#### Enterprising Grasshoppers

"Grasshoppers!" exclaimed an old engineer: "did I ever see any grasshop-pers? Should say I did. In 1874 I was running a locomotive on a passen-ger train out in Nebraska. One day we was comin' east, when we run into a swarm of 'hoppers. There wasn't a breath of air stirrin', and so they were all on the ground. There wasn't nothin' left standin' around there but the telegraph poles an' wires, an' the poles were beginnin' to wabble. The hop-pers were so mad when they tackled the wires an' found they couldn't eat 'em that they gnashed their teeth and the wires was a continual streak of fire. Of course the track was covered with hoppers a foot thick, an' there wasn't no use trying to go ahead. We shoved into 'em several times with the throttle wide open, but we couldn't get more than a train length. Pretty soon I run out of water, an' we had to pull the fire from the box. There we was, stuck, fifteen miles from the nearest station, with a foot o' grasshoppers on the track an' a cold engine. Encouragin', wasn't it? Why, we were afeard of our lives. If the 'hoppers had had to stay there twenty-four hours there wouldn't a-been anything left o' that train but the iron-work. Woodwork, upholsterin', pas-sengers—everything would have disap-peared. But in about an hour a gentle pool. There is not a long time. When the silver-mining interests of Ne-vada fall down below the dividend-paybreeze struck up, and we saw a dark cloud comin' from the rear. It was the 'hoppers sailin' with the wind. Then those round us began to rise, an' we couldn't see the sun. Pretty soon it was so dark we couldn't see nothin', and we lit the headlight. All of a sudden I discovered something. What d'ye suppose it was? Well, sir, we was a-movin'. Yes, we was a-goin' right along with the 'hoppers. They was pushin' the train. As far back as we could see there was a solid mass of 'hoppers all pushin' as if they were paid for it. In ten minutes we was makin' thirty miles an hour, and as our time card called for only twenty mile we finished our run on time without a bit of fire in the box or a drop o' water in the biler. This sounds kind o' strange, I has been done in the Republic of Mexknow, but you must remember that ico, and many important mines have them grasshoppers are mighty enterbeen acquired by Americans. But, prisin fellows when they git-a-goin'." Chicago Herald Train Tulk.

#### Gypsy Peculiarities.

Few more fantastic scenes can be conceived than a gypsy wedding. The place usually chosen is a sand pit. In two long rows, fronting each other, the two long rows, fronting each other, the attendants take their stand, leaving a path in the middle, half way down which a broomstick is held up about eighteen inches above the ground. The bridegroom is called, walks down the path, steps over the broomstick and waits the maiden's arrival. She, too, is called, walks down between the two rows of gypsies, lightly trips over the stick and is then received into the arms of her husband. A few days of feast-ing follow and then the wild wandering life is resumed. Children grow up in the tent or van, and as the wants become greater, the gypsy matron adds another to her resources for making a livelihood. The fortunes she predicts to the farmer's blooming daughter bring many a meal to her hungry family, and the elegant lady who allows her stealthily to enter the rich home re-wards her with money or castoff clothes when from the lines of her hands she is foretold a future full of splendor. Old age comes slowly to the gypsy race; weakness, pain and suffering are strangers among them, and the physician's craft is despised, as are all the other institutions of the Gorjos. But when death at length enters the gypsy's tent he is borne uncoffined to his last resting place, deep in the forest or on the lone-ly heath, and as often as their wanderly heath, and as often as their wanderings bring the gypsies to the place where one of "our people" is laid to rest they stop and pay a short tribute to the memory of him who sleeps beneath the moss or heather.

### A Korrobborce in Australia.

After dinner, which was at 6 p. m. we went to see a korrobboree, where black fellows were encamped at a short distance from the house. There were two tribes of these, and about 200 of them in all. They were painted with white and black streaks across the face and chest, and got up in correct style and chest, and got up in correct style with skins and spears and boomerangs, and by the light of the fires which were kindled in a circle around they looked sufficiently hideous. The tribes danced alternately, and the watchwords of their songs appeared to be half English, half native. A great deal of the action of the dance consisted in striking the ground at the same moment, so as to cause an echoing thud with their feet. One of the repeated actions was to One of the repeated actions was to cause the muscles of the leg and thigh cause the muscles of the leg and thigh to quiver simultaneously from toe to stomach in a most extraordinary manner. At the end of each figure they brought themselves up sharp with a strange, deep-toned sound, half hurrah, half grunt, "Wir-r-r-wuh!" They would then wheel right across the inclosed space in line, chattering as fast as they could, upon the women who singing a sort of chorus of a few notes; the line would then wheel back, break up, on Tuesday, May 19, 1885, one gray up into twos and threes, brandishing horse four years old, stiff in front feet, their short sticks and clubs over their swainied in one shoulder, knot left heads, each man vociferating quickly to hind leg, and shod in front. Said ani-his mate, and then all of a sudden these mal was taken up one mile south of incoherent sounds would all conlesce together into a chorus, and the band, again united, would cause the ground once more to vibrate to the reiterated cadence of their stamp .- Prince Edward and Prince George of Wales, in the English Illustrated Magazine.

### Comes Pretty Near It.

Mrs. David Davis had been out to the hen-house to empty a pan of swill, and with three new-laid eggs in the pan was wandering about the front garden looking to see whether the peach-buds had started yet or not, when a stranger had started yet or not, when a stranger drove up to the gate. "Good morning, madame," said he, bowing politely as he spoke. "Mrs. Davis, I presume? Is Mr. Davis 'round?" Mrs. Davis thought deeply for a moment before replying. Then with some hesitancy she said: "No, sir, I think not. That is, not exactly. But I must say he's methy. actly. But I must say he's pretty near

An odd amusement crase is reported from Philadelphia, where it is said that "young ladies and gentlemen go out origh table knives, baskets, and tin pails to dig out the weeds from lawns." They are called dandelion parties.

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while there is a possibility of a vast mining interest to be developed in Mexico in the interest of American miners, on the whole the mineral development has gone slow in that country. There are many drawbacks, the duties on sup-plies have been heavy, and the discount on silver, added to the various taxes, has gone a long way to keep down the profits. Yet it is probable that one of the greatest mining fields of the world will be within the limits of the Mexican republic. What is most worthy of observation to-day is the revival of interest in gold quartz mining in California. This has resulted in part from the de-cline of mining interests in Nevada, the heavy discount on silver, and the small number of dividend-paying silver mines in all the country usually designated as the Pacific coast. A large number of abandoned gold mines have been re-habilitated of late. The annual pro-duction of gold has fallen below twenty millions in this State, and a large part of that product was represented by the gravel mines. Slowly the gold quartz interest has been creeping up. There are just now no well defined gold-bearing lodes carrying from \$16 to \$20 a ton which are begging for purchasers. The processes for extracting gold have been greatly improved; machinery has been perfected, mining engineers and experts know how to get the last possible dollar out of the rock, and the yield of many of these low-grade mines has become very satisfactory. When it is

### Plants Used by Man.

once extracted there is no discount on the builion .- San Francisco Bulletin

It is stated that the number of plants used by man at the present time does not exceed three thousand. Of these about 2,500 are cultivated in America. The varieties used for food do not exceed 600. Of edible fruits and seeds there are 100 classed as vegetables, 100 as roots and bulbs, 50 varieties of grain, about 20 of which produce sugar and syrup. In addition to this perhaps 30 kinds will yield oil, and 6 kinds wine. The number of medicine-supply plants is nearly double that of the truit-yielding, amounting to 1,140, about 350 of which are employed in the various branches of industry. Of the latter, 76 furnish dye-stuff, 8 wax, 16 salt, and more than 40 supply food for cattle. There are no fewer than 250 kinds of poisonous plants cultivated, among which are only 66 of a narcotic sort, the remainder being classed as deadly

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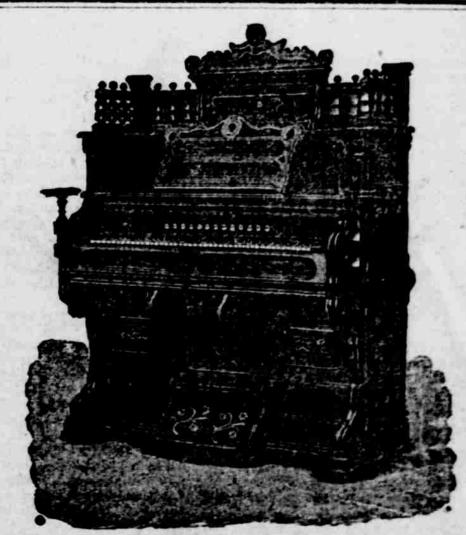
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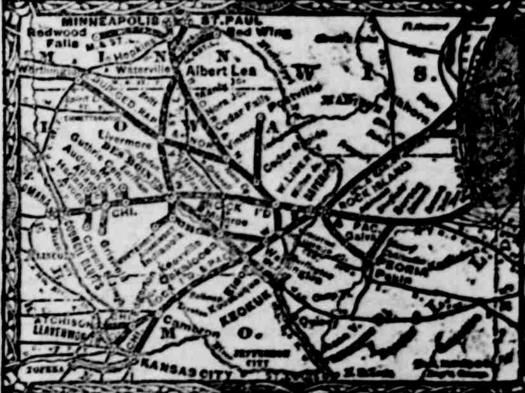
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