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Get all the fresh air you can. Particularly avoid getting overheated and then exposing yourself to cold. But above all things, keep warm. If you feel the slightest draft flirting with your bald spot or your ankles, we'll stand pat with our grandfathers that if you don't get out of its way you'll soon be tearing out your vitals in a rapid fire of detonating sneezes.

It was only a short time ago, it seems, since the democrats made an awful howl about a "billion dollar congress." Now we see that the first democratic congress in many years has a "two billion session," and the democrats are not saying a word. It makes some difference which party is in power. Well, it's the greatest country in the world and it takes a lot of money to run it.

All former records for bank dividends were broken when the state savings bank of Des Moines declared a dividend of 100 per cent, which it divided among its stockholders. The dividend was paid out of the bank's surplus and amounted to \$50,000. Following the declaring of the large dividend the capital stock of the bank will be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The dividends will be used by many of the stockholders to purchase new stock in the bank.

There is a moral if not a legal obligation in the matter of keeping sidewalks clean. Perhaps the city should do this work, but as the city doesn't the individual must or the citizen must wade. It is such a small matter and yet such a matter of mutual benefit. One man walks but a few steps where he has swept. He does walk where hundreds of others have brushed off the snow and in turn hundreds enjoy the benefit of his work. So it is mutual and the compensation is sufficient to justify the labor. Besides, shoveling snow is about as

healthful exercise as one may indulge in.

It seems very ridiculous to the outside fair person to watch the democratic senators in Washington resort to all kinds of schemes to keep from confirming the appointments made by President Taft during the past two months. These appointments consist of U. S. officers, judges, consuls, postmasters, etc. The terms have all expired and the appointments are due. It looks as if the fair way to do would be to confirm all appointments made by each president up to the time he goes out of office, unless from some non-political reason. The action of the senators look as if they were controlled by a hungry herd of office-seekers. Well, it is but natural, we suppose for the democrats to want to get in after being out for twenty years.

If you have a house for rent or sale look up the real estate laws before going to real estate agents to place your business in their hands. The real estate laws are rigid. If you have placed your house, rooms or farm with them to rent and you get a chance and rent them, they can collect their commission just the same, whether the contract was verbal or written. If you have listed your property with a real estate agent to sell and then go ahead and sell it yourself, the agent can collect the commission just the same. You may think you can do that, and save paying commission, but the real estate laws are ironclad and protect the agent. If you have rented or sold any property listed with and have not notified your agent and paid commission, don't be surprised at any notice you get as they have the law with them.

THE DASHEEN.

The world has several times been revolutionized by a new vegetable; by the potato, as it was also by corn. The Department of Agriculture, among its other exceedingly valuable importations, gave us about four years ago the dasheen. The hotel keepers of the Southern States begin to report that this tuber is proving to be of more worth than was anticipated. One of them writes that he has placed it on the table for his guests during two winters past and that, baked or boiled, it has met the decided approval of his patrons, and with not a few it has been decided to be preferable to the Irish potato. Sufficient data are not at hand as yet to determine its comparative yield, but that it is several times greater than that of the common potato is certain. As compared with the sweet potato it not only outyields, but it is much more certain as to its harvest-

ing. The sweet potato, a developed morning-glory, cannot be counted upon by the most skillful growers with certainty. But thus we have a third esculent that may be ranked with the two potatoes, as able to furnish a very large share of the common food of the common people. The question of high prices can be permanently attacked only by an increase in our reliable food products. From another letter: "The dasheen has the advantage of being a good keeper, and there is very little waste while preparing it for the table." The Department of Agriculture is working along the right line and will solve some of our economic problems by enlarging the list of our food products.—Independent.

UNFAIR TO RAILROADS.

"The American people generally so just and generous, are hard to understand in their attitude toward the railroads," remarks a well-known railroad official. "If one stops to consider, it is easily appreciable that railroad transportation is the cheapest service of its kind in existence. Some time ago a Western railway, through one of its offices, published a circular asking its employees to be more careful in the use of material, suggesting that little economies would save much in the aggregate. This road pointed out, by way of illustration, that railroad transportation was so cheap that employees probably could not understand the importance of effecting a saving in the small things. For instance, it was shown that a postage stamp would pay the cost of transportation of a passenger for 1 mile, or a ton of freight for 5 miles; that a sheet of paper was equal to the cost of transportation of a ton of freight for 1 mile, and that even the small end of a pencil, which ordinarily is thrown away, would be worth the same amount of transportation as a 1-cent stamp.

"Persons ordinarily pay a hotel servant 5 or 10 cents for service that does not consume five minutes. The charge for messenger service, compared with the charge made by railroads, is simply enormous. In fact, every ordinary day's service is many times more expensive than the service performed by railroads all over the country. And yet there has been a tremendous hue and cry against freight and passenger rates. It is unjust and surely ill-considered it seems to me, when one stops to think of it."

CONCRETE ROADS.

The western exposition of the concrete industry which has been in session in Chicago has naturally directed considerable attention to the new system of concrete tracks for main country highways. The concrete roadbed

is not strictly new, but it has not been put to service on a large scale till now; Wayne county and the big city of Detroit being the first to put it into force in a serious way. While the concrete roadbed is not new the revolution in conditions in the country which attend it is new; especially the fact that, once given a taste of it, the farming neighborhoods not only will not do without it but they do not feel like waiting for it. At the pace at which these roads are going under construction Wayne, which is a large county, will have several hundred miles of them.

The points which are given prominence at the exposition are that the initial outlay is not great, compared with the economic effects of the new highway; that the repairs are scarcely nominal, and that the new road is dustless. All of these considerations carry weight with the general public. It would take but little change in the system hereaway to permit the inauguration of such roads on a trial scale in many counties of Illinois. The conditions to be met here are somewhat different from those prevailing within 30 miles of the Detroit river, so that the Illinois experience will have to work out its own methods and its special requirements, but there is no inherent reason why there should be delay in getting the start. In this part of the state we make the "Portland" cement on Rock river, and have all the other materials on the ground. Few sections of the country are more favored.

THAT REMINDS US

There are a good many uses for the pulmotor, but when one has to be used on a fellow because he saw his girl with another fellow its getting foolish.

That this is not all bad: "This dog of mine is some dog. He has a wonderful pedigree," said a Dwight girl. "I suppose you trace him away back to the dog which they took into the Ark." "Oh, this dog has a bark of his own."

That the political spell binders get caught once in a while. Recently after one pounded the table and yelled "I am willing to trust the people," a man yelled out "Gee, start a grocery store."

That someone justly remarks: "The poor may be often tired but they never have tire troubles."

That a little boy in school wrote that "wind was air when it got in a hurry."

Blame The Mayor.

If your hens refuse to lay,
Blame the Mayor!
If you fail to draw your pay,
Blame the Mayor!
If your false teeth break in two
And your food you cannot chew,
Blame the Mayor!

If your street is never paved
Blame the Mayor!
If your soul is never saved
Blame the Mayor!
If your collar's torn and split
And up your shirt there is a slit,
Blame the Mayor!

If the water man runs dry,
Blame the Mayor!
If some one blacks your eye,
Blame the Mayor!
If your sewer is not laid
And your taxes are not paid,
Blame the Mayor!

If the weeds grow on your lawn,
Blame the Mayor!
If your summer's cash is gone
Blame the Mayor!
If you have no overcoat
And old winter's got your goat,
Blame the Mayor!

If no coal is in your box,
Blame the Mayor!
If your kids catch chicken pox,
Blame the Mayor!
If your Jersey cow dries up
And you lose your pointer pup,
Blame the Mayor!

If your taxes are too big,
Blame the Mayor!
If your neighbor keeps a pig,
Blame the Mayor!
If the street lamps do not light,
If your crossing is a sight,
Blame the Mayor!

If the trains too fast do speed,
Blame the Mayor!
If the ordinance they exceed,
Blame the Mayor!
If the engineers are fined,
And the trains are all behind,
Blame the Mayor!

If you're sore at all mankind,
Blame the Mayor!
If your pants are patched behind,
Blame the Mayor!
If he doesn't trade with you
Roast him 'til he's black and blue,
Give him thunder, that's his due,
Blame the Mayor!
—Ottawa (Ill.) Free Trader.

Broad Definition.

"Father," asked little Andy, "what's a leading woman?" "Any woman," replied father, "who is married."—Judge.



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