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Indu't Get the Money After A stood in the Grand Central stor rs on his hald head looked like yn a hard boiled egg. Every aqua of his short fat person was begrinnen Spose I look like a Digger Indiau

just dug," he remarked, putting his head into the window at the bureau of information, and letting his imitation leather value drop on the floor with a thud. "Oh, well a little jagged, perhaps," re-

sponded the clerk politely.

"No jag around me," said the dirty tourist indiguantly. "I only got in tenminates ago."

"Yes. Haven't washed sence we left Council Bluffs. Would you believe it "Ob, yes."

"We had a gay time, I tell yer,"
"How's that?" inquired the clerk.
"Well, you see, a feller from South

Dakota opened the winder just in front of me a while after we had started and the cinders come in like it was a hail storm. I didn't want to 'pear disobligm so I stood it fer three hours, and then i leaned over to the South Dakota feller, and says I, 'Little dusty, ain't it?' 'Meb be,' says he. 'Would you mind shuttin down that winder fer a spell? says I, as perlite as you please. 'I find it very anuoyin.' 'I would mind,' says he, 'and if I can stand it, I'll bet you can,' 'Well if it's a bet, you say,' says I, 'I'm in it. I don't let no South Dakota feller bluff me. I'll bet you fifty dollars, even money, you'll weaken on that open win der before I do.'

"He looked surprised, but he says, 'I'z

"We put up the money with the cod ductor, and he snuggled up to his winder and I behind, takin the dust sorter second hand. At the end of the first twentyfour hours we wasn't purty fer a cent and I see'd the other feller was squirmin a good deal. So when the train stopped fer dinner I sneaked out to the engineer and gave him my last ten dollar bill, and says I winkin, 'When you start up the engine it'll be a pertickler favor to me if you won't screen back them cinders let 'em flicker for two or three hours just buzz out every cinder you've got."

"'My coal,' says he, a winkin back, 'is terrible soft and muddy today." Well, sir, the next three hours was awful. I never seed such smoke and

coal dust anywhere. The way that en gine snorted and blowed and them cin ders rattled and pattered most scared the passengers off the train. It actually seemed as though the screen businehad busted clean out of the smokestack and let the coal blow through in chunks. The dirt was so thick on my face you could have wrote my name fu it, but that feller from South Dakota he caught them cinders right in the neck. He was almost buried. There was cinders in his hair, cinders in his mustache; they worked down inside his collar; into his vest pockets. And when he started to brace up on a chew blamed if he didn't bite more cinders than tobacker. About then it came up to rain, and for an hom that feller from South Dakota locked like he was dredged up from a mud pond. When the rain stopped and ne was wipin down the mud, along come a red hot cinder as big as a pea and lit on his beard. The brakeman helped him put ont the fire, but just then the train stopped and that feller riz up and says he, 'I weaken, take the cash,' and he walked right off the train. Then all the engers congratulated me. They

said I was dirty, but game." "So you got the money?' inquired the clerk with some interest.

"Well that's the trouble," rejoined the dirty traveler. "While I was fixin the engineer blamed if that onery cuss wasn't goin me one better and fixin the conductor, and they froze to the cash and skipped together. The trouble with me is," added the grimy traveler, gazing out pensively at the Forty-second street backmen, "that I'm too honorable and confidin, always been so. Say," he added ' in a whisper, poking his dirty head in f the window, "gimme a quarter fer a wash, will yer?"-New York Tribune.

Caught.

At a certain station large quantities of plums and apples were being reported as missing almost daily in the large hampers and baskets that were sent to London. Circumstances pointed to the probability of the pilfering taking place at the sending station. The agent his opon a novel plan for detecting the thief. He had a lad porter placed in one of these hampers returning empty, which was large enough to hold him, covered the top with canvas and labeled it "Plums-Perishable," with the address

Toward midnight the lad got cramped and feit anxions to get out, but he stuck manfully to his post. By and by one of the night shunters came into the shed to examine the wagons labeled for the next train. He groped about the packages, and cut a hole in the canvas of the hamper where the lad was concealed and felt for the plums.

He was terrified, however, to find his hand firmly gripped, and almost fainted with fright when the porter revealed himself and recognised him, with a large basket full of fruit by his side. The shunter was in a couple of days dismissed and the porter received promo-tion.-London Tit-Bits.

Fine Question,

The Germans are a very philosophical and somewhat argumentative race. Two workmen in the great Krupp cannon manufactory were overheard discussing an important question.

"In your opinion, Johann," said one, "which is the more important part of a cannon-the hole or the steel?" "The hole of course, Heinrich," said

the other. "Because what use in the world would a cannon be without any hole in it? "You are wrong, Johann. It's the steel

that's more important; for how many men could you kill with a hole with nothing around it?"-Youth's Companion. | day, ma'am. - Detroit Free Press.

armid Agationa ! baron, or stick for w is used nowadays by the every large orchestra, have been the interesting fact that the firs it tor's baton was a formidable star about sche, seurageia, sleeplessen six feet long, which the old tin French musician, Lolly by name, who invented it, may have used as much to other whom which there is no remedy which there is no remedy the time. In the very oldes forchestres, at a Chinese concentration of the present of the pre as in Chinese orchestras of the present day, there was no conjector in the modern sense. Every performer played as well as he could, and the man who played upon the loudesylastrument—the kettle drum, for instance-marked the time for the rest.

When music beesme more systematic and refined, the crief command of the orchestra was given to the member who was regarded at the most accomplished and skillful. He assigned the other members their parts, drilled them at re-hearsals and supervised the final per-

formance. To produce a good effect it was necessary of course that the mosicians should play in time, and the chief of the orchestra, who himself played one in strument, was accustomed to mark the beat by stamping on the floor with one foot. For this reason the conductor of an orchestra was at that period called the pedarius.

Afterward it became customary for him to give the time by clapping the fingers of his right hand against the hollow of his left. The beater of time after this fashion was called the manuductor.

Meantime experiments were made in marking the time by striking together shells and bones. The bones were soon given up as instruments to be used by the conductor of an orchestra; but they survived as an independent instrument Boys and negro minstrels "play on the bones" with great gusto to this day.

In the early part of the Seventeenth century the musician already alluded to, Lully by name, arose. He found all these instruments of leadership ineffective, and in order to reduce his performers to complete subjection, he procured a stout staff six feet long, with which he pounded vigorously on the floor to mark

One day, becoming particularly impatient, and pounding with especial vigor, Lully struck his foot instead of the floor with his baton. The wound gangrened, and Lully died from its effects in 1687.

The baton continued in use throughout the Seventeenth and Eighteenth centuries, but though it gradually decreased in size, there is no evidence that conductors marked the time in any other way than by pounding upon their music stands or some other hard object.

All this pounding must have had an unpleasant effect upon the music, and critics and musicians began to ridicule the practice. In course of time, therefore, we find musical conductors no longer thumping upon the floor or their music stands, but beating the time entirely in the air. It seems to have taken players a very long time to learn that they could get the time as easily by means of the eye as by means of the ear.

—Youth's Companion.

Not Wholly Complimentary.

A certain Mrs. Malaprop, who lives in a large eastern city, is noted for her skill in unconsciously embarrassing other people, while she herself remains per-fectly at ease. Notlong ago she was introduced to two sisters, young ladies who had long been known to her by name, though she had never met them. "Now, my dears," she said, addressing

them collectively, with her usual bland smile, and regarding them earnestly through her glasses, "I have often heard of the bright and the handsome Miss Ratcliffe. Now I am so glad to meet you both, and I want you to tell me at once which of you is the bright and which the handsome one."

On another occasion she was dining with her nephew and his young wife, who had just set up housekeeping. The dinner did not go off quite so smoothly as the young couple had hoped, and the youth and inexperience.

"Don't say another word, my dear children," interrupted their kind hearted guest. "I can assure you I've eaten a great deal worse dinners than this in the course of my life; a great deal worse. Yes," she added meditatively, "I've eaten some pretty bad dinners, you may be sure!"—Youth's Companion.

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