

It Was a Record Breaker.
Three fellow travelers in the smoking room of a fast train were discussing the speed of trains.
"I was in a train once," said the first man, "that beat everything I ever rode in for speed. Why, it went so fast that the telegraph poles at the side of the track looked like an immense fine-toothed comb."
"That's nothing," said the second traveler; "I remember riding in an express on the — and — that went at such a gait that the telegraph poles looked like a solid board fence."
The third man made an exclamation of impatience.
"Ah, you fellows don't know what high speed on a railroad is. Why, I traveled west from Chicago last month in a train that went at such a pace that when we passed some alternate fields of corn and beans they looked like suc-cotash!"—Harper's Weekly.

Shouting Their Praises.
Friarpoint, Miss., Aug. 22.—Special.—Cured of Bladder and Kidney Trouble after 26 years of suffering, Rev. H. H. Hatch, of this place, is telling the public the good news and shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him—Dodd's Kidney Pills. Rev. Mr. Hatch says:
"I have been suffering from Bladder and Kidney Trouble for 26 years and I have tried everything that people said would do me good. But nothing did me any good except Dodd's Kidney Pills.
"I haven't felt a pain since I took Dodd's Kidney Pills. They gave me health and I feel like a new man altogether. Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best I ever had."
All Urinary and Bladder Troubles are caused by diseased kidneys. The natural way to cure them is to cure the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to cure diseased kidneys in any stage or place. They always cure Backache and they are the only remedy that ever cured Bright's Disease.

SHE HAD THE WRONG POCKET.
Awful Mistake of the Pretty Girl in the Automobile Coat.
A pretty girl wearing an automobile coat that reached to her heels stepped aboard an Indiana avenue electric car at Thirty-first street the other day and took the only remaining seat, which was next to a man bundled in a great ulster. The atmosphere in the car was rather frigid, and the young woman felt about her coat pockets, and finally shovelled her hands deep down into the folds of the garment.
An instant later she felt a large gloved hand steal inside the pocket. It closed upon her own hand and gently pressed it. The pretty girl was enraged, and turned upon the man at her side.
The car was crowded with passengers, and she did not wish to create a scene. She bit her lip, straightened up, and looked directly ahead. Again the hand closed gently upon her own. She gave her arm a quick jerk and withdrew her hand from the pocket. The man, not the least abashed, also withdrew his hand.
Her fingers soon began tingling with cold and she slipped her hand into the pocket again. While she sat shivering she again felt a large gloved hand steal into the pocket. For a moment she sat quietly, and then the hand once more pressed her own. She would endure such a flirtation no longer. She thrust her hand deeper into the pocket and faced the man.
"Take your hand out of my pocket, sir," she said, in a fierce voice.
"Pardon me, miss," said the man, "but will you be so kind as to take your hand out of my pocket?"
The young woman looked surprised, and with a jerk withdrew her hand. When she saw she had confused the folds of the two coats she blushed, signaled the conductor to stop the car, and fled toward the door. When the car stopped she stepped to the street, without even turning to give the man an apologetic glance.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

AS EASY
Needs Only a Little Thinking.
The food of childhood often decides whether one is to grow up well nourished and healthy or weak and sickly from improper food.
It's just as easy to be one as the other, provided we get a proper start.
A wise physician like the Denver doctor who knew about food can accomplish wonders, provided the patient is willing to help and will eat only proper food.
Speaking of this case, the mother said her little four-year-old boy was suffering from a peculiar derangement of the stomach, liver and kidneys, and his feet became so swollen he couldn't take a step. "We called a doctor, who said at once we must be very careful as to his diet, as improper food was the only cause of his sickness. Sugar, especially, he forbid.
"So the doctor made up a diet, and the principal food he prescribed was Grape-Nuts, and the boy, who was very fond of sweet things, took the Grape-Nuts readily, without adding any sugar. (Doctor explained that the sweet in Grape-Nuts is not at all like cane or beet sugar, but is the natural sweet of the grains.)
"We saw big improvement inside a few days, and now Grape-Nuts are almost his only food, and he is once more a healthy, happy, rosy-cheeked youngster, with every prospect to grow up into a strong, healthy man." Name given by Postum Cereal Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
The sweet in Grape-Nuts is the Nature-sweet known as Post Sugar, not digested in the liver like ordinary sugar, but predigested. Feed the youngsters a handful of Grape-Nuts when Nature demands sweet and prompts them to call for sugar.
There's a reason.
Get the little book "The Road to Wellville" in each package.

EDITORIALS

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

The Ministry.
OF the 20,000 men and women who graduated from our universities and colleges last month only 1,500 aspire to preach the gospel. As there are some 74,000 engaged in preaching in the United States this contribution is insufficient to keep up the supply. Here and there are men and women who have never had a college or theological training who are discharging the duties of the pulpit, but they are few compared to those who had these advantages, so that virtually the number of aspirants is a correct measure of the extent of the ministerial ambition.
The principal reasons why the number of candidates for the clergy is growing less relatively year by year are that congregations are getting more exacting, that the pay is small and the occupation the least attractive of the professions. This is the selfish point of view. Then, the conscientious student who may be religiously inclined and who sees great opportunities for doing good in the calling, sometimes is deterred because he cannot satisfy his conscience of the truth of some of the doctrines of Christianity. Sooner than preach something which he cannot believe in he turns his talents to another calling.
Another hindrance is that the religious unrest, so palpable in the world, is much more pronounced in the higher halls of learning. Here agnosticism, materialism, indifference, are at work sapping the early religious training and turning the mind in its formative stage against the pulpit. Much harm is wrought here by the scoffer and the unbeliever who are never so happy as when reviling Christianity and everything pertaining to its missionary advancement.
The world was never so generous in its support of Christian churches and charities as it is to-day and nowhere else is this extended with the generosity of that of the United States. Yet the disposition to preach is not keeping abreast of this sentiment. If it were, the candidates for the priesthood this year would number 4,000 or 5,000 instead of 1,500.—Utica Globe.

The Profit of Good Roads.
NOW that the country is measurably well supplied with railroads which haul the farmer's products to market at an average rate of a half a cent a ton per mile, it begins to be of prime importance that the average cost of hauling from the farm to the railway station, which is about twenty-five cents per ton per mile, should be reduced. The Department of Agriculture claims that this cost could be reduced two-thirds by the simple substitution of good macadamized roads for the ordinary dirt highways now in use.
Pennsylvania's new road law, which divides the cost of making permanent roads between the State, county and township, was inspired by a desire to begin the solution of this problem in a way that would prove least burdensome to the farmers themselves. So far, however, its provisions have not been taken advantage of as widely as was anticipated. It seems worth while to call attention to the fact that practically similar laws are already in operation, with excellent results, in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, California and elsewhere. In the State like New Jersey, where the law has been in operation longest, the benefits are marked.
It is the first step that costs, however, in road-making as in everything else. When a few experimental sections of really good highways have been provided as object lessons, it is to be hoped that Pennsylvania farmers will fall in line with those of other States, where permanent road laws have been longer in force.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Our Illiterate Citizens.
THERE is food for thought in the figures of the United States census report dealing with education. Thus we learn that in 1900 there were 2,328,000 men of the age of 21 or over who were unable to read or write. This great army of illiterates constituted 11 per cent of the voting strength of the nation—an electorate in itself sufficiently strong, if suitably distributed, to determine national principles and policies.
Of the total 977,000 were negroes and 1,254,000 whites, a percentage which when compared with that of thirty

years before shows up to the manifest disadvantage of the dominant race. Thus in 1870 the excess of illiterate negroes over illiterate whites was 90,000, while now, thirty years later, the latter outnumber the former by 277,000.
Nor can we justly retort that these illiterate whites are aliens dumped upon our shores through the agency of immigration. Of the total number of white illiterates only 565,000 are foreign born, while the native born number 688,000, or an excess of 113,000. Nor is this the worst of it. The report shows that the percentage of illiterates among the native born sons of American parents is nearly three times as great as among the native born sons of foreign parents. Evidently our foreign born citizens have a higher appreciation of the advantages of education than many of the native stock.
At no time in our history has the percentage of illiterates been as great as to-day. During the past sixty years the percentage of this class of citizens has increased from 6.15 to 6.60, despite our free school system and the earnest efforts to popularize education. The State having the largest number of illiterates is Georgia, as might be expected, with its great negro population and its large number of struggling whites. Pennsylvania is next, having 139,982 illiterates, as compared with 158,247 for Georgia. The percentage of illiterates among the native born voters of New Mexico is 25.—Utica Globe.

The Disappearance of the Male Teacher.
NO one will deny that many of the best school teachers in the country are women. There are parts of the delicate and highly important task of training the young which can best be done by tactful and gentle women. But it is also the serious opinion of experts that growing boys should very largely be under the care of men. There is a certain inspiration of manly leadership which a boy greatly needs, and which he can only get from a manly man. The influence of a thoroughly robust school teacher upon his class of boys cannot be calculated. He puts before them constantly a model of manliness, and high honor, and attractive industry, and clean courage, which leaves its stamp upon their forming minds through all the rest of their lives.
The generation of boys which must always go to school to women, and to no one else, will lose something very valuable out of their school-day training. They may get as much arithmetic and grammar and history and the rest of it from the women as from the men, but they can no more get the quality of manliness from women than they can get the quality of refinement from men. Our schools should be "manned" with men as well as women, and if we have permitted the financial attractions of the profession to fall so far behind the increasing attractions of competitive callings as to allow all the young men to be drawn away from this profession, we have been guilty of a serious betrayal of trust to the generation which is now growing up. Our fathers did not so misuse us.—Montreal Star.

Wireless Telegraphy in War.
THE question of the value of wireless telegraphy in war has already been considered. Now it is supplemented by that of its legality. The Russian Government has practically served notice that it regards it as illegal. At any rate, the use of such a device at the seat of war will be treated as a breach of neutrality. Correspondents telegraphing without wires will be shot as spies, and vessels equipped with wireless telegraphic apparatus venturing near the scene of war will, if caught, be confiscated as contraband of war. So far as correspondents accompanying the Russian army are concerned, we may unhesitatingly concede the Russian the right of censorship. That is a matter of course. A belligerent power has the undoubted right to decide whether it will permit correspondents to accompany its army at all and if it does let them do so it can, of course, prescribe what matter they may send through the lines, and how. Similarly, it may exercise a censorship over news vessels entering its territorial waters, or the waters implicated in the sphere of belligerent action. But a general outlawing of wireless telegraphy in that part of the world would be a much more extreme matter.—New York Tribune.

For Your Perfect Comfort
At the St. Louis Exposition, which is very severe upon the feet, remember to take along a box or two of ALLEN'S FOOT-POWDER, a powder for Hot, Tired, Aching, Swollen, Sweating Feet. 30,000 testimonials. Sold by all Druggists, 25c. DON'T ACCEPT A SUBSTITUTE. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.
The postoffice money order department handles about \$300,000,000 a year. The loss by the dishonesty and carelessness of clerks has been only \$251 in the last two years, but this is partly explained by the fact that the clerks are made responsible for the money they handle, and any loss is considered theirs.
Piso's Cure for Consumption is the best medicine I have ever found for coughs and colds.—Mrs. Ogar Tripp, Big Rock, Ill., March 20, 1901.
Not Fit to Join.
First Fox Hunter (at the American Meet Club)—Why did you blackball Winthrop?
Second Fox Hunter—He says "hunt" instead of "unt."
Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for Children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Some Amusement Schemes.
The railway companies of the country are engaged in all kinds of amusement schemes, with the idea of attracting patronage, and the latest innovation of this character has taken place in Cleveland, where the manager of a street railway company has organized a baseball league. Each of the towns along the line has a nine, and a regular schedule has been arranged. The railway company has supplied the uniforms and offered other substantial assistance besides undertaking to carry the players free to and from the games. The company, however, does not participate in the profits of the team, but is repaid merely by the increased business resulting from the games.
If you go around exploiting a fool belief, people will notice it, and talk about it. People who have fool beliefs are not accorded as much charity as formerly.

COSSACKS ARE A BUGABOO.
Facts the Japanese Learned Before Opening Hostilities.
The care taken by the Japanese to make sure that they were right before going ahead is shown by the fact that, previous to the war with Russia, they took the greatest pains to ascertain the actual value as a fighting force of the much vaunted Cossack cavalry, says the army and navy register. The conclusion was, to use the language of the Japanese official from whom we obtain this information, that they were "a mere bugaboo." It was found that the custom of the Russian government was to furnish each Cossack in Manchuria with a fixed sum for the purchase of a horse. One-half of this sum he put into his pocket and purchased the best horse he could with

the remainder. The money given for the purchase of fodder was treated in the same way and the horse left to pick up a living as best he could.
The result was shown in a serious deterioration in the efficiency of the Cossacks. Similar dishonesty was prevalent in the other departments of Russian army administration, an illustration of which is found in the story of the Russian officers found guilty of selling powder to the Chinese and putting sand in its place.
The Japanese even assert that the number of troops under the command of Kourapatkin was misrepresented, so that money might be made by drawing supplies for fictitious warriors. To make full allowance for contingencies the Japanese estimated the number of Russians they would encounter on the Yalu as 40,000 in all and sent 60,000 troops against them. It was found in the end that the Russians had only 20,000 men to oppose the crossing of the river.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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GREAT LUMP OF IRON ORE.
Weighs 600,000,000 Tons and Is Worth an Immense Fortune.
One of the greatest natural curiosities in Mexico is a big hill consisting of a solid mass of iron ore. It stands beside the railroad track, near the station, in the city of Durango, in the central part of the republic.
Nothing just like it is known elsewhere except in North Sweden, where there is another hill of iron ore, which the miners are beginning to tear down to feed the smelters that have just been built around it.
The Durango hill is simply a tremendous lump of iron ore about a mile in length, nearly 2,000 feet wide and rising above the rock-strewn plain around it from 400 to 650 feet.
When Humboldt visited Mexico in 1803 he did not see the hill, but samples of the iron mass were shown to him, and from them he deduced the erroneous conclusion that the pieces came from a colossal aerie, the largest east on record.
Geologists say that some time or other a big opening was made in the earth's crust, and that this enormous mass of ore was thrust up through the rift and piled high above the surrounding plain. That is to say, the iron hill is one of the dikes that are supposed to be the result of earthquake action. Cracks or fissures have opened from the surface deep into the earth, and through these fissures molten matter has been forced to the outer air, where it has been hardened into rock.
So the Durango hill was formed by the same process that made the Palisades along the Hudson. The ore is hematite and one of the richest iron ores in the world. The best ores in England contain 57 per cent iron, Lake Superior ores contain from 59 to 65 per cent iron and the Durango hill is from 60 to 67 per cent pure iron, more than three-fifths of this mass, which is calculated to weigh over 600,000,000 tons, being iron of the best steel-making quality.
This is the only part of the mass that appears above the surface. No one knows how deep it may penetrate into the earth.—New York Sun.

TORTURING PAIN.
Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, but Doan's Cured Him.
A. C. Sprague, stock dealer, of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys. I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived. The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse, and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car. My condition was critical when I sent for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me. Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."
A FREE TRIAL—Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents.

An Errand Dog.
In a town in Cumberland, England, a dog is in the habit of going to the co-operative store for groceries. It takes a basket in its mouth containing the money and book. When it enters it goes to everybody in the shop and knocks them with the basket till some one takes the money out and gives it to one of the shopkeepers. One day it dropped something out of its basket and a boy ran away with it. The dog put the basket down and ran after him, and he had to drop the packet; it then got it in its mouth and put it into the basket, and, having got the things, went home. It is a sort of errand dog.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mailed Himself by Post.
The limit of weight for a parcel post in England is eleven pounds. No doubt, then, some reader will be surprised that under certain conditions the postoffice will undertake to safely deliver weights many times in excess of that stated in the regulations.
One day last year a city gentleman called at St. Martin's le Grand, in London, with the object of consulting a directory and finding the address of a customer who lived in a remote part of Balham. He was not acquainted with the locality and was most anxious to see his customer at once. These facts he mentioned to an obliging clerk behind the counter.
He was at once informed that he could be sent to the required address "by registered post" at a fee of 3 pence a mile. The gentleman gladly accepted the offer, and in less than a minute found himself in charge of a smart messenger boy, who very soon guided him by the shortest route to his destination.
The boy carried in his hand a printed slip with a description of his charge under the heading "Article required to be delivered," and this he required the gentleman and customer to sign before he left the latter's house.
It is probable that very few people are aware of the regulation under which this curious postal transaction was accomplished. It reads thus: "A person may be conducted by express messenger to any address on payment of mileage fee."

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Vice Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.
"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can to-day thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles. "My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female troubles, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y. — \$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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