

## The Farmington Enterprise

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### NARROW ROADWAYS AND TRUCKS

That the paved highways on main thoroughfares which enter Detroit too narrow to accommodate the heavy vehicular traffic to which they are subjected is all too evident, but their lack of sufficient width is not wholly responsible for traffic congestion at times.

Proper restrictions and regulation of traffic would give some relief and this could be secured at once if there was as much attention given to preventing hogging of the road by trucking companies as is given to chasing after the little fellows for minor infractions of rules.

The highway should of course be put in best possible condition for the convenient movement of all kinds of vehicles, but while they are in the present condition, wide, heavily loaded trucks hauling two or three trailers should not be permitted to operate over them during the rush hours. As the trailer swerves back and forth over the narrow roadway there is not sufficient room for faster moving cars to pass them in safety, which often causes delay and congestion.

Freight trucks are essential to the prosperity and welfare of communities and should be granted every privilege possible, but their operation should be so regulated as to produce the minimum amount of inconvenience to the travel public.

### BLOWING AWAY OUR ROADS

During the past summer the State Highway Commission of Virginia endeavored to solve the dust problem. Asphaltic oil or calcium chloride was placed on sections of road in front of every store and church on the state highway system.

The chairman of the highway commission says that dust is getting to be the greatest problem the highway department has to deal with. Not only does it cause great personal discomfort and material damage, but, being wafted away by every passing wind it leaves the roadbed in a deplorable condition.

In every state it will be necessary to build 10 miles of county roads for one mile of heavier paved state highway. The problem of maintaining old gravel and macadam roads, and eventually surfacing them with a suitable waterproof surface at a minimum of expense, must occupy the attention of our road builders.

The rapidly moving automobile throws dust for several hundred feet on each side of the highway, thereby damaging crops and fruit to such an extent that the products are often unmarketable. Now is the time to consider this problem, before "next summer" is here.

### OUR ADVERTISING

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The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. is a liberal and persistent advertiser and acknowledges good results from it. Its messages are always timely and interesting and tend to draw the company and its patrons into close and cordial relation.

The following letter from Roy E. Crowe, district manager, is gratifying to us:

"May I express the appreciation of my company and of myself for the splendid treatment you have accorded our advertising in your columns the past year.

"As manager of the Farmington exchange, I feel certain that I can testify to the worth of the Farmington Enterprise in an advertising way. We have been advertising our long distance and toll service particularly this year, and excellent results have attended our use of space in your publication."

When twins are announced by a neighbor you might as well act natural and laugh.

We walk into trouble through open doors; we have to pick the locks to get out.

The men who use to pull out their goldfilled, jewelled watches on the slightest provocation now talk about their automobiles and golf scores.

### Plan to Get Power From African River

A French engineer has a scheme which in all probability will be put into effect, starting in a rather modest way and finally working up to a great industrial proposition. It is nothing less than putting the great Congo river to work.

It is suggested to build a series of seven dams between Leopold and the mouth of the river which will not only be the means of generating power but of making the river navigable by means of locks and canals. The resources of the country are great, but the transportation facilities are nil. Goods to and from interior points must be carried in small parcels at present from the mouth of the river to the inland points, which makes the operation expensive although the labor is cheap.

The idea of the originator of the plan, Colonel Van Duuren, is to construct but one dam at a time in order to avoid burdening public financial resources. He estimates each dam will necessitate the outlay of about 100,000,000 francs. Construction of the first dam, however, would be an appreciable industrial asset, giving 350,000 horse power. —Chicago Journal.

### HOW IT'S DONE



"Darling, you don't need to ask papa."

"Why not, dear?"  
"He suggested we—we—he suggested it."

### Changes Diamonds' Color

Dr. C. Everett Field, a New York scientist, after four years of patient research, is said to have succeeded in changing yellow diamonds, comparatively cheap and plentiful, into valuable blue-white diamonds—all by means of a radium treatment. The process is to place enough radium near the diamonds to draw off the impurities in the stone, which cause the yellowish color. If more radium is used, the change will occur more rapidly. One hundred milligrams of radium, worth about \$8,000, is necessary to change one diamond in four days' time.

### Models From Old Cans

High-school boys in Hawaii are putting old tin cans to work in studying engineering. Lumber was too expensive to use for models and nearby was a pineapple cannery where they could have for nothing all the cans they wanted.

Out of these cans they have made unique models—trusses, columns, beams, girder bridges, arch bridges, gentry cranes and trestles, says the Popular Science Monthly.

### "Poor Charlotte" Recovering

Former Empress Charlotte of Mexico, who is living as a recluse in the castle of Bouchout, in Belgium, is in good health and easily survived a recent attack of influenza. The periods of mental disturbance which overcame her from time to time are decreasing in strength and number. She has passed her eighty-seventh birthday.

### Underground Wander

At the new tube station now under construction beneath Piccadilly circus, London, an area of 15,000 square feet will be devoted to the boxing hall alone. This will necessitate the removal of about 10,000 tons of London clay. When completed the station will be able to handle 50,000,000 passengers annually.

### Peculiar Anesthetic

Two and a half times as powerful as cocaine, but only one-tenth as poisonous—such are the reputed qualities of a new anesthetic discovered by a chemist at the University of Wisconsin. The drug does not have to be administered hyperdermally, in which it differs from novocaine.

### In the Old Wooden Chests

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS

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MARINA WOOLET was climbing, not to seek her fortune, but to see in her head high-bred her heels tapping defiance upon the rather craggy stairs. Three broad flights, weaving back and forth the long hall, despite its plundering, attested that in the happy days of Woodstock had ranked with the best houses of the countryside.

The third stair-head opened into what had been the ballroom, now known contemptuously as the garret. Viewed at each end, it was too airy to be musty, though dust grated under foot, lying thick upon a sea of oak floor which had oddly escaped the general despoiling. The current Woolet, a mild, guileless person, had been tempted by an old stock into mortgage-runs and had escaped it solely through the virtue of the antique craze, which had made walnut wainscots, richly carved doors and mantels, gaudy wall papers, and a bank of rails cut from single trunks a hundred years back, worth money enough to pay the debt, provide substitute of machine-wrought deals, and even mend the roof.

So Marina should have been grateful to the enterprising contractor, instead of loathing him wholeheartedly. She had excused enough—in four mighty unhappy years, because of a stepmother so deadly pious she was quite insufferable. Worse yet—she had given her meek husband twin sons—to inherit the land, under entail, should it remain heritable. Hence Marina's portion was her legacy from her father's father's grandmother, who, at rising ninety, had died of heart-break over the old house's despoiling.

She had willed to Marina, her namesake, sundry wooden chests, a cow-hide trunk, a bureau, along with a wooden box, stoutly nailed, yet giving forth fragrance, faint, subtle, tantalizing. Stepmother had been wild to see inside everything—Marina wouldn't have it—not a key should turn, not a lid lift, until she was good and ready. That happened to be this bright June morning, when she knew the family was headed for Aunt Socky-Carlins's to stay until moon-up.

Flinging back the dust-cover from the bodice of cubes beneath, she fell upon the bandbox with trembling fingers—and shortly drew from it a bonnet of rich pink velvet, its flaring scoop-brim wreathed with a magnificence white plume.

Merely the beginning this. The smaller chest, the cowhide trunk, most of all the nailed-up casket gave out such marvels Marina stood dazed. Frocks of satin, a big double scarlet crepe skirt with roses all around it, and half-yard tringe, a cloth pellucid lined with swan's down, and at the bottom a jewel case filled not with pearls and diamonds, but corals, red, pink and white, upon yards of heavy gold chain, alligue necklaces and bandeaus, cameos, set and unset.

Stockings—a bagful, many home-knit, even in silk, shoes as various, undergarments, miracles of fine sewing, yet so simple they made Marina smile. But she fell for the stars of white satin brocade. Impetuously she tried them—next she endured herself with a frilly petticoat, a sweeping velvet frock, put her feet in scarlet slippers, and the scarlet shawl over her shoulders, and crowned herself with the plumed pink bonnet.

Then—to see herself was imperative—there was still a pier-glass that had cracked in the effort to move it—she reared desperately to it, but just surveyed herself fully in it, when, without knocking the door opened, and a man's voice cried: "Good Lord! Are you flesh and blood—or just a vision?"

It was Clem Dabney's voice—he had supervised all these heart-breaking removals—wherefore unreasonably Marina had so hated him, she hardly looked at him as she asked loftily: "Are you an another plunder-bunt?"

"If you are—run along."

"Shan't! That's just my business." Clem said. "Listen, Marina!" "Miss Woolet, please!" He shook his head at her violently, running on: "I came for pleasure, but, and to ease my conscience—ever since that cruel stripping, I've been haunted by—you and Granny. I've wanted so to make up for it—a little. Now I've got the chance. Here's the case—my manager who knows my firm, is risking thousands on a period play—he has given me carte blanche—so I came on the chance of finding here some things you'd spare us. Tell me, truly—are there any more where these came from?"

"Part of a carload—come and see them." Marina said, shrugging as she led him up the stairs. Her knees trembled—she was nearly voiceless. Not a thread would she sell him—it only she didn't so years to get away. It was Clem who drove the hard bargains that gave her two thousand dollars, for less than half her belongings. But only a month or two later when wedding presents were in order, one of the costliest received by Mrs. Clem Dabney, born Woolet, came from Hilliard, the theatre man. It was a string of pearls—not long but perfect—and with them a note said: "We owe you much more than this, for your splendid help to us in showing these new times the real splendor of olden days."

### Once Desert Country Yields Rich Revenue

Official estimate has been made that the agricultural products of the Salt River valley of Arizona this year will have a gross value of \$90,000,000, says the Christian Science Monitor. The valley, of which Phoenix is the center, was a desert in 1868, when the first canal was dug by a band of miners, led by Jack Swilling, lieutenant of the only Confederate column that ever penetrated Arizona. In 1911 dedication by President Roosevelt of the Salt river dam that bears his name put an end to alternating droughts and floods.

About \$9,000,000 this year will be realized from over 100,000 acres of long and short staple cotton, \$2,500,000 from cantaloupes and even more than that sum from lettuce, both shipped to Eastern markets; \$1,000,000 from oranges, grapefruit and lemons, added to the major income from alfalfa, pasture and hay, with great production of beef cattle and lamb. Dates are a crop of large value, while early grapes are shipped by carloads.

### SEVERE TRIALS



He—What is your idea of trial marriages?  
She—I've heard they're all very severe trials.

### Dutch Farmers Progressive

Because Holland is an agricultural nation the exceptional progress made there in agriculture since the war has attracted wide notice. The farmers buy the bulk of their materials, including seed, fertilizer and equipment, on a co-operative

basis and two-thirds of their crops and dairy products are handled through co-operative agencies. Milk is sold on the percentage of butterfat it contains and this is having an effect on the productivity of the herds.

### Century of Bell-Ringing

A hundred years of bell-ringing at Southwark (Eng.) cathedral have just been completed by the Mash family, of Newcomer street, in the borough. Thomas Mash, the present head of the family, who has been keeper of the cathedral tower and verger of the chapter house for 33 years, has been ringing since he was a youth. His father, the late George Mash, was in charge of the tower before him for 30 years. Prior to that his grandfather, James Mash, held the same office.

### Manicuring Important

Women employed as cherry packers at packing houses at Emmet, Idaho, must have their hands manicured by professional manicurists before they are permitted to handle the cherries. This innovation was introduced by J. R. Field, who equipped a room in his packing plant where professional manicurists are employed. Other cherry packers followed the plan when it was explained that just one punctured cherry may ruin an entire package of cherries.

### Asphalt in Philippines

A huge deposit of asphalt has been found in the Philippines, in the province of Borongan. Preliminary surveys by government geologists indicate that this find, the second in recent years, will total at least 40,000,000 tons. Because of easy accessibility to deep-water navigation, immediate steps are being taken to market the product.

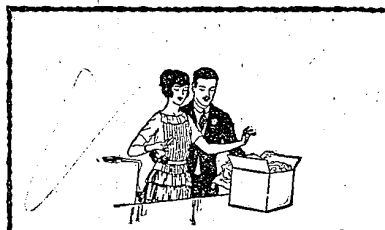
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