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MANY EYE DEFECTS IN CHILDREN
The United States public health service has reently
announced that forty five per cent of two thousand
 They were not selected from a group and, therefore
the results may well be considered as representin Try. The surgeon general emphasizes the importance of making visual tests of schoon chidren at least wive al
year because nearsightednes may progres rapidy
within a year. The nearsighted may practically al
These studies show that while sixty per cent of the children may read normally on the vision test thart
thisty two per cent of these are definitely farsighted This was hown by using drops" in the eves which.
temporily removed the power of optical adiustment. temporarily removed the power of optical adjustment
The fact that the eyes of children thould duanso be
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 signs on the highways and byways of this section
routing people by Hagerman, but so far nothing has
been done We do not wish to criticize this com been done. We do not wish to criticize this com
nittee, as they have done well, or possibly better than
we would have we would have done; but it does seem that signs
should be put up before the fall tourist traffic ceases. The guy that made the wise crack about the fel
low who made a beter mousetrap even though he
made his home in the midst of a forest, the world mould nake a beaten path to his door," may have
woen correct in his day and generation, but today the
been man, must advertise. And were he hesilive today he
mould have signs along the principal highways point. Ning to his
were made.
After people have gotten used to traveling the
onger routes to the oiffield it will be hard to get them


CONFIDENCE IN THE TOWI
More towns die for the want of confidence on the part any other cavee. When a man in search of a home o
business location goes into a town and finds every thing brim full of hope and enthusiasm of the prospecas
of the place, and all earnestly at work to bild it up a result he drives down stakes and goes to ork with
the same interests. When, however, he goes to a town everyone expresses doubt and apprehension for the tul
ure prosperity of the place, moping about ing in mournful complaints, he naturally feels that it his ne place while he pulls and out at once shakes the dust of oussible speed for
his
some other place. Therefore try and make some eother place. Therefore try and make a live, en.
terprising town out of the town in which you live.
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is killed in Illinois. A man is accosted for a ride
near Gallup. After giving not only a ride but meals
as well, he is beaten to death in the most inhuman
manner possible near the Big Cut north of Algodones manner possible near the Big Cut north of Algodones.
Two boys on U. S. highway 80 gave a ride to three bums on a winter's night. They are found at two in
the morning, coatless and hatless, their car and money gone, influenza starting to attack both of them from
exposure. Their only crime was sympathy.
The Clovis News states saccintiy that "Although
'hitch hiking" was at first an innocent thriller for ad. 'hitch hiking" was at first an innocent thriller for ad
venterous youth, today it has become what is classed
not only as a national nuisance but also as a custom not only as a national nuisance but also as a custom
that entails unusual personal risk. The risk is that the
army of migrating sons of rest," to say nothing of army of migrating sons of rest," to say nothing of
numberless underworld gentry are taking full advan-
tage of this free and accessable form of transportation and at the same time, as newspaper accounst indicate,
are extending their criminal activities to the are extending their criminal activities to the person
and property of the person who stops to pick them
up." The first law of nature is self-preservation. This The first law of nature is self-preservation. This
is not to be confused with selfishness. The best way
to make our highways, safe from criminal addicts to to make our highways, safe from criminal addicts to
"mooching" and repayment by violence is for every
motorist in the state to refuse to all and sundry. New
Mexico Mexico will then get the name of a "hard state on a
bummin' gent" with a result that such persons will take other routes until a time when all America joins in.
"They Shall Not Pass" should be met by the motorist
with "I shall not be killed for my kindness." THE COTTON FARMER
The cotton farmer, it appears has been left out of
the prosperity program of the republican party. At
least he does not sem to be riding prosperity's crest
judging from the general downward trend of the cotton judging fremn the general downward trend of the cotton
market during the past week, following the forcast of
September 8ih. There is a peculiar situation existing with reference to the market as this is written. Ac.
cording to a report of September 3th, the production is
less than 150,000 bales more than at the corresponding less than 150,000 bales more than at the corresponding
period of last year, while the carry over is approximately a million and a half less and yet with this con-
dition cotton was bringing around 24 to 25 cents per
pound a year ago today. There is a bull in the woods somewhere and it looks to us as if some of the big
sors, who have been enjoving some of the republican boys, who have been enjoying some of the republican
prosperity as well as the high tariff, are manipulating
the market. The cotton farmer must sell his product on the
world market, without protection afforded by tariff,
yet the products he uses including his farming im. plements, most of which can be bought in a foreign
country cheaper than at home, is fully protected from loss. An unfortunate circumstance, but one which is
destined to receive increasing attention in the next few
years and oone which both political parties must give
some attention, if they expect the vote of the cotton

 ment. Such a regulation will of course materially
affect the entire cotton industry and will involve some
plan to control the acreage, a difficult task, but one plan to control the acreage, a difficult task,
that can be accomplished in the course of time.
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teren that it boosts. Fault-finding doesn't, it merely strips
one of all inspiration to help his fellows by accent one of all inspiration to help his fellows by accentuating
the existence of every possible depressing fact.
When Christian in Pilgrims glimpse the wicket-gate, Evangeligt asked, him if he
could see a distant light. "I think I can," said Chris
tuan. And eventually, in that though, tian. And eventually, in that thought, he arrived
the gate. Keeping one's eye on the light is far mor
likely to get one forward than studying scientificall likely to get one forward than studying scientifically
the mud in the Slough of Despond.-The Rotarian.
WATCH OUT FOR PRAIRIE FIRES

You have heard of the slogan, "Watch out for
est fires," here is however, another hazard to the lookout for during the next few months, prairie
fire. For the first time in a number of years, the lo.
cal range contains an abundance of grass and weeds,
which will soon pass through the period of Which will soon pass through the period of maturity
After this period, the danger of fire will be the great nen and sheepmen just at the critical period.
Be careful where cigarette if you do no wish the vegetation of the en-
tire countryside destroyed.
 han three times as many accidents as those over fifty
in proportion to the number licensed, according to ust published by Yale University in connection with
just hee state moor vehicle department. The accident
rate steadily decreases as the age of the driver in-
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Add seasoning and peas. Heat in
double boiler until the peas are thor-

## orange pinwheels



1 cup flour baking-pwder
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2 tablespoons butter
$1-3$ cup nilk 2 tablespoons sugar
$1 / 2$ tablespoon orange juic Grated orange rind
Mix and sift flour, baking-powder
nd salt, rub in one the and salt, rub in one tablespoon but-
ter, or other shortening, and moisten
to a dough with milk. Roll thin; spread with remaining butter, sprin-
kle with sugar mixed with orange jelly-roll. Cut in slices, and place,
cut side up in buttered muffin-pans. Sprinkle with remaining sugar, and
bake in a hot oven. When small and
dainty these are good for afternoon V. A. MOORE TO
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fitted with powerful machinery at dan－
ger points．When it is completed，ex－ perts sas，
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| Inspector－That new man will nev <br> er make a detective． <br> Chef－How is that？ <br> Inspector－There was a 50 －pound box of soap stolen from a ralliroad car，and the fool arrested a tramp．－ New York Central Magazine． <br> England Short of Parsone <br> The Church of England has a short age of 12,000 clergymen at the present time，and many parishes up to 12000 people are without a curate to help the vicar or rector． <br> A Poor Job <br> Wife－1 think you＇re the meanest man allve． <br> Husband－That＇s hard on yourselt According to your mother，you have been the making of me． <br> Obsolete |
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