



A STEAM ROLLER AND MOTORS FOR THE AMEER.

The Indian tour of the Ameer of Afghanistan in 1907 has evidently impressed on him the advantages of good roads, and it would appear that he is now about to have such good roads and motor cars would greatly facilitate the extensive journeys of his kingdom.

FAIR WOMANHOOD.

So gentle and so bounteous doth appear My lady, when she maketh a salute, That every tongue, trembling, becometh mute; The eye to look upon her doth not dare.

of bills to Miss Goldwasser and carefully entered the water. To make it realistic Mr. Phillipstein clutched him with what he imagined was the grip of a drowning man and whispered: "I'll sink again and pull you down with me. You are doing fine, only show a little more energy. You act like you was afraid."

AT THE "LADIES' WINDOW."

Harmless Romance and Dire Tragedy Brought to Light. In most of the larger postoffices of the country is a small window bearing the inscription, "Ladies' Window General Delivery," where day after day thousands of letters are turned over to the fair applicants with no questions asked unless the official in charge has his doubts as to whether the one seeking a letter has the right to it.



Heroism to Order

"Mind! Phillipstein told me you could tell me how to win her. Please do it." "Sure you can," said Mindl. "You can do anything. I said it to Pincus—I said it to you or to anybody. Go ahead, Herr Einstein, and tell Pincus Leben how to win the girl. He ought to be married long ago."

Whereupon Mr. Phillipstein sank into the water and dragged the frenzied Pincus, who was a fair swimmer, but hated the water, along with him. When they arose Mr. Cohen gave a loud cry. Miss Goldwasser was running along the bank with a long stick in her hand which she had picked up and which she was trying to reach out to the struggling man.

Here may be seen a couple of school girls, laughing and joking, expecting a letter from some young fellow to whom the home address could not be given. Their little secret may be a harmless one, but they are venturing upon dangerous ground.

A woman whose face and clothing tell the bitter struggles she is making gets a letter from home, the letter which was sent through the general delivery because she did not want the folks at home to know where she could be found.

Another woman, well dressed, the expensive furs and jewelry stamping her as the wife of some prosperous man, walks past the window and back again, until she is sure there is no one around to see her receive the letter written in a bold masculine hand. She is rich enough to rent a hundred private boxes, if necessary, but experience has taught her that private boxes have failed more than once, while few mistakes are made at this window of the general delivery.

So they come and go. The young woman who has slogged, the young girl with a harmless flirtation, the mother who has made the fatal mistake, the daughter to whom the gayer side of life appealed, the maid or the matron, each with her own reason for not having her mail sent to her home address.

MOTHER'S BODY IN HOG YARD



Mrs. Lizzie Hies, 57 years old, living near Omaha, Ill., was found dead in a lot near her home. Hogs had mutilated the body. She had prepared dinner for one of her sons, saying she would leave it on the table for him while she went to see a neighbor. The boy came from work, ate his dinner and waited awhile for his mother to return. Going out in the lot, he discovered the hogs about his mother's body.

PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

THE DANGERS OF MT. BLANC.

There are avalanches of different kinds, but when the term "avalanche" is used it is generally supposed to apply to falls of great bodies of snow or ice. One of the first occasions of this kind which attracted attention took place in 1820, upon Mont Blanc, and it is commonly called the Hamel accident.

MUSIC THE MOST SOCIAL OF THE ARTS.

Music is "common and beautiful as light and air." There is no better exponent of this belief than M. Camille Bellaitque. In his opinion music is the most social and sociological of the arts. He remarks how it has always appealed the most strongly to apostles of the people who make social regeneration the object and hope of their lives.

EVOLUTION OF THE MAN OF THE WORLD.

The embryonic man of the world, albeit rudimentary, is nevertheless a real organism. He acts as a living whole. The cities, as Spencer viewed them, are big organic centers in his body. They are big organs of his circulatory system.

COURTESY KEEPS HOME LIFE HAPPY.

It scarcely is too much to say that, barring habitual drunkenness and jealousy, with or without reason, the lack of everyday courtesy between husbands and wives has wrecked the happiness of more marriages than any other cause whatsoever.

GETS RICH ON BEANS.

Sixty years ago Edward Borchard, one year old, went to California with his parents in a prairie schooner. He returned east recently in a Pullman car to visit relatives.



CASPAS BORCHARD.

him a number of acres, a number of horses, hands him some capital, teaches him the rules of ranching and tells him to go forth and grow his fortune.

CHINESE RAILWAY LOAN AND AMERICAN INTERESTS

INCE the announcement of the desire of financiers of the United States, supported by President Taft, to participate in the proposed loan of \$27,500,000 for the financing of the Hankow-Szechuan Railroad line in China, much interest has been manifested by the banking and business world in the questions involved in this international relation of the oldest and newest of the world's great nations.

ALL CAN SMOKE ON MISSOURI.

State Produces 24,671,456 Cob Pipes in 1908. The statistics concerning Missouri's production of corncob pipes—styled the "Missouri Meerschaum," supply a good pipe story, though it is not a "pipe dream."

THE WOMEN OF SPAIN.

Wetted by Both Custom and Law, They Lead Narrow Lives. The vast majority of Spanish women still believe that it is degrading for a lady to take up any work for which she is paid.

Through marriages are often arranged without the consent of the bride-elect, law or custom gives the Spanish woman the power of appealing to a magistrate if she wishes to escape from a union which is distasteful to her.

Public opinion is still so strongly opposed to their education that it will be a long time before they are fitted to take their share in their country's work, and many women are so ignorant that they can hardly read their missals or write their names.

This is especially the case in small country towns. At Madrid schools have been opened for their instruction, and the classes have been conducted by excellent professors, but comparatively few women have availed themselves of the privilege.

SHORT METER SERMONS.

Master Passion. Power-hunger and pleasure-lust are master passions.—Rev. W. L. Phillipa, Congregationalist, New Haven. Plea to Conscience. The church's position is a plea to the conscience.—Rev. W. H. Allen, Baptist, Narragansett Pier, R. I.

Be Up and Doing. Search for your place before you get into God's waste heap.—Rev. F. Carpenter, Christian, Santa Clara, Cal. Position. Position gives power. It lends advantage. Position puts one where he can do.—Rev. Eldon, Presbyterian, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Calumny. Calumny may be so insidious and so cowardly that it lies in the shadows and does its deadly work in the dark.—Rev. F. Hope, Baptist, Santa Clara, Cal. Receiptiveness. Man's understanding of spiritual truth would increase more rapidly if he were more receptive to the light.—Rev. W. P. Lyon, True Life Church, San Jose, Cal.

Live in Christ. However large any man may be without Christ, he can be much larger and greater with Christ living in him.—Rev. M. S. Kaufman, Methodist, Norwich, Conn. Starved Soul. Man may grow into a perfect animal, possess a cultivated brain, be come carefully religious and yet carry in his bosom a starved soul.—Rev. Guy Arthur Jamieson, Presbyterian, New York City.

Accuracy. The great want of Americans is accuracy. If a man is to be accurate he must be taught it in his childhood or he will never learn it.—Rev. M. C. Peters, New York City. Title of Nobility. To be a man of God is to have a title of nobility worn by the prophets of old—the highest expression that a man is capable of becoming.—Rev. C. R. Hemphill, Presbyterian, Louisville.

Dying Poor. Our great political leaders are now expected to serve the public before their own pockets, and their glory in the future will be to be able to die poor.—Rev. G. C. Richmond, Episcopalian, Philadelphia. Platitudes. We are leaving the ten commandments to preach and to teach a few platitudes which do not affect the consciences of men, and which make a flabby character.—Rev. C. E. Spalding, Christian, Colorado, Cal. What's in a Name. A crabbled bachelor and an aged spinster one day found themselves at a concert. The selections were apparently unfamiliar to the gentleman, but when Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was begun he pricked up his ears. "That sounds familiar," he exclaimed. "I'm not very strong on those classical pieces, but that's very good. What is it?" The spinster cast down her eyes. "That," she told him, demurely, "is the 'Maiden's Prayer.'"—Cleveland Leader.

Occasionally a deaf person expresses a sound opinion.