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THE FIRST AIR BRAKE.

What It Did When Westinghouse Finally Won a Trial.

Persons who should have known better thought Westinghouse visionary when they were told that he proposed to stop a train by air. Nobody seemed inclined to let him try his plan on a real train, but they did not object to his working a model of it in a shop where he couldn't do any harm or involve anybody else in expense. He knew his scheme would work, but he could not make any one else believe it. So he continued to sell his invention for replacing derailed cars on the tracks and to talk about his brake to any railroad man who was willing to listen.

"Well, have you ever stopped a train with this air thing of yours?" they would ask.

No, he couldn't say that he had done so. Nobody would let him try it even on a train of dump cars.

One day he arrived in Pittsburg, selling his other invention and talking about his brake notion to a man connected with a railroad out there. "That's a great idea of yours," said the man. "We will try it on our line."

So the officials of this railroad permitted Westinghouse to put his new "kicksaw" on one of their trains. But he had to agree to indemnify the road for any damage that might be caused to the train as the result of the trials. The train was equipped. On the designated day the confident inventor and a group of skeptical railway men boarded the train on which the first air brakes were fixed. Off went the train on its trial trip. The engineer put on full speed, and just as he had rounded a curve he saw ahead, at a grade crossing and in the middle of the track, a loaded wagon, a man and a boy and a balky horse. The engineer moved his little lever, and the first train that was ever stopped by air pulled up at a standstill several feet short of the obstruction.

Thus, on its first trial, the Westinghouse air brake saved life and prevented damage to property. Thereafter talking was unnecessary; all that had to be done was to make brakes. The inventor thought of that clause securing compensation to the railroad for any damage he might do to the train, and he laughed. His fortune dated from that day. He was then only twenty-two.—Arthur Warren in Success.

BUSINESS LAWS.

It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. Ignorance of the law excuses no one. The acts of one partner bind all the others.

An agreement without consideration is void.

A personal right of action dies with the person.

The law compels no one to do impossibilities.

A contract made with a minor or lunatic is void.

A receipt for money paid is not legally conclusive.

Signatures made with a lead pencil are good in law.

Agents are responsible to their principals for errors.

Each individual in a partnership is responsible for the whole amount of the debts of the firm.

A draft becomes an acceptance when the party upon whom it is drawn writes "accepted" across its face and signs his name.

Had No Time to Vote.
President Zachary Taylor in 1810, when only twenty-two years of age, was appointed to a lieutenantancy in the regular army. He served in the army up to or near the time of his nomination for the presidency in 1848. After he had carried off the prize friends of Henry Clay and others who wanted the nomination sneeringly spoke of Taylor as an ignorant frontier colonel, who had not voted for forty years. It is probable he had not voted, as he had been away from home in the military service most of the time and came into prominence only through his brilliant military record in the Mexican war.

The Ohio River.
No part of the Ohio river is in Ohio, the boundary of the state is the northern or northwestern margin of the river. The stream itself is wholly in West Virginia and Kentucky, where it flows past Ohio. The northwest territory, out of which Ohio was formed, was defined as the territory north and west of the Ohio, not north and west of the middle of that great river.

Not to Be Trifled With.
Love had just laughed at the locksmith.

"Why don't you laugh at the milliner and the landlord and the grocer?" asked a bystander.

"Because," replied Love, "they always make me feel mighty serious."—Houston Post.

Husbands.
The woman who said that she knew her husband didn't drink because he drank so much water in the morning isn't it with the woman who says that the reason her husband doesn't go to church is because he is already as good as he can be.—Detroit Free Press.

Misunderstanding.
"Hannah," said the mistress to her new girl, "you can take that brown serge dress of mine and put it in soak."

"Yes'm," said Hannah. "Who's your favorite pawnbroker?"—London Answers.

Slipped a Word.
From a recent examination paper on religious instruction at a boys' school: "Holy matrimony is a divine institution for the provocation of mankind."—Punch.

For Alcohol Denaturated



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QUITE an industrial revolution is liable to come about, it is said, in case of the enactment into law of the bill taking the internal revenue tax off "denaturated alcohol," as advocated by President Roosevelt in his recent special message to congress. Should it be placed on the statute books it would result in bringing into the market a product which would be in great demand for heating, lighting and power purposes and for use in the arts, so say those who advocate the passage of the measure now in congress. Among the prominent supporters of such a law are Nahum J. Bachelder, head of the national grange, representing some 800,000 farmers; James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, and Professor Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the government's bureau of chemistry. Because of the fact that the denaturated alcohol would be available for generating power for many mechanical purposes the bill interests the automobilists, the owners of motor boats, the manufacturers and users of farm machinery and those engaged in many branches of industry. Even the piano dealers of the country are interested and in their national convention a few days ago passed resolutions indorsing the proposed law. It has been strongly opposed by the Standard Oil company for the obvious reason that a wide use of denaturated alcohol would lessen the demand for its products. It is also opposed by the manufacturers of wood alcohol.

Commercial alcohol, if it could be obtained at a sufficiently low price, would supplant, to some extent at least, both petroleum and gasoline. The supply of gasoline is on the decrease, while its price has been going up. Only a short time ago 70 to 72



DR. HARVEY W. WILEY AND CORN STORAGE IN NEBRASKA.

degrees test gasoline was advanced half a cent a gallon, while all other high grades were put up a cent per gallon. The present internal revenue tax on denaturated alcohol is so large as to make its use for commercial purposes impractical. In England, Germany and some other European countries there is no tax on denaturated alcohol, and there it is largely used in the arts and in manufactures and also as fuel and for motive power. Commercial alcohol, known as wood alcohol or methyl alcohol, has long been obtained by the dry distillation of wood, but there are many purposes for which it cannot be used and for which the denaturated alcohol obtained from grain or vegetables would be available. The products expected to furnish the chief supply of this article in case of the removal of the tax are corn, potatoes, sugar beets and other vegetables containing a great deal of starch. According to the estimates of the secretary of agriculture, potatoes and corn will be largely grown for the production of alcohol as well as for food if the tax is removed. The alcohol in that case would be made undrinkable by the addition of wood alcohol and pyridine.

Dr. Wiley, whose chemical experiments have done much to develop sentiment in favor of pure food laws, has shown that cornstarch may be utilized for commercial alcohol, the same kind of press being used to extract the fermentable material as for sugar cane. Mr. Wilson estimates that with the grinding up of the stalk as well as the grain corn can be made to produce 230 gallons of alcohol to the acre. This would mean a vast increase in the demand for this product and a corresponding benefit to the farmer. The corn crop of the country is already enormous, and on the plains of the west it is stacked up almost mountain high at certain seasons, but its growth would be stimulated still more by the opening up of such a market as the removal of the tax would create. It is estimated that the ordinary white potato will produce as much as 255 gallons of alcohol per acre. From sugar beets about 224 gallons of alcohol per acre may be obtained. The use of alcohol for fuel and power is not so dangerous as that of oil and gasoline, and it is thus especially adapted for farm purposes.

Political Speeches.

Some people think, for instance, that political speeches do not matter. Political speeches matter far more than the acts of parliament which they introduce. Men care less even about what is being done than about why it is being done. The spirit in which a thing is effected is of far more practical importance even than the thing itself. This can be tested by the simple experiment in social life of removing a gentleman's hat for him, first in one spirit, then in the other. If you get rid of all the talk about practical politics (talked by tired men with £10,000 a year) and really look impartially at the history of human society you will see that collisions have arisen far more from insults than from injuries. Some of my imperialist friends, for instance, tell me that because I think South Africa a nuisance to England therefore I should permit Germany to pluck it from us in war. This is like saying that because I think a top hat ugly and uncomfortable I should let another man knock it off in Piccadilly. No doubt it is uncomfortable. But why should he knock it off? Who is he? I wonder.—G. K. Chesterton in London News.

Portuguese Money.

Portuguese money is based on a unit which is worth about the thousandth part of a cent. So if you buy a single postage stamp it costs you about 10,000 milreis. We were shocked at the price of the objects the vendors in Ponto Delgada desired to sell us. When presented with a bill some of us got heart disease and some of us apoplexy. Only after long explanations in mingled Spanish, Portuguese, French and English did we learn that a photograph offered at several thousand milreis was worth about 15 cents. In short, it was brought forcibly to our attention how extremely artificial a medium is money, how difficult it is to get, how difficult it is to keep, but also how difficult it is to exchange this interconvertible medium in foreign countries—when you have any. Probably it is even more difficult when you have not.—Argonaut.

Hospitality.

While the reportorial representative of a great news bureau was in San Antonio, Tex., whence he had posted in such haste as to have little luggage, he met with a charming bit of southern hospitality. He had no cuffs, and a local reporter promptly drew off his own and said to the guest within the city gates: "Here, take mine. I've more at home." Later it was learned that the donor of the cuffs worked for the San Antonio Daily Express, and the superintendent of the news bureau upon hearing of the incident immediately wrote to Frank Grice, owner of the Express, in appreciation of an act peculiarly southern in its frank good fellowship. Here is Mr. Grice's reply: "If you can send me the name of the member of the Express staff who offered his cuffs to your man he will be discharged for not offering his shirt as well."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Sharp, but Not Clever.

A London scientist says that life in a metropolis makes young children sharp, but not clever; that it often destroys their chance of ever being clever, for it hastens the development of the brain unnaturally. It makes them superficial, alert, but not observant; excitable, but without one spark of enthusiasm. They are apt to grow blasé, fickle, discontented. They see more things than the country bred child, but not such interesting things, and they do not properly see anything, for they have neither the time nor capacity to get at the root of all the bewildering objects that crowd themselves into their little lives.

Social Limits.

You may tell a man that his necktie cannot be reckoned among his successes, you may point out his errors in regard to investments, you may reproach him for omitting to take advantage of the opportunities he has had for advancement, and he will accept all your criticisms with a reasonable calm, but take gentle exception to the way in which he pronounces a word and the chances are that his next remark is of a heated nature.—London Queen.

Took All the Responsibility.

"I'm going to give up that new specialist I've been trying."
"What's the reason?"
"Why, he's always telling me that I must try to help myself."
"What did the other man tell you?"
"He always told me he was helping me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Where?

An English mayor tells this story: "A woman, speaking at a meeting in support of women's rights, repeatedly asked her audience, 'Where would men find themselves without women?'
"A weak voice from the rear of the hall:
"In paradise, mum?"

Ate Off His Hand.

Smith—I hear Jones, the naturalist, had a bad accident. What was it?
Brown—Why, somebody gave him a young tiger cub and said it was so tame it would eat off his hand. Smith—Well? Brown—Well, it did.

Improved.

"Does your papa get much practice?" asked the visitor of the doctor's seven-year-old son.
"Oh, he doesn't have to practice any more," replied the boy. "He knows how now."

Surgery.

Medical Student—What did you operate on that man for?
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"I mean what did he have?"
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