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Weeds on Vacant Lots
What undoubtedly constitutes a
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making an honest effort to keep their
farms clean is the crop of weeds
found growing on vacant lots and
roadsides in and around our towns
and cities. These vacant lots are
often nothing more nor less than
nurseries and breeding places for all
kinds of weeds. This is especially
true of towns where large areas ad-
joining have been subject to wildcat
subdivisioning and have had road-
ways ploughed, forming lodging
places for weeds, which are allowed
to grow unmolested. These produce
countless numbers of seeds, to be
blown and scattered by the winds
over the farms. So far, bulletins,
articles and advice pertaining to weed
control have been directed at the
farmer. A glance at the conditions

found in most of our cities and towns
will prove convincing that the farmer
is not entirely to blame in the matter
of weed seed production and distribu-
tion.
In the West the weed inspectors
are being trained and instructed
along lines that will enable them to
assist the farmers in weed control,
while at the same time provision by
law is made to prevent any farmer
from allowing his farm to become a
breeding place for weeds and a
menace to his neighbours. In most
towns there are by-laws covering the
weed problem but too often they are
not enforced. Those living in towns
and cities should co-operate and do
their bit in the war against weeds.
This is an important matter, and
should receive strict attention by
every town council. Action should
be taken at once and not deferred
until the weeds ripen and scatter
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FINDING THE RANGE AT SEA.

How Warships Bring Their Guns to Bear Upon the Enemy.
One of the most important instru-
ments used on a warship is the range
finder, for without this instrument it
is practically impossible to aim the
guns accurately without first incurring
a serious delay in getting the range
by trial shots.
Range finders all work on much the
same principle, images of the ship or
other object sighted on being received
through the two object glasses, one
located near each end and on the side
of the tube, being reflected and refract-
ed by a system of mirrors and prisms
so that both are brought to the eye of
the observer, who looks through the
eyepiece located at the middle of the
tube and on the opposite from the ob-
ject glasses.
The right hand object glass transmits
only the upper half of the object sight-
ed on and the left hand object glass
the lower half. When sighting on a
ship, for example, the rigging and fun-
nels will appear to be offset horizon-
tally from the lower part of the ship,
so long as the instrument is not set
for the correct range. The images are
then brought together by a thumb
screw that moves one of the prisms,
and this sets a scale that shows the
distance in yards to the ship.—Pear-
son's Weekly.

HE WAS "A LITTLE QUEER."

His Eccentricity in the End Proved His Own Undoing.
Rev. Mr. Hagamore, to whose mem-
ory is a slab in the church at Cats-
hoge, Leicestershire, England, was "a
little queer." It seems that the re-
verend gentleman died in January, 1886,
leaving all of his property, valued at
\$3,500, to a railroad porter.
This queer old preacher kept one
servant of each sex, whom he locked
up every night. His last employment
of an evening was to go the rounds of
his premises, let loose the dogs and
fire off his gun.
He lost his life in a curious manner.
Starting out early one morning to let
out his servants, the dogs fawned upon
him and threw him into a pond of wa-
ter. The servants heard his cries, but,
being locked up, could not render as-
sistance, so the old man was drowned.
When the inventory of his property
was taken, he was found to be the
owner of 80 gowns, 100 pairs of trou-
sers, 100 pairs of boots, 400 pairs of
shoes, 80 wigs (although he had plenty
of natural hair), 50 dogs, 96 wagons
and carts, 80 wheelbarrows, 249 razors,
80 plows, 50 saddles and 222 pickaxes
and shovels. He surely was "a little
queer."—London Standard.

Merely Point of View.
It was about 3 o'clock, and the fa-
ding light in the art gallery of the Pub-
lic library was beginning to bother the
painter woman who faced the sunset
canvas with lumpy palette impaled on
one thumb and paint brush held hesi-
tatingly in the other hand, while she
scrutinized again the intricate blend-
ing of sunset colors and backed away a
few steps farther to squint at the
perspective of the old whaler she was
copying as it lurched in painted waves.
Details of color blending, of light and
shade, of form after the fashion of a
painter's sensitive appreciation, un-
doubtedly filled her mind.
Then came thumping along the pol-
ished floor two other women. They
stood for a moment in silence in front
of the sunset picture. One of them
raised a thick, beringed hand and rub-
bed the canvas with a slow, feeling
rub.
"Ain't it grand, Nellie?" she said.
"An' all hand painted too."—New York
Post.

An Old Larch Tree.
Italy can boast of a larch tree the
age of which is estimated to be 2,000
years. It is situated on the northern
flank of Mont Cenis in the direction
of the huts of Pian Veni, above Cour-
mayeur, a few steps from the footpath
that skirts the limits of the meadow
land. Due allowance being made for
the extreme slowness with which the
larch grows, for the altitude above sea
level (1,650 meters) at which it is root-
ed and for its northerly exposure in the
near neighborhood of the glacier,
where the cycle of its development is
barely five months every year, this
venerable larch, untouched alike by
woodman's ax and thunderbolt, cannot
be less than 2,000 years old.—Scots-
man.

Wagner to the Musicians.
Wagner's little admonition to the mu-
sicians was most characteristic and
worthy to be noted by many an orches-
tra of this day. "Gentlemen," he said,
"I beg of you not to take my fortissi-
mo too seriously. Where you see 'ff'
make an 'fp' of it, and for piano play
pianissimo. Remember how many of
you there are down there against the
one poor single human throat up here
alone on the stage."—Neumann's "Per-
sonal Recollections."

Great Match Users.
More matches are used in Great
Britain than in any other country in
the world.

Unnecessary.
"Did you tell Binks I was a fool?"
"No; I thought he knew it."—Har-
vard Lampoon.

Taking No Chances.
"How is it you never married?"
"I don't care for women's society.
Besides, married life would disturb my
literary labors."
"What do you write?"
"Love stories."—Stray Stories.

No Sympathy.
"Sir, your daughter has promised to
become my wife."
"Well, don't come to me for sympa-
thy. You might know something would
happen to you hanging around here
five nights a week."—Houston Post.

Roughing It.
"Algy—Did you enjoy yourself rough-
ing it on your trip, old top? Lionel—
No, blowed luck. First the chef took
sick, then some one stole our safety
razors, and, to cap it all, the piano
broke down."—Clubfellow.

Hungarian Gypsies.
Some 200,000 gypsies wander about
Hungary and are regarded a dangerous
community. So notorious are their
thieving propensities that they are not
allowed inside the towns, while the vil-
lages tolerate them for only two days.

Very Feminine Indeed.
De Crop—Gwendolyn is an intensely
feminine girl. Miss Ryder—More so
than the rest of us? De Crop—Well,
she asked a blacksmith the other day
if her horse couldn't wear shoes a
size smaller.—Kansas City Star.

Respect the Weather.
There's something good in all weath-
ers. If it doesn't happen to be good
for my work today it's good for some
other man's work today and will come
round to me tomorrow.—Charles Dick-
ens.

The Critics.
"Our new neighbors seem pretty
weak in th' use o' grammar, don't you
think?"
"Yes, I seen they was 's soon's they
beggined to talk."—Cleveland Plain
Dealer.

KNOWLEDGE.
Skill to do comes of doing; knowl-
edge comes by eyes always open
and working hands, and there is no
knowledge that is not power.—
Emerson.

Mean Brute.
"It is strange that there are no wo-
men on the bench of the United States
supreme court," remarked Mrs. Gabb
as she looked up from her paper.
"It is strange," agreed Mr. Gabb.
"That court always has the last word."
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Great Gift.
"They say she is splendid in amateur
theatricals."
"She's a wonder. She can make the
most painful tragedy a source of gen-
uine amusement."—Life.

**Bees that have honey in their mouths
have stings in their tails.—Scottish
Proverb.**

An Exception.
"I believe in the motto 'Never put
off till tomorrow what you can do to-
day.'"
"Pay me that \$5 then."
"The rule doesn't apply; that's some-
thing I can't do today."—Boston Tran-
script.

A Philosopher.
"Takes things as they come, eh?"
"Yes. And when they don't come he
takes a rest."—Birmingham Age-Her-
ald.

**The beautiful seems right by force
of beauty.—E. B. Browning.**

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