the others on the craft escaped, which shows that the fool killer occasionally sees his day and does it.

Often the pioneer opens a hole and makes an assignment. His successor deepens the hole and makes a fortune.

The pace that kills may be as slow as a snail's and end in one's getting stepped on.

One sure way to end the losing of money on elections is to abolish elections.

As a social reformer alone Tolstoy would never have commanded world-wide appreciation. It was as a novelist, and a novelist only, that he gained the peak of supremacy.

The man who does not believe in maintaining playgrounds for the masses at the public expense has probably never been in a crowded residential district on a summer day.

The death of a veteran of sixty battles, more or less, in an auto accident shows that peace also has her perils no less vicious than war.

The man worth while is the one who can smile when everything goes wrong.

Against the ocean gambler the traveler has one invaluable precaution—don't gamble.

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The Dominion of the Mind.

Some novel and interesting observations on the action of electricity upon the human body have recently been contributed to Nature-Knowledge by Dr. Otto von Guericke. The German scientist affirms that the action of electrical currents upon the human body may be modified and even neutralized by the state of mind of the person in contact with the power of the current. In the article that we mention, the touch points of electrical machinery purposely to ascertain whether there is any current in them a powerful current will do them no harm, but an unintentional contact with the same current will prove fatal.

A case is cited where an unexpected shock of 500 volts was terrible, though not fatal, whereas an expected shock of 600 volts made "little impression. In another case an expert picked up one coil of a broken wire containing 10,000 volts and suffered the least harm. Dr. Wrothen calls this a control of electric field and adds, "There is something imposing in this idea that the will power in such a case operates as an equal force and comes out triumphant."

A very fine point is involved in this discussion, for it may be that it is the surprise of the unexpected shock and not the power of the current which leads to deadly results. Other students of the subject have reported that electricians have touched live wires without being injured and escaped without serious injury and that an ordinary deadly current did not harm rabbits while they were under the influence of chloroform. The power of the mind in controlling morbid physical sensations and in overcoming certain forms of mental disorder has long been recognized by scientists and philosophers. It is generally assumed that the power of a serious ailment, through the imagination. Conversely a healthy frame of mind or a mind refusing to believe in danger, sickness and pain might be able to counteract what would prove serious in the presence of mental indolence and passiveness. Necessarily for mental activity and moral courage has been known to cause the sick and weakly to become hearty and strong.

A Foreign Study of the "Panics."
In a recent report to parliament the British commercial agent in the United States, Mr. Seymour Bell, presents a clear and frank opinion of the main causes of the acute financial depression which set in at the close of 1907.

The situation was peculiar. On the one hand, there were the manufacturers with their plants, merchants selling their wares, high cost of living, tremendous industrial activity in the way of improvements and extensions, speculation and personal extravagance. To quote further:

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"Tell me your opinion," said a farmer just returned from London to his son. "I've been an idiot to let my money stay in the bank at 2 1/2 per cent all these years when they pay 5 per cent in London."

"I don't believe they pay no such interest," said John, with a determined air.

"Oh, yer don't, Mr. Smarry, don't yer? Well, I've just lent £20 at that very rate today. I'll tell you how I did it. I met a young man in front of the Mansion House, and he says to me, says he, 'Sir, I would like to borrow £20, for which I will pay 5 per cent interest.'"

"But," says I, "I don't know you, and how am I to tell that you will pay me the interest? If you don't, me, sir," says he, "I will pay you 5 per cent in advance."

"Well, that looked safe enough, so I gave him two ten-pound notes, and he paid me 20 shillings back for the interest on the spot. I'm to meet him at the same place every year and get the interest. I tell you what, John, it makes me wild to think what I've lost all these years."—London Queen.

A New Rudin.
During the Abyssinian war a company of the naval brigade assisted the troops in transport work. The sailors were in the highest spirits, and the gales, and George A. Henry, the author, who acted as a correspondent during the war, relates that he saw a quite being led by a sailor with another man walking behind holding the animal by its tail.

"Hello, Jack," cried a sailor. "Where are you going?"

"Don't know," replied Jack. "I'm only taking this 'ere craft. Ask my mate behind; he's doing the steering!"

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