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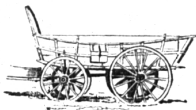
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OLD "VIRGINIA TRAILER."

Odd Looking Vehicle Once Popular Type of Land Craft.

Kansas City, Mo.—George W. McCann of Jacksonville, Mo., is the owner of a queer looking land craft. In the days of its making (1831) it was known as a "Virginia Trailer." It was built for the trail to the west, and represents to this day the amount of labor that is put upon the very strongest and best wagons of today. The tires around the rear wheels are five feet six inches in diameter, and are made of hinged iron. After thousands of miles of travel the tires are (one-fourth of an inch thick, two inches high and the four weigh over 100 pounds).
The wagon was constructed in Lincoln county, Kentucky by William McCann, for the purpose of removing his family of six children and his



Wagon Known as "Virginia Trailer."

household goods to Missouri. Two blacksmiths hammered out iron bars for all the braces, rings, straps and hub bands. The picture shows the feed box on the tongue, where it was placed when the oxen were feeding. While on the journey the feed box was bolted to the rear end. There were two "booms" across which canvas was fastened to protect the family.

To draw this ponderous vehicle from Kentucky to Missouri Mr. McCann used two yoke of oxen and a span of six tons of freight.

Arriving in Missouri, Mr. McCann took up 600 acres of land at the government valuation of \$1.25 per acre. Much of this land is yet in the hands of his descendants, Jacksonville, for the most part, is built upon the original trail.

Mr. McCann, the maker of the wagon, was a veteran of the war of 1812. It has been estimated that were a modern wagon factory given the contract to duplicate the "Virginia Trailer," using only hammered iron, and making mortises instead of holes, it would cost nearly \$1,000. The ancient vehicle was constructed with thoughtful care for every emergency. The hubs for the rear wheels are nearly as large as beer kegs, being 20 inches in length and ten inches in diameter. The bed is 18 feet from end to end.

The "Virginia Trailer" was modeled somewhat after the iron wagons used in the last war with Great Britain. Every piece of wood about it is thick and nearly as hard as iron. The ball from no Indian rifle could penetrate it, and a ring of such wagons, defended by American pioneers, would form an impregnable fortification against their copper-colored enemies. A model of the early day army wagon was made in Virginia for long distance travel to the west and elsewhere, and from this comes the name.

Formerly when a man wished to marry in France it cost him not less than \$10 for the 19 separate certificates which he was compelled to secure before the ceremony could be performed. The Abbe Lemaitre concluded that this expense and the trouble incident to securing the certificates prevented many marriages, and succeeded in persuading parliament to change the law and simplify the marrying process. Since the new law went into effect, about a year ago, there have been nearly 9,000 more marriages than in any similar period since 1872.

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The climate is healthful, the air is dry and invigorating, and the percentage of sunny days is high. Outdoor work can be done almost every day in the year. Rainfall is amply sufficient to raise the crops. Regular mail service has been established, the roads are good, rural telephone lines traverse the country, and automobiles are in common use. The deeded land in this district sells for from \$10 to \$15 per acre. There are many instances this year where the crop equalled in value the cost of the land.

In Butte County, South Dakota, there is considerable government land open for homestead entry. Government land offices are maintained at Lemmon, Hettinger and Bowman, where filings and final proofs may be made. All of these towns are on the new line of the

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway

In Montana, the new railroad traverses good farming land. It has been demonstrated that big crops of grain may be raised. Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers, the water is used for irrigation, and phenomenal yields of alfalfa, sugar beets, and grain, are always certain. In the Judith Basin near Lewistown, Montana, is one of the most remarkable sections to be found on the new line. Under natural rainfall, the famous bench lands produced this year an average of 35 bushels of hard wheat to the acre, and the price was 94 cents per bushel. The basin contains about 1500 square miles and is sparsely settled. Some government land still remains open for settlement. A government land stock country in the world, and good ranches can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. has established an immigration department for the purpose of assisting in the settlement and development of the new lands now being opened. Pamphlets descriptive of its resources will be forwarded free on request.

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on this subject. The eyebrows of the scapies are often formed in this way—a fact which they turn to good account, for in many parts it is believed that the owner of meeting eyebrows is also the possessor of what is called the evil eye, and, therefore, a person whose good will must at all costs be retained. The gypsies, especially in Germany and Austria, use this belief to extract money from the credulous peasants.

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