

WERE USED TO OATHS

American's Laudable Desire to Stop Use of Profanity Comes to Naught.

"Ten years ago when I was the manager of a sugar mill in Cuba," said a merry traveler, who is stopping at one of the city hotels, "I found that every teamster on the plantation was in the habit of swearing at his mules with a liberality to make a Yankee's hair stand on end. In place of a whip the men used oaths, and if a team got stuck they were jumped on with a string of oaths a rod long. I didn't like it, and one Monday morning I gave orders that there was to be no more swearing. We were cutting and hauling cane, and things dragged along in a way to vex me. I held on to my temper until after mid-afternoon, and then discovered that our four teams were stuck down in the field and there was no cane for the grinder. Jumping on my pony, I rode down to the first teamster, who was smoking and taking things easy, and yelled out to know why he didn't come along.

"Senior, the mules are stuck," he calmly replied.

"Then put on the whip and make 'em pull out," I said.

"I have put on the whip, senior, and it was no use."

"I took the whip and lines from his hands and encouraged the team, but they wouldn't pull ten pounds. I took them by the bits, but they only sagged back. I called all the drivers to give

the wheels a lift, but the mules never moved a foot.

"There is some trick about this, and I'll discharge all of you to-night," I shouted at the drivers as I raged about the wagon.

"If the senior will but let me prove to him," answered one of the men.

"Prove what, you rascal!"

"That I must damn the eyes, noses, hearts, teeth and legs of these mules; that I must abuse their fathers and mothers; that I must call them a thousand bad names and hurl a thousand oaths at them or they will not do their best."

"Then go ahead."

"The fellow jumped up and lifted the lines, drew a long breath and for three long minutes he used every curse-word known to the Spanish tongue. He was tapering off for want of wind, but still at it, when the mules shivered and shook themselves, then pulled the wheels clear, and set off at a trot, and as I reached the mill after them the driver leered at me and said:

"Senior, you see how it is. You can grind the cane in the American language, but you've got to drive the mule in the Spanish or there will be no sugar."—Detroit Free Press.

It is hard to be healed when we hide our wounds.

POWER OF THE SUN

Mighty Orb May Be Harnessed and Made to Do Man's Bidding.

There have been many attempts to harness old Sol, to make him work at man's bidding so that his rays, trapped and put to new uses, shall take the place of coal or wood as a producer of motive power. Clever minds in all ages have been at work to devise the necessary trap. Several more or less practical machines have resulted, but none so perfect, so full of promise as the great sun motor now engaged in storing up the sun's heat at the well-known Pasadena (strict farm in California).

By the sun's heat water is boiled, the steam working a powerful engine, capable of pumping some 1,400 gallons of water in a minute.

From a distance the California sun motor looks like a huge open umbrella inverted and with a piece sawn off its top. It is balanced so on a high steel framework and is set at such an angle that it will catch the sunbeams on its 1,788 mirrors. Each of these mirrors measures two feet in length and three inches across and reflects the sunshine on to a long cylinder corresponding to the handle of the umbrella, which holds about

100 gallons of water. The boiler is made of steel, covered with a heat absorbing material.

The hot, persistent California sun that shines almost every day of the year when reflected from the mirrors on the boiler, causes such heat that it is possible to obtain 150 pounds of steam pressure in one hour from cold water. When the machine is made ready for work—a task for a boy, who has merely to turn a crank until an indicator shows that the sun is truly focused on the mirrors—it will move around so that its face is kept turned to the sun all day without further manipulation under the force of an automatic engine. The boiler is automatically supplied with water, a safety valve releasing the steam if the pressure should become too great.

All day, every day, from an hour after sunrise to a half hour before sundown, this tireless heat concentrator keeps its shining face turned to the sun, storing up an energy which may be put to almost any use. It works under the powerful California sun as well in winter as in summer.—Pearson's Magazine.

TREED BY A BUCK

Would-Be Good Samaritan in Serious Danger from the Savage Animal.

Olen Bowles of Costello, Pa., will never stop again to be Good Samaritan to a deer in trouble.

Passing along an old woods road he saw a fawn lying in a clump of bushes. As the fawn did not move he walked up to it and found that it was bleeding from an injury in its shoulder.

When he thought the buck had gone away Bowles slipped down out of the tree and started to put behind him the three miles that lay between that spot and home as quickly as his legs would let him. He hadn't gone fifty yards, though, before the buck was after him. Dodging from tree to tree Bowles made his way along until a man answered his cries for help. There the buck abandoned the chase.

The settler who went to Bowles' rescue said the buck was a terror to that neighborhood and known to the hunters as Old Golden.

of range of the buck just in time to escape a savage lunge from his horns.

The doe took the fawn away into the wood. The buck, however, stayed right at the foot of the tree and pranced and snorted around it at every move Bowles made, keeping him there until long after dark.

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STORY OF A LUNCHEON.

Amusing Account of the Way Elizabeth Jordan Was Outwitted.

The following story is told about Miss Elizabeth G. Jordan, whose new book, "Tales of Destiny," has just been published by the Harpers. When Miss Jordan was working on the staff of one of the chief newspapers in New York she had an assistant whom we will call Miss Q. One day Miss Q ordered a modest luncheon brought to her desk, when Miss Jordan observed it temptingly displayed during Miss Q's absence from the room. Miss Q failing to return, Miss Jordan raised a cover of one of the dishes, which proved very attractive to a hungry woman whose absorption in work had caused her to forget her own luncheon. The tasting of one dish led to the eating of it. Still Miss Q did not arrive. Miss Jordan seated herself and throwing care to the winds, ate the entire luncheon, carefully replaced the covers, and returned to her desk. Presently Miss Q arrived and sat down with an air of pleasant satisfaction. Removing the covers one by one she discovered her loss, and without remark left the room. It was not long before a waiter appeared at Miss Q's desk bearing a tray loaded down with all the delicacies of the season, including quail on toast. To this sumptuous repast Miss Q now sat down. Meanwhile the waiter had approached

Miss Jordan and presented her bill. She looked at the amount. It was \$4.50.

"This was to be charged to you, m'm said the waiter.

"Certainly," said Miss Jordan, continuing her work without the slightest change of countenance.

Gave His Panama Away.

"I feel like hiring some one to kick me," said Jim Foraker the other day, "when I look in the windows of the hat stores and see the prices of Panama hats, and think what I did with mine. You see, a couple of years ago, just after the Spanish-American war, a friend of the senator sent up a pair of beautiful Panamas, and the senator gave me one. Well, it was rather big and broad, and the only time I wore it was to go fishing. Then I got tired of the thing lying around the house and gave it to the janitor of the building I live in on Walnut Hills. Now that gentleman is walking around in about the best Panamas in the city, and if I want one I will have to put up for it. The next time any one sends me a curious looking hat I'll keep it until it comes into style."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Statement of Taxes Paid by the Various Railroads Owned by the C. B. & Q. System in Nebraska for the Year 1901.

RAILROAD.	TAXES PAID.	MILES.	TAXES PAID PER MILE.
B. & M. in Nebraska.....	\$ 90,363.70	191.61	\$471.44
Atchison & Nebraska in Nebraska.....	20,952.71	108.04	193.93
Chicago, Nebraska & Kansas in Nebraska.....	733.32	5.28	138.88
Grand Island & Wyoming Central in Nebraska.....	42,723.47	352.44	121.23
Lincoln & Black Hills in Nebraska.....	25,243.23	176.61	142.93
Lincoln & Northwestern in Nebraska.....	11,961.62	73.49	162.76
Nebraska & Colorado in Nebraska.....	61,085.63	430.71	141.82
Nebraska Railway in Nebraska.....	29,240.61	130.74	213.84
Omaha & North Platte in Nebraska.....	20,335.98	80.59	252.34
Omaha & Southwestern in Nebraska.....	17,538.54	50.83	344.70
Oxford & Kansas in Nebraska.....	8,731.76	59.61	146.49
Republican Valley in Nebraska.....	108,885.36	552.18	197.10
Republican Valley, Kansas & S. W. in Nebraska.....	1,304.74	8.50	154.68
Republican Valley & Wyoming in Nebraska.....	5,921.49	49.17	120.43
*Nebraska, Wyoming & Western in Nebraska.....	6,597.62	140.78	46.86
Total.....	\$451,619.78	2,416.63	\$186.89

*The Nebraska, Wyoming & Western in Nebraska was under construction in 1901. If the mileage and payment made for taxes on the Nebraska, Wyoming & Western railroad should be eliminated from this statement, the average taxes per mile paid by this system would be \$195.60.

In the operation of these railroads, there is a remarkable variation in the volume of business transacted. Some of them pay well, others show a material loss.

We give below a statement, showing the gross and net receipts and net revenue ultimately derived from the railroads in Nebraska which are owned or operated by the C. B. & Q. Railway Co.:

RAILROAD.	GROSS EARNINGS.	OPERATING EXPENSES.	NET EARNINGS.	NET LOSS.
B. & M.....	\$ 3,985,355.93	\$1,487,049.56	\$2,498,306.37	
A. & N.....	794,473.09	442,612.18	351,861.51	
C. N. & K.....	14,630.81	8,491.36	6,148.45	
N. & C.....	1,398,038.41	837,460.46	560,577.95	
Neb. Ry.....	751,848.68	496,744.61	255,104.07	
O. & S. W.....	393,330.23	294,013.37	99,316.86	
Oxford & Kan.....	121,362.50	59,948.17	70,414.33	
Rep. Valley.....	3,330,452.79	1,818,212.63	1,512,240.16	
N. W. & N.....	14,980.00	9,552.78	5,427.22	
Rep. V. K. & S. W.....	16,845.98	10,614.20	6,231.78	
O. & N. P.....	380,540.90	385,295.50		4,754.60
G. I. & W. C.....	1,068,872.48	1,357,550.31		288,683.23
L. & B. H.....	136,025.31	247,310.88		111,285.57
L. & N. W.....	121,254.16	149,660.23		28,406.07
R. V. & Wyo.....	39,458.64	32,904.12	6,554.62	
Total.....	\$12,567,488.51	\$7,628,426.26	\$5,372,192.32	\$433,130.07

Net Revenue.....\$4,939,062.25

The figures shown in the statement of net earnings do not include the item of taxes amounting to \$451,619.78, and our purpose in making this statement in this way is to have it agree with the form of statement given to the Inter-State Commerce Commission. It will be seen that these railroads pay on an average of \$2,040.00 per mile net revenue, while the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy system of railroads in that year paid \$2,348.27 per net mile in that, the most prosperous year in the history of that railroad.

In that year, the C. B. & Q. system received a net earning amounting to \$18,100,777.60, and 27 per cent of that net earning was derived from the business in Nebraska, and it is a little extraordinary to find that 27 per cent of the taxes paid by this system of roads was paid in Nebraska. On the basis of net earnings, when compared with the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota, it will be seen that Nebraska has received her full proportion when taken in comparison with these other states, through which the Burlington system runs, while the business furnished the railroad from the State of Nebraska was \$308.27 per mile less than the average furnished that system.

If we only wish for things ardently we'll find a hundred excuses for getting them.

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