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The August Java bells are again ringing again.

Head off the head-on collision by building double tracks.

If certain people only tell the truth it matters not about the uncertain ones.

There will be a chance for somebody to get rich by obtaining the fireworks concession for that anarchist island.

Funds are being raised in Russia to build a church in Chicago, no doubt on the appeal that it is for work among the heathen.

Queen Wilhelmina insisted on picking out her own husband. Next time perhaps she will let her state counselors look him over.

We are extremely sorry to learn that some unprincipled person has stolen the mummy of King Amenophis, but we don't know what we can do about it.

Thirty-two million tons of water power Niagara in an hour. If you don't believe this take a pull and steady weight and run up to Buffalo and weigh it yourself.

A Minneapolis flour mill broke all records by turning out 12,444 barrels of flour one day recently. The pessimistic foreign manufacturer may loaf and invite his soul over that time.

The king has invited the maharajahs of Gwalior and Jaipur, the rajahs of Kolhapur and Nabha and the maharajah of Bahawalpur to attend the coronation. The nit of Nowhere and the ninespot of Simla should be there if they can get away.

Although prices have fallen greatly at Dawson, there is still no use for five or ten-cent pieces, so says the correspondent of a St. Louis newspaper. The price of a few articles only is so low as a quarter of a dollar. The adage, "Take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves," will thus have little meaning to the two hundred children who are growing up in that far northern city.

French scientists are now asserting that it is possible to manufacture gold out of cheap metals. The Frenchmen are a little behind the times. American experimenters have not only asserted that the thing could be done, but have wasted considerable good money in proving that they were wrong. After centuries of fruitless experiments at imitation it is more than probable that the world's gold supply will continue to be yielded grudgingly but certainly by Mother Earth.

The Canadian still feels a sentimental attachment for England, but he doesn't like the individual Englishman. The Canadian's ways are not British ways nor his thoughts British thoughts. It would seem only a matter of years till the feeling toward the individual Englishman will extend to the British nation. Then the Canadian community will awaken to the idea that it is cutting itself off from great commercial advantages by preserving its distinction from the nation to which it is naturally united by customs, manners and modes of thought.

"It was a case of love at first dinner," said a young man who came with his sweetheart to be married by a New York magistrate. "I got by her house and board with her father. She cooed der dinner, and it was such a lovely evening I fell in love right away already." It is not often that the kitchen stove plays so direct a part in the promotion of matrimony; but there are many marriages cemented by the aid of the oven, and many, alas! that it helps to melt and dissolve.

The king of England is a constitutional monarch who could be expelled from the throne at any time by an act of parliament. Since the English revolution of 1688 no monarch has reigned over Great Britain by divine right. The king of England is merely the representative of a state. The President of the United States is clothed with far more actual executive power than is the king of England, who really does not govern at all, save through his ministers and the House of Commons. King William of Prussia by an act of clear usurpation exceeded his powers in the war of 1866 with Austria, but if Prussia had been defeated the king would have been constitutionally punished by his parliament, and probably he and Bismarck would have become exiles.

In the recent Wabash wreck one fact stands out clearly and it has been frequently demonstrated in other wrecks. While the ordinary day coaches were smashed into kindling by the terrific head-on collision the heavy Pullman cars were not greatly damaged. Fire joined its horrors to the demolition of the day coaches, and the bloodiest destroyed scores of poor victims. The occupants of the Pullmans mostly escaped, a few only being injured. So precisely similar have been these railroad disasters that many careful travelers ride in the Pullman cars, not merely for the comforts but because they know themselves to be safer. Something is attributable to the fact that the Pullman coaches are usually put at the rear of the trains, but more attributable to the fact that these

heavy cars are built for strain. It is perhaps impossible for railroads to provide heavy cars like the street car companies build, but it is possible to employ better and safer construction in ordinary used Pullman coaches. They have been made during the past few years. The coaches of a few years ago were of the flimsiest character and to be caught in one of them in a severe accident the facing of grave danger. It may be possible in time to equip railroads with the steel car that may be battered and rolled over but not shattered to pieces. It may be necessary to invoke legislation to require the railroads to provide safer accommodations for the passengers who put their lives in the train crew's hands.

Carelessness in letter-writing is a fault unfortunately as common as it is serious. It is annoying in any relation and in business matters it causes more trouble than anything else except dishonesty. One would think that the most rattle-brained writer would at least remember to sign his name plainly and give his address, but business houses are constantly annoyed by our correspondents who do neither. "We have thousands of calls for catalogues," says the head of a firm which manufactures firearms, "yet in many cases the writer's address is left off entirely." One such letter came in this morning. "No doubt the writer of that letter wonders why his request was not granted, and blames the firm. A man or boy so careless as he is better off without, any way."

There is no real reason why anybody should smile derisively at the unwieldiness of the Central and South American republics, represented at the pan-American conference, to accept without reserve the principle of arbitrating all national disputes. Most of these States are fighters by choice and by habit. They have a high sense of personal and national honor, which it is possible they are disposed, on some occasions, to exaggerate, but in what respect does their attitude differ from that of the most advanced nations of the earth which recently considered the same subject at The Hague? If the most powerful and enlightened nations are not willing to trust themselves unconditionally to an arbitration court we can hardly expect weak and comparatively unprogressive States to do so. Jealousy and apprehension are to be looked for quite as naturally among the feeble and inefficient as among the strong and resourceful.

While the cheerful optimist generally has the ear of the majority, there is much profit in occasionally pondering the utterances of an intelligent, plain-spoken pessimist. As a nation we think we are all right, despite the warnings of those who see in our constant law-breaking signs of national decadence. It is just as well to have our national self-satisfaction vigorously jarred by some forceful, earnest thinker who is not running for office or selling stock in a hot-air syndicate, and hence sees no reason for giving everything a rosy hue. This is what Mrs. Clara Hoffman at Evanston, Ill., recently did in an address. Figuratively speaking, she took us by the scruff of the neck and shook us till we rattled in our boots. Here is one of the most pungent punches: "This is not a law-abiding nation. Men disregard the law and show their contempt for the statutes openly and defiantly. If we were a law-abiding people would we have had three Presidents murdered in thirty-six years? If an offense is committed against the law it is a very difficult matter to secure a conviction of the offender. Men violate the law and challenge you to convict them. The disregard for the law has steadily increased since the Civil War, and with it, but in far greater proportions, the feverish greed for money." This cannot be dismissed as the airy effervescence of female forensics. It is a serious indictment and one that calls for sober reflection. The thinking man who reads the records of the courts, the daily vaudeville performances in "temples of justice," and the press pictures of crime, will stop and ask himself, Are we a law-abiding nation? With three Presidents murdered in thirty-six years, and thousands of lesser crimes each year in which the law and the courts are openly defied, are we justified in boasting of our respect for law and authority? And yet we know that the great mass of the people are decent and law-abiding. If we lose sight of the fact that we are a nation of eighty millions of people the number of violations of law seems appalling. But even with the fact of our great population in our minds we will have to concede that we are the least law-abiding of all the civilized nations.

A Bit of Land.
One of the healthiest instincts of Anglo-Saxon nature is to become possessed of land. To own a bit of land is a hostage to respectability and success, and when it is in the country and carries with it a certain amount of country living and thinking it amounts to a moral tonic, strengthening all that is best and most virile in a young man's nature. Public spirit becomes aroused instinctively, the affairs of the country-side grow to interest him keenly, his rural neighbors become of importance to him, and he grows in touch with the community, as he votes with them, and works with them for their common local interests. It is the "bit of land" that does it all; the sense of ownership and mutual interests that awakens the dignity and responsibility of citizenship which is so important to the rounding of a man's character. And that young men of business are developing such tastes is a happy augury for the future of town and State.

LITERARY LITTLEBITS

Mrs. Humphry Ward has nearly finished her new novel, but as yet she has not announced the title of it. The story is to appear serially, beginning in the spring.

The world is not to be left in ignorance of Maxim Gor'ky, the new Russian star in literature. Two more stories from his pen are being published. The book will contain an autograph portrait of the author, and a biographical note.

A book on "Medieval London," the London of which the greater part and identity perished in the great fire, will appear shortly. It is written by Dr. Tomham, rector of St. Edmund the King, London. An attempt is made to recall the general aspect and the principal features of medieval London.

Some little time before his death Sir Walter Besant wrote a biographical sketch of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. It will appear as part of the coronation literature, which promises one way and another, to be fairly bulky. By that time the public will also get the autobiography which Sir Walter Besant left.

One of the books sent forth by old Wynkyn de Worde was the "Nova Legenda Anglie," a set of English legends. This was so long ago as 1534. The work has just been re-edited with fresh material derived from manuscript and printed sources. It has considerable interest for students of early English ecclesiastical history.

Edward M. Alford tells the following story in his unpublished Recollections of Poe: "Mrs. Shelton told me that Poe informed her over and over again that she was the Lost Lenore of The Raven; she also said Poe told her that she inspired his poem, Annabel Lee. She said that he often read The Raven to her, and she described the fire, the pathos, the intensity with which he did it, saying, 'When Edgar read The Raven he became so wildly excited that he frightened me, and when I remonstrated with him he replied he could not help it—that it set his brain on fire.' Mrs. Shelton was beyond middle age when I knew her; but I had many acquaintances who had known her in her youth, and they all concurred in describing her as a beautiful girl. Her distinguishing qualities were gentleness and womanliness. She was just the woman in which such a perturbed spirit as that of Poe would have sought rest, and found it. Poe told my father, who was his intimate friend, that of all the English poets he preferred Shelley. My father often said of him that he always found him intellectually the most fascinating man he ever knew, and always a lovable, charming companion, except when he was under the influence of liquor, when he would become coarse, gross and vulgar. He also said of him that he had fits of the deepest gloom, and on one occasion when talking to him, 'One sudden turn to him with austere eyes full of anguish and said, 'I believe God gave me a spark of genius but he quenched it in misery.'"

CURIOSITIES ON RAILWAY TRIP

Experiences Met With by a Man Travelling Around the Globe.

A globe-trotter sends some remarkably interesting notes of a journey round the world to the Pall Mall Magazine. He says: "I traveled from Nagasaki to Yokohama, in Japan, without a break in the journey. The distance is 700 miles, and the best trains require exactly forty-eight hours for the trip. Of these six hours are occupied in crossing the Inland Sea by boat. The first class fare is 12 5/6, second class 11 1/4 and third class one-half of the second. Only an occasional train has a dining car or a sleeping car attached to it.

Like everything else in Japan, the railway carriages are toylike, usually have only two or three compartments. In the dining cars you eat from tables hardly larger than little girls have for their dolls. At all stations, which are frequent, you can buy freshly made tea for three-halfpence—pot, cup, tea and all. This you take in the car, and the dishes are thrown out of the window usually. Europeans dislike the prepared luncheons sold in boxes. They consist mainly of boiled rice and undercooked fish.

Smoking is permitted in all compartments, for all Japanese men and women smoke almost continually. A native lady enters the carriage, slips her foot from her tiny shoes—which have wood or rice-straw soles, stands upon the seat and then sits down demurely with her feet doubled beneath her. A moment later she lights a cigarette or her little pipe, which holds just tobacco enough to produce two good whiffs of smoke. All Japanese people sit with their feet upon the seat of the car, and not as Europeans do. All of them have first removed their shoes. When an official collector—attired in blue uniform—enters the carriage he removes his cap and twelve bows politely. He reports the bow as he comes to each passenger. More than 90 per cent of all the travel in Japan is third-class, and about 2 per cent only is first-class. Nearly all the locomotives are English.

And the Beast.

"Why do you call them 'beast' and 'beast' when he seems such a nice son of a fellow?"
"Because, you see, he's a literary lion." Philadelphia Bulletin.

When you suddenly meet a man you hate, ever remark that you hope you are looking well?

Front St., Some.
It's a little zigzag street. Every building was erected according to an independent notion as to frontage and rearage. The effect is startling, and after negotiating a few blocks of it you feel like "the crooked man who walked the crooked mile." On sunny days the entire population sallies forth and occupies the sidewalk, overflows into the streets and down the little byways onto the beach, with dogs filling all the intermediate space on the ground floor.—Seattle Times.

Farmer Finds a Friend.

Nadeau, Mich., Feb. 3.—Mr. Nelson De Rosier of this place, a prosperous farmer sixty-one years of age, has suffered for years with Kidney Trouble. He has tried many medicines, but found nothing to relieve him until he began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and he has found this remedy to be a friend indeed. He says:
"I thank God that there is one medicine in the world that does help weak and sick humanity. I would earnestly advise every one who has Kidney Trouble to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have given great satisfaction in our family."
Wherever Dodd's Kidney Pills have been used according to directions, they have not failed to cure all Kidney Troubles, Bright's Disease, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Lumbago and Backache.

Taffeta glace, the old glace silk with a softer finish, is much used for evening gowns.

White and gray is a favored combination in Paris, and also that characteristically French combination, pale blue and pale pink.

ALL UP-TO-DATE HOUSEKEEPERS.

Use Red Cross Ball suds. It makes dishes clean and sweet as when new. All grocers.

Sixty United States naval vessels are now being constructed.

Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a tenacious and persistent cough.—Wm. H. Harrison, 227 W. 121st street, New York, March 25, 1901.

Misery loves company, but none of us care to have her visit us.

RED CROSS BALL BUDE.

Should be in every home. Ask your grocer for it. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

Just above some of the new-fangled wash-basins a push-button regulates the supply of water.

\$20 A WEEK Straight salary and expenses to men with sig to introduce our Country Mixture in country year's contract; weekly pay. Address, with stamp, Monarch Mfg. Co., Box 102 Springfield, Ill.

By the use of a process invented at Bridgeport, Conn., wooden doors are being electroplated with copper or brass.

A polecat wandered into the reservoir at Winchester, Va., through an overflow pipe, and in a short time the water became so tainted that the entire supply had to be drawn off.

The largest slaughter house in the world is in Kansas City, Kan.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Druggist*



Miss Marion Cunningham, the Popular Young Treasurer of the Young Woman's Club of Emporia, Kans., has This to Say of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your Vegetable Compound cured me of womb trouble from which I had been a great sufferer for nearly three years. During that time I was very irregular and would often have intense pain in the small of my back, and blinding headaches and severe cramps. For three months I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and aches and pains are as a past memory, while health and happiness is my daily experience now. You certainly have one grateful friend in Emporia, and I have praised your Vegetable Compound to a large number of my friends. You have my permission to publish my testimonial in connection with my picture. Yours sincerely, MISS MARION CUNNINGHAM, Emporia, Kans."

\$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone," and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, and blue, and hopeless, they should remember there is a tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

The boring of the Simpson tunnel is half done.

Thirty minutes is all the time required to dye with PUTNAM FADRESSE DYES. Sold by druggists.

The profit on a coconut tree is \$1 a year.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Cataract is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Cataract Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing cataract. Sent for test-tube, free.

J. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A social club in Paris is composed entirely of deaf mutes.

There are several openings for lawyers in Texas. In that state there are forty counties which are without lawyers. When need arises for legal advice, the residents of these sections have to go outside of their counties to engage lawyers.

The trade of all South America is not equal to that we have with Canada.

Mauve and pink furniture is one of the latest artistic fancies—mauvewood, pink satin, brocade and curtains shot with both colors and figured with flowers.

Snails as Window Cleaners.

Snails have long been employed in England for cleaning windows. The creatures are dipped in cold water and then placed upon the pane. They crawl around slowly, devouring all foreign matter and leaving the glass quite bright and clear. They are, of course, used only for upper windows, that are not easily reached from the outside. Water snails also command a ready sale. Almost every aquarium owner keeps a few water snails. They are the best of scavengers, and keep the place as tidy as a new housemaid.

Fine Horse for President.

Capt. John Cobb, a Connecticut sea captain, long resident in Morocco, has secured for President Roosevelt a full blood Arabian saddle horse and will ship it to Washington.

Riveting of boilers and the like is now done almost entirely by a compressed air hammer, which strikes 1,500 times a minute.

It tells on a person—gossip.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.