RAILROAD IN THE ARCTIC.

THAT NEVER THAWS.

Engineering Feat Which Has Taxed American Skill and Pluck-First Broad Gauge Road.

A daring piece of engineering and construction work has been the building of the first broad-gauge road in Alaska, the Council City and Solomon offers that the Alaska tundra can be of the best engineers had declared repeatedly was impossible.

J. Warren Dickson, a young New aing it out in every detail five thous- the whole roadbed has proved a firm. and miles away from Alaska. And so foundation for this commercial enterexactly were these details worked

out that when the first year's work was finished near Nome every item of a \$500,000 equipment was accounted for, save a few odds and ends worth less than \$100.

The story of the solving of the greatest problem met with in constructing the road, namely, the building of the roadbed across the tundra, shows what determination and ingenuity will do. The tundra is the name given to the lowlands of Alaska. These lowlands are covered with age old growths of moss in hummocks, decayed year after year, in nature's

process of soil making, to a depth of from one to three ieet, with frequent

ground over which engineers bad declared no roadbed could be built to sustain the heavy cars of a standard States. gauge road except at prohibitive cost.

The past four months of work ac-But Mr. Dickson had convinved himself complished remarkable results. The that, while this tundra in itself was camp had increased fo 600 men. Eight not firm enough, it was only an excresmiles of standard track were built cence on a solid foundation of earth, and ballasted, and parelleled by a, in some place frozen, and in other telephone line; complete railroad places over a foundation of ice. He yards were laid out, with switches to realized that the ground underneath all the supplies, sufficient to build over this tundra would sustain his tracks. forty miles more of the road; three] But the difficulty was in disposing of large buildings were erected and octhe moss and its underlying muck, to save the enormous cost of handling cupied; a complete machine shop was in operation: everything was left in. and draining it, for unskilled labor order for the next season's work. was \$4 a day. Concerning one thing, and 600 workmen had been sheltered all the "knowing ones" held to the and fed without one fatal illness or same opinion-the tracks would have accident. to be sustained by a heavy underpack-

The line is now over 34 miles long. ing. This would .add another item of great expense, as ordinary planking and the revenue is on a basis that! was worth \$40 to \$60 a thousand feet would bulge the eyes of a traffic manboard measure ager in "the States." Freight is car-

But Mr. Dickson studied out the ried for \$1 a ton for every mile hauled. solution. He utilized the moss and That is about 125 times as much as muck-which is of the consistency of the rate in the States. Passenger, wet clay-by building them into the rates are 20 cents a mile-ten times' grade (which at the same time gave | the rates on the big lines.



which is 16,000 feet high.

On June 13 a dramatic incident oc-

curred. For several days the party

had reason to suspect that it was

followed by some wild animal, al-

though on acconut of the great eleva-

tion and of the rigor of the temper-

ature such a thing seemed rather

strange. However, in the evening of

the same day the Duke Abruzzi was

sitting in front of his tent giving in-

structions to Signor Filippo Bulli, who

was in charge of the scientific section;

of the expedition, when he sprang to

his feet, crying: "The leopard! the

leopard!" Signor Bulli turned and

saw a big leopard two yards away, its

eves shining in the darkness, with

gaping jaws, and on the point of mak-

Oriental Greetings.

Arabians when they meet a friend

brace and kiss one another several

Reveal Character.

You can trust a woman who sits

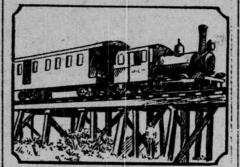
with her thumbs up. She may be de-

Sugar-Coated.

EXPEDITION.

LINE IN ALASKA LAID.ON GROUND | him ditches for drainage on each side) and then tamping the grade. The action of the long hours of hot sun drained and hardened the grade. Then the tracks were laid and the balasting done from near-by gravel hillsides.

And the substantial roadbed, unaffected by the winters, is silent proof of the success of the methods used.' Along the line loaded freight cars in some places pass over tracks built in this substantial manner eight or ten River railroad. The significance of feet above crystal ice. This substratthe enterprise is the proof which it um of ice never meits, in spite of the very warm days of summer which precrossed, an achievement which many vail even here within 100 miles of the Arctic circle. It is the primeval freeze that has not thawed since ancient, geologic ages. It is kept from thaw-York engineer, built this most north- ing by the thick blanket of moss, orly railroad in the world, after plan- muck and gravel lying over it, and



First Standard Gauge Passenger Car

Constructed in Alaska.

prise involving great capital. Three, countries. winters have already proved that pools of water. It was this unstable there is not the slightest "heaving" and that it is as solid a foundation as that of any railroad in the United.

The voice of popular protest has been quickly aroused against the doctrine of trial-marriage as set forth in Mrs. Herbert Parsons' book, "The Family." Here and there only a voice was raised in favor of trial-marriage, as being a solution of the divorce problem. Many ministers denounced trial-

marriage from their pulpits. In addition to the exposition of her plan of trial-marriages, Mrs. Parsons; sets forth many interesting data relating to the laxity of marriage in all

KNEW WHAT HE WANTED.	SATISFIED WHERE HE WAS.
Astute Yankee Made Money by Wear-	Why Buyer's Desire for Good Measure

ADVOCATE OF "TRIAL-MARRIAGE."

ing Queer Pair of Trousers. Suddenly Evaporated.

The following anecdote is told of a A Massachusetts man tells a story of "Old John" Langley, a veteran Wor- most careful and sedate druggist in cester horseman, that is illustrative of Keene, N. H.-a gentleman of the old Yankee astuteness. school, who for 50 years occupied the One day Langley sought his tailor same corner, and who, in all his deal-

and in somewhat profane terms de- ings medicinal, is a very scrupulous manded "a pair of breeches of the best man.

stuff in the shop." Of the many sam-Not long since a person of not parples submitted "Old John" hit upon a ticularly liberal practices, and withal a beautiful silky broadcloth, the most close man, came to the good samaritan costly piece of goods the tailor had, with a recipe that he wished put up, and, although this was most unsuitable and the man of drugs proceeded at for the purpose, Langley insisted that once to attend to it.

While engaged in weighing out the it was just what he wanted. Furthermore, he declared that he desired it compound, the customer, with a smile "made up wrong side out." intended to be "childlike and bland." The tailor expostulated in vain, but | said to him:

"Now, Doc, be sure and give me, the trousers were made as per specifigood measure."

cations, and delivered. A day or so thereafter a friend, call-The druggist paused, holding the ing on Langley, remarked on the trou- scales at rest while he looked over his sers in uncomplimentary language. spectacles at the man before him. Langley said he was satisfied. More "Sir," he replied solemnly, "if I were guying resulted in an offer from "Old to give you the merest grain more John" to bet \$50 that the cloth cost than this recipe calls for, you would be more per yard than that in his friend's in hell in five minutes."

trousers. The bet was taken and the tailor was to decide it. The named the price. The friend would not believe

The buyer didn't persist. Triumphing Over Difficulty.

There passed away some time ago; that the rough goods could be so costly ACCOUNT OF DUKE OF ABRUZZI'S | change them for eighty carriers re- until he was shown the shiny silky an actress who had been so unforcruited among the inhabitants of the side. Then he paid, as other men had tunate in her marital experiences as to low mountains (Wakondjo). From on similar bets, so that "Old John" divorce several husbands, and who re-

ROUTED THE GRAIN TRUST.

Mrs. Kehoe, of Platt Centre, Has Pros-

pered in Business During Ten-

Year Struggle-Story Brought

Out by Probe.

who control the Nebraska grain trust

are dodging around in their efforts

to escape the summons server and

The story of Mrs. Kehoe was

brought out in the recent investiga-

tion into the grain trade in the west

before the interstate commerce com-

mission at its Omaha session, and at

its close the commissioners congratu-

lated Mrs. Kehoe upon the remarkable

fight which she has just made against

While the fight has been going on

Mrs. Kehoe has risen from a "shovel

house" to be the owner of two big

grain elevators, and from handling a

few wagon loads of corn she is now

one of the largest grain buyers along

the line of the Union Pacific rail-

In addition to her fight with the

grain trust, Mrs. Kehoe has been

obliged to fight the railroads for her

supply of cars in which to ship her

grain, as well as to whip the members

of the Omaha and other grain ex-

the federal grand juries.

the big combination.

she had purchased it.

road.

JACK'S Delinquency

"Mary, do you think I look as if I had been crying? Well, I suppose the wind has made my eyes a little red.

"Jack-Mr. Harris-didn't meet me at that tearoom downtown as he promised. But I don't care at all-not in the least. I had rather an unpleasant time and couldn't eat anything. It's all Jack's-Mr. Harris'-fault, too.

"You need not make coffee for his dinner. No, nor tea. We'll have just

milk. Oh, I know he doesn't drink milk, but we can't always be considering what he likes. By the way, you need not fry the chicken, either. We'll have creamed codfish; Jack detests it. If you can think of anything else that he doesn't eat, you may as well cook

that, too. "No, I'm not in the least angry. No, indeed, I never get angry with my husband. I merely can't always be thinking of his dislikes and hkes. He didn't, remember his engagement with me today and I-I don't care if I never, aever see him again. No, I don't. I suppose I'd get along equally well without him. So, Mary, you may as, well get the dinner at once. I won't wait for him-he can eat it cold; though perhaps it would be better to have dinner very late-for he always comes home so hungry.

"Why, it's after five o'clock now." What do you suppose is the reason he doesn't come?

"Oh, can anything have happened to him? You say he may have been truck by an automobile? Mary, how an you suggest such a thing? You ad a friend who was smashed to leces by one? Oh, oh! If they are bringing Jack home in pieces-I'll love every little tiny piece.

"What? Yes, yes, get some hot water ready; they may need it if-no, transacted through a "shovel house." no, that looks as if we were anxious to be ready to-to fix him together. I mean-

"Oh, Mary, the sight of blood will house, afterward shoveling it into a make me faint. Do you think he'll railroad car, instead of handling the did? Mary, you are such a comfort to elevator man considers it his business me! If he only returns to me whole to "down" a "shovel house" whenever building a fine new grain elevator I'll never, never tell you to cook cod- he can do it. fish again

"Poor boy! He won't care for the chicken, either-and it was such a nice chicken, too! The butcher said- ing all sorts of farming implements.

WOMAN WHO HAS FOUGHT BIG | She took the matter up direct with the general managers of the railroads NEBRASKA COMBINE. and got her share of the empties.

Failing to run her out of business, the trust invited her to "come in" and share with them the results of the "fleece." She ordered the emissary from her office in indignant refusal

Omaha, Neb.-In a fight lasting ten But Mrs. Kehoe turned this last years, Mrs. Kate A. Kehoe, of Platte effort of the trust to good account and, Centre, Neb., has beaten and put to by showing the farmers in that vicinflight the Nebraska grain trust. To- ity that the trust raised prices only day Mrs. Kehoe is prosperous and to eliminate competition, after which successful, while the great grain men the price of grain would fall below



MRS. KATE KEHOE. (Nebraska Woman Who Has Won Fight Against Grain Trust.)

cooperation, and thereafter when the trust raised prices above the regular In grain parlance a "shovel house" is market the farmers continued selling: their grain to Mrs. Kehoe at the rega dealer who buys from the farmer ular quotations. and shovels the grain into a ware-

Then one night the "shovel house" burned. It was set on fire, but no one have any blood on him? Your friend business through an elevator. Every was ever punished for it. Forty-eighti hours after the fire contractors started. along the railroad track, and in a Mrs. Rehoe continued the "shovel short time Mrs. Kehoe had one of the house" business, and in addition she most modern grain elevators in that opened up an implement house, sell- portion of the state.

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The trust kept up its fight against Then the grain trust got after her, her, but her methods with the farm-They wanted her to quit buying grain ers and buyers were so "square" and from the farmers. She refused to give her business was operated with so up her business, and the trust began much sagacity that she has continued work" against her. Her customers to operate her elevators in spite of the in the cities were coerced into refus- combination that has ruined so many ing to buy from her. She met this small dealers.

To-day Mrs. Kehoe owns two eleva-Then the railroads began shutting tors, a first class grain business, a off her supply of freight cars. She big implement and seed house, the was compelled to sit idly by and finest residence in her county and is watch her competitors load car after the biggest business "man" in Platte

the house of burgesses. Here once sat

the men who first saw the vision of a

great free republic of the western

world and who at the altar of sacrifice

consecrated their lives to the cause of

signer of the declaration of independ-

ence, was a vestryman; Thomas Jeffer-

son, James Monroe, John Tyler and

Chief Justice John Marshall and Ed-

ward Randolph worshiped here while

students at the College of William and

Mary and most of them in after years,

while serving the colony and state.

George Mason, Edmund Pendleton, Ed-

mund Randolph, Benjamin Harrison,

Bland and Lee, while members of the

house of burgesses, Patrick Henry, while a member of the house and gov-

ernor of Virginia, 1776, and George

Washington while seeking to win the

George Wythe, patriot, teacher,

liberty which they loved.



attack by obtaining new customers.



car, while none were given to her. Centre. SHRINE OF OLD COLONIAL DAYS

changes into line, thus forcing for herself a market for her grain, once Ten years ago, when Mr. Kehoe died, about the only asset he left to the regular market, she obtained their his widow was a small grain business

Ascends the Kiyanja Peak in the Mount Ruwenzori Range In the African Interior.

The Duke of Abruzzi is back from his remarkable expedition into the interior of Africa, where he explored the wonderful Moon mountains, ascending Mount Ruwenzori, and scaling the Kiyanja peak, a feat never before accomplished. The intrepid mountain climber has just paid his respects to the Royal Geographical so-



The Kiyanja Peak Ascended For the First Time By the Duke of Abruzzi.

ing a spring. Signor Bulli seized the clety of London, through whose generous support he was able to carry on his explorations.

beast, hitting it on the head. The The story of the duke's journey leopard leaped backwards and ran through Uganda, and his ascent of away through the mud and bushes, Mount Ruwenzori is an interesting howling with fear, and despite a two one as told by a member of the expe dition. The party left Entebbe on trace the animal. May 14 last and arrived at Fort Portal fifteen days later, where the British authorities received them kindly and gave him an escort of 30 native

voldiers, commanded by a Sudanese captain, for it must be remembered that topographical survey of this mountain the duke had to traverse a strange chain was made. It seems that the and in some cases hostile country in loftiest peaks are in the Congo and order to reach the starting point of not in the Uganda. the real object of the expedition.

On the road from Entebbe to Fort Portal the duke was met by several chiefs, who brought him the usual presents of cattle, poultry and fruit.

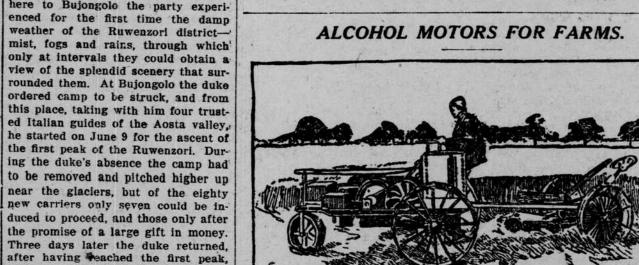
is not enough. Should, however, they The party was accompanied by be persons of distinction, they emabout 100 native carriers, who sang as they marched, sometimes war or love times, and also kiss their own hands. songs, sometimes a song they had-especially composed in honor of the In Turkey the greeting is to place the hand upon the breast and bow, which duke-"the pale Mulanghira (prince) is both graceful and appropriate. braver than the leopard."

On reaching Fort Portal the expedition was met by the British governor and the king of Toru. Here a rest of two days was taken.

termined, but she is not untruthful. On June 1 the expedition moved to-The one who conceals her thumbs is wards the valley of the Mobuks river, which springs from Ruwenzori; the weather, which during the first part judge of people's intellectual strength, of the journey had been very hot, grew gradually cooler, until when the stronger the brain.

high glaciers were approached it be-came bitterly cold. On June 6, after seven hours of hard marching, the party reached Kichincin, which is sit-uated at an altitude of nearly 7,000 will do you good, and make you well feet above sea level.

At this point the Uganda carriers raw, you surely can, I wis, admit a refused to proceed further on account bit into your craw if served as prose; of the cold, and the duke had to like this.-Louisville Courier-Journal.



Each year the usefulness of the horse is lessened by some invention designed to do the work of this animal. The introduction of the electric car put many thousands of horses out of busness. Then came the horseless carriages and freight trucks. Now comes the announcement by the United States government itself that alcohol will soon be used to furnish power for operating all sorts of farm machines and vehicles and that the horse must soon be largely suspended upon the farm by these machines operated by alcohol

reaped quite a harvest on his original tained her maiden name for profesidea.

Had No Bargains on Hand. Mr. Simons did not rise from his chair behind the air-tight stove in the sitting room when his wife hurried in and told him that Abel Sanders was in

box whereon he was sitting and the kitchen and wanted to see him, hurled it with all his might at the says the Youth's Companion. "What d'you let him in for?" he asked reproachfully. "He wants to buy a hoss, that's

why," replied Mrs. Simons. "You'd hours' chase it was impossible to have made a great to-do if I hadn't." "No, I wouldn't," Mr. Simons said, On June 18 the duke reached the as he reluctantly rose. "I know Sanhighest and hitherto untrodden peak ders' size. I can't do business with of Ruwenzori (18,220 feet). This he him. He wants a cheap hoss. And I named the Margherita, in honor of the ain't got anything I can sell for less

dowager queen of Italy. A careful than \$14." Humor of a Paris Sunday. The compulsory closing act is devel-

oping the humorous sense of Parisians. The other Sunday a well-known haberdasher's shop had its windows beauti-

shake hands six or eight times. Once, "Exceptional opportunity! All these ties only 15 cents each. For to-day only." But the door of the shop was closed and belted. The next morning

buy some of the wonderful ties, only to learn that the notice no longer held good. This reminds one of the barber

An Exception.

ant to be deceitful and untruthful. Look at the thumb if you want to Bocker-Not much: the baby who for the longer it is proportionately the off so as not to wake his wife.

More Beer Drinkers. Some take no verse as mental food, Beer drinking in the United States is on the increase. The total consumption in the past year amounted to and strong. And if you cannot get it 54,651,636 barrels, or 31 gallons for each inhabitant. In the previous year 49,459,539 barrels were consumed.

sional purposes. The day of her demise a sister actress waited on an unknow. dertaker, to make arrangements for the funeral.

"Well," said he, "as to the casket, I should advise one lined with white satin if the lady was unmarried. If she was married heliotrope would make a pretty lining." The actress mused. Then she said:

"I will consult her other friends," and went away. Later in the day she came: again.

"Str." she said with dignity. "we have reached a decision. We should; like our dear friend's casket lined with, the heaviest grade of white satin, with dashes here and there of heliotrope."

Would Give Mira Half.

One of Marblehead's old Grand Bank skippers used to tell the following: Skipper Mira Preble was fitting out

for a trip and "Mopy" Chambers, the. champion wood sawer of the town: came to the wharf and asked if the fully dressed with cravats of every skipper would bring him some tongues.

Preble agreed if "Mopy" would furnish a firkin.

> The next day "Mopy" came to the wharf with the largest firkin made and sail: "There, Mira, if you will bring that full to me I will do the handsome thing for you."

"What will you do?" asked Preble. "If you bring it back level full I will, give you half," replied "Mopy."

Calling Her. "A Boston minister says that 'wine,

women and song' should be broken up as an alliance, that woman should be

rouses the neighborhood at night be-comes the man who takes his shoes man's life and I think he is right." "The saving influence! And you

have just spent \$40 of my hard-earaed money for a bonnet! Oh, tut!"-Houston Post.

Monkey Men.

A New York man imagines he is a nonkey, and quite a number of New York monkeys imagine they are men.



He's whistling! How can he when I'm mourning him for dead?

"Oh, Jack, I'm so glad to see you I can't even think! It-it was such a surprise to-to open the door and find you here. I felt sure you were coming to me dead, so I told Mary to put on the hot water-

"John Vincent Harris, why_didn't you meet your little wife in the southwest corner of the lunchroom, as you promised? Yes, it was the southwest corner. I remember distinctly, because I kept saying 's' for soup and w' for fish. W-h-a-l-e, fish, you

"Are you sure? Maybe it was northwest-'n' and 'w,' soup and fishnoodle soup, of course. Yes, that was o'clock.

"Well, if you think I could do all o'clock, you never were more mistaken in your life. Now, John Vincent Harris, do you mean to say that you think more of your business than of your own wife, so that you could not wait two hours for her?

"Oh, about the lunch. I ordered for fou, too, because I knew you would be so hungry. Jack, the waiter, had such handsome eyes! I think he rathmore than I wanted and all the things you liked. When you disappointed me the king's attorney and speaker of the I couldn't eat a thing. I gave the waiter 50 cents-he had been so kind. But I nearly fainted when I looked at the bill and discovered that I hadn' money enough-I didn't know things

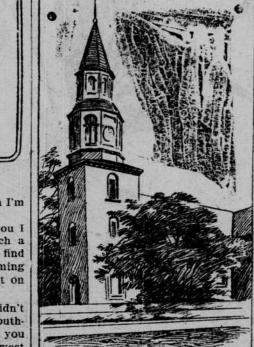
cost so much. "I wanted to be brave and dash out without paying, and then send the cashier postage stamps, but 'I was afraid the patrol wagon would come after me, and if the police got me you never, never would know where I was, would you, Jack, dear?

"So I counted my pennies, pretended that I was in an awful hurry and fairly threw the money at the cashier, Yes, some of the money rolled on the floor-but I didn't stop.

"Now, Jack, dear, please pay me for your lunch and send the cashier a check for seven cents-and you'd better make it anonymous so-so that waiter won't know."-Chicago Daily News.



Bruton Church a Religious Landmark | house of burgesses; Robert Carter Nicholas, treasurer of Virginia; Maj. in American History. Robert Beverly, attorney and clerk of



BRUTON CHURCH, FOUNDED IN 1632.

the most remote colonial ancestry and Page, is, without a doubt, the bright it. I was there promptly at two beyond that with the mother country. particular star. It is a monument of the transfer of

the seat of government from Jamesthat shopping and get there at 12 town, where the first settlers pitched their habitation, which fact is the commemorative inspiration of the Jamestown tercentennial exposition. on the foundations of the old church

> constructed in 1683 and it is the oldest Episcopal church, having had continuous service in the United States.

Here as vestrymen worshiped Daniel Parke, John Page, the immigrant; er liked to look at me-so I ordered Thomas Ludwell, secretary of state; Sir John Randolph; Peyton Randolph,

heart and hand of the beautiful Martha Custis. Col. David Bray's memory is preserved by a monument bearing a Latin inscription. His spouse erected this monument and she followed him to the grave in a short time. This lady was Elizabeth, daughter of Col. John Page of Gloucester county. This latter Washington .- Bruton church at Wil- gentleman is the progenitor of the liamsburg, Va., is a historical buttress Page family of Virginia, of which the connecting the present generation with celebrated author, Thomas Nelson,

Unkind.

"So you wouldn't take me to be 26?" giggled the fair widow.

"No, indeed," rejoined the inconsiderate old bachelor. "But if you had a The present edifice was built in 1715 daughter I might take her to be that old."-Chicago Daily News.

Indulgent.

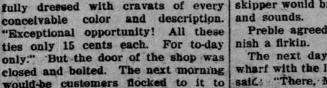
First Buil Terrier-Why do you keep your master waiting so long when he calls you?

Second Ditto-Oh, just to jolly him a little; he likes to hear himself whistle .- Detroit Free Press.

Satest Coal Mine in the World.



The above workings in the open air at Hongay, Tonkin, are on the side of a hul, which is one solid block of coal about 200 feet high. To get at the min-eral, it is only necessary to remove a layer of schist on the surface. The coal which is of a good quality, is mined to the extent of about 1,000 tons a day.



would be customers flocked to it to

who advertised: "Customers will be shaved free of charge to-morrow."

Knicker-The child is father to the

