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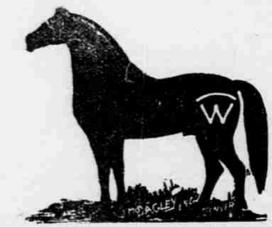
At first sight this may seem to be an impudent question. We are told however, by the famous author, Disraeli, that any man is a coward, even in spite of himself, if his garments are ill-fitting or in a shabby condition. If you wish to enjoy the bravery of elegant attire you should order your Suits and Overcoats of

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TIME TABLE.

Burlington Route		McCook, NEBRASKA.		Burlington Route	
LINCOLN, OMAHA, CHICAGO, ST. JOSEPH, KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS AND ALL POINTS EAST AND SOUTH.	DENVER, HELENA, BUTTE, PORTLAND, SALT LAKE CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ALL POINTS WEST.	CENTRAL TIME.			
No. 2. Vestibuled Express, daily, Lincoln, Omaha, St. Joe, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and all points south.		6:15 A. M.			
No. 4. Local Express, daily, Hastings.		11:00 P. M.			
No. 6. Chicago Flyer.		4:40 P. M.			
No. 148. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Hastings and intermediate stations.		5:00 A. M.			
No. 76. Freight, daily, Oxford, Holdrege, Hastings.		6:30 A. M.			
No. 80. Freight, daily, Hastings and intermediate stations.		7:27 A. M.			
No. 64. Freight, daily, Oxford, Red Cloud, St. Joe, Kansas City.		4:00 A. M.			
No. 5. Local Express, daily, arrives at.		8:05 P. M.			
MOUNTAIN TIME.					
No. 1. Denver Flyer.		6:20 A. M.			
No. 3. Vestibuled Express, daily, Denver and all points in Colo., Utah and California.		11:40 P. M.			
No. 149. Freight, daily, ex. Sunday, Akron and intermediate stations.		6:45 A. M.			
No. 77. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron.		1:50 P. M.			
No. 63. Freight, daily, Stratton, Benkelman, Haigler, Wray and Akron.		4:30 P. M.			
No. 175. Accommodation, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Imperial and intermediate stations.		6:38 A. M.			
Sleeping, dining and reclining chair cars (seats free) on through trains. Tickets sold and baggage checked at any point in the United States or Canada.					
For information, time tables, maps and tickets, call on or write A. P. Thomson, Agent, McCook, Nebraska, or J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Nebraska.					

RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

The pay checks came in on Wednesday night.
Mrs. A. Clark visited Red Cloud friends, last week.
John Stranahan and Dan Bowen are new brakemen, this week.
Trainmaster J. F. Kenyon is having an addition built to his residence.
Supt. A. Campbell went over the east end, Tuesday, in his private car.
Brakeman J. F. Custer is laying off on account of a sick child in the family.
Mrs. O. D. Keith went up to Denver, Thursday morning, to visit her mother.
Conductor L. C. Wolf was an east-bound passenger, Sunday afternoon, on 6.
Brakeman C. L. Olmstead of the Hastings-Oberlin line is enjoying a vacation.

J. G. Dole of the round house force, was the guest of Bartley friends, last Sunday.

The infant child of Brakeman and Mrs. J. F. Custer is very ill with an attack of scarlet fever.

C. J. Snell, wife and children arrived home, Tuesday night, from their delightful visit to relatives and friends in Wisconsin.

Brakeman B. C. Monpleasure went up to Boulder, Colorado, Wednesday night. We understand that Mrs. Monpleasure is not improving as was expected.

Switchman F. R. Jamison is down at Holdrege relieving Switchman W. C. Sparks, who was badly squeezed, Tuesday, between a box car and the depot platform.

Extra Conductor H. C. Brown is running on the Hastings-St. Francis line in place of Conductor Croop, who has much sickness in his family and is laying off for a while.

Frank Harris has commenced the building of a large addition to his residence on North Main. It will be two stories high and nearly as commodious as the original structure.

It's a Boy.
Born, April 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Purvis, a son, weight (estimated by Purvis) 103 lbs., 19 ozs. and 75 grains. The young man starts in as a plain machinist, but has his eye on "Archie's" job as master mechanic.

McCook Markets.
Corrected Friday morning.

Corn	17
Wheat	70
Oats	18
Rye	35
Barley	20
Eggs	3.25
Butter07
Potatoes	50 @ .65

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THE SHIP'S SURGEON.

WHY HE RESIGNED AFTER MAKING ONE ROUND TRIP.

A Horrifying Experience With a Madman—The Surgeon to Be the Subject Operated Upon—Saved by a Knife That Needed a Little Sharpening.

"When I first hung out my shingle," said a prominent New York physician to a group of friends, among them a reporter, "I thought it would be easy to drum up a good paying practice, but I soon realized my mistake. Patients were few. I didn't earn \$10 the first month, and one day when I felt very discouraged and was thinking of giving up the study of the healing art for a more lucrative commercial pursuit I met a friend. The latter was the agent for a line of transatlantic steamers, and on telling him of my poor success as a physician he offered me a position as surgeon on one of his ships. I accepted the berth, and on the evening of the third day at sea I had an experience with a madman, which I shall never forget.

"The weather was very stormy, and as I in consequence had had but little sleep the two previous nights I felt rather drowsy and sat in a chair in my stateroom dozing. Suddenly I was awakened by a tremendous lurching of the vessel. Then I heard a loud knock at my door, and a tall, strange and very excited dark featured man hurriedly entered my cabin. The man's actions were so peculiar that I jumped to my feet and reached for a revolver which lay on my table, but I was too slow. The stranger had seized the weapon. I then asked the man gruffly what he wanted. He did not reply for some time and then, after locking the door and putting the key and my pistol in his pocket, said:

"I'm not sick, doctor. I've come here, exposing a long knife from the sleeve of his coat, 'by order of the captain to cut your throat.'

"For a moment I looked the stranger in the face, and his wild, steady stare soon convinced me that I had to deal with a madman.

"I am not a coward, yet even now the thought of that moment makes me shudder. There I was in a remote part of the ship alone with a madman of twice my physical strength, without a chance to escape or means to give alarm, and, being unarmed, entirely at his mercy. I therefore decided that resistance would be of the least service to me and that apparent acquiescence would be best. All this quickly flashed through my mind, and accordingly feigning the utmost indifference I could I said:

"The captain's orders must, of course, be obeyed. But can you do the deed quickly?"

"Oh, yes," replied the madman, calmly surveying the knife which he held in his hand. 'I'm a butcher by trade and can do the job easily with this tool.'

"Here he paused to examine with his thumb the edge of the knife, which looked rather blunt, and as he did so an idea struck me, and I remarked:

"Your knife does not seem to have a very keen edge. The trachea is tough, you know, and rather difficult to cut with such a blunt instrument."

"The madman now looked at me with a curious expression, as if trying to read my thoughts, and then, after examining the knife more closely, seemed to think my suggestion a good one, for he said:

"Yes, doctor, I think you are right. A little sharpening will do no harm, so if you don't mind waiting I will go to the galley and get the cook to help me put an edge on it with his grindstone."

"This was exactly what I wanted, as, feeling sure he would not lock the door after him, I thought my escape would be easy, but picture my dismay when on his departure I discovered that the door was locked as securely as before.

"What was I to do? I flung open the porthole and shouted with all my might for assistance, but the fury of the gale was now so great that all my efforts to make myself heard were of no avail. Then in a frenzy of despair I looked about for some weapon of defense, but there was not so much as a stick to be found in my cabin. I put my ear to the key-hole, and, thinking I heard footsteps approaching, I impulsively threw off my coat, went to the farthest end of the room and, standing as defiantly as possible, resolved to fight to the last.

"I remember then the door bursting open and the entry of the madman, not alone, as I expected, but securely pinned and attended by two of the ship's crew in charge of the second officer. The relief of the moment was so great that it completely prostrated me, and I fell in a faint to the floor.

"When I came to my senses, I learned that the peculiar and excited manner of the maniac, the large knife in his possession and his anxiety to sharpen it drew suspicion on him and induced the officer to secure and bring him to my cabin to ascertain his condition. Needless to say I pronounced the man insane, and he was kept securely confined and watched day and night until the ship arrived in Liverpool, where he was handed over to the proper authorities. I returned to New York on the same vessel, but never went to sea in the capacity of a surgeon again."—Washington Star.

As Between Men.
"Yes, dear, I met your father and told him that I wanted to talk with him as one man with another."
"And?"
"Well, that was the kind of talk I got. With all the temper he has I am sure he would never have used such language in talking to a woman."—Indianapolis Journal.

Looking to the Bank Account.
Critic—You are not maintaining the high standard which you set at your theater when the season opened.
Manager—No; I've stopped encouraging art to give the people what they want.—Philadelphia North American.

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