### THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

LETTERS FROM GRIP KNIGHTS

A Very Pathetic Scene-The Story of an Ingrate Omaha's Sunday Guests-Some Small Orders Samples.

> A Traveler Done For. She played the harp and mandolin With most entrancing grace; An inspiration seized her soul And glowed from her sweet face. She played upon the soft guitar, He heard it and declared That to the player of the tune Naught else could be compared. He felt her power further, for when
> With these she'd gotten through,
> She turned and with exquisite skill
> The fair one played him too.

The Travelers' Mail Box. Nonrolk, Neb., March 8 .- To the Editor of the BEE: A correspondent in last Mouday's Her asks if laundry is a legitimate expense and should it be charged to the house! Of course laundry is a legitimate expense, but that it is one which the house should foot is a different question. Your correspondent will find various opinions upon the subject of legitimate expenses. Many travelers and many houses may deem laundry a proper expense, but others will consider it entirely out of the question. For myself, I have never charged for laundry and know that my house would not approve of the item for the reason that it is an expense simiitem for the reason that it is an expense similar to having a patch put on my trousers. I would have to have the patch there for my own special benefit, and while my personal appearance is of some interest to my house, I cannot see that they should be compelled to footalt the bills for putting me in presentable shape. While the question of laundry is one to be determined by the opinions of those interested Lide but consider it a proper item to terested, I do not consider it a proper item to charge to the house. E. B. A.

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FREMONT, Neb., March 2.—To the Editor of
the Ber: Since the question of legitimate
expenses has come no, I would like to hear
from some of the old and more experienced
commercial travelers as to what may be regarded as a legitimate item to charge to the
bouse. Young Drumber.

Hastings, Neb., March 9.-[Correspond chice of the Bre. ]-Volumes might be filled of the most interesting reading matter ever penned gathered from the reminiscences of the knights of the grip. All phases of life darkest hues the gay and grotesque the sublime and ridfeulous, the sad and pathetic events of every day life would be interwoven and commingled like the scoves depicted on the canvas by the magic brush of art. Your correspondent, while in the counting room of a large-agricultural implement house in the city of Hastings, met a commercial trayeler, a resident of the capital city of the state, who in lack of a better name, we will call Mr. Smith. He has for years been engaged in making collections for one of the largest implement houses in the

country, and the following is one among his varied experiences: The seese opens about eight years ago with a sule of some farming machinery to a Mr. Martin, who, though he owned no real estate, was regarded as honest and industrious. As usual the sale was on time and a chattel mortgage was given on live stock sufficient to secure the same. When the note became due it was sent on for collection, but to the surprise of all concerned no such person could be found. Himself and family had vanished and for years no trace of them could be obtained. The claim was placed in the hands of our Mr. Smith with instructions to spare no pains or expense in hunting the dishonest tiary. For a long time he was unsuccessful, but finally through the ald of the postoffice and other means which would have done credit to a Vidoon, he located him in a certain which would have done credit to a Vidoon, he located him in a certain which we have the beautiful to the Minister of the located him in a certain which we have the statement of the located him in a certain which we have the statement of the located him in a certain which was a located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we will be also a located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which we have the located him in a certain which which w credit to a Vidocq, he located him in a certain county in lowa contiguous to the Missouri river. Proceeding a requisition from the governor of Nebraska he proceeded to this county to have him arrested. Securing the survices of the sheriff they searched the county from one end to the other, but they could not find their man. He had disappeared as mysteriously as before, and left no trace. Creshfallen at his want of success, Mr. Smith returned to Nebruska only to renew his efforts with redoubled seal. After a long time he again located him in this state, and in a county just opposite the one in Iowa where he was formerly supposed to be. One morning bright and early our hero found himself at the county seal of this county, and procuring a livery he started for the river on whose bank he had ascertained his debtor lived. On reaching the river he found himself on a very high bluff, with no road leading to the bottom. He proceeded some distance along the bluff road, and meeting a pedestrian he inquired where Mr. Martin lived. The man pointed out a house situated at the foot of the bluffs, partially hidden by the barren timber and undergrowth, which at any other season, it being now mid-winter, could not have been seen from where they tain county in Iowa contiguous to the Mis

at any other season, it being now mid-winter, could not have been seen from where they were. There was no way to reach the house but to retrace the bluff road several miles to one rough and rocky, which led down to the river bottom. After a long and tedious ride he found himself before a desolate look ride he found himself before a desolate looking log-house, not far away from the river, in such a retired location, that it did not seem at all strange that the man in whom he was in pursuit of, had evaded him for years. He alighted, secured his team and knocked at the door. A middle-aged woman, whose care-worn face and silvered hair showed the marks that trials and troubles more surely bring than the effects of age, opened the door, invited him in and placed a chair in front of the huge fire-place, filled with burning logs. He sat down and enjoyed the warmth of the blazing fire after his long cold ride. The lady, surrounded by a throng of children of various ages and sizes, all canzely dressed, but neat, clean and healthy-looking. dressed, but neat, clean and healthy-looking, remained standing, with expectant and ex-cited looks, waiting for him to make known his business. It would seem that she had a premonition of what that was, for when he gave his name and the name of the house he represented, a deathly pallor overspread her face, and she sank fainting to the floor. Her oldest girl, about sixteen years of age, sprang to the assistance of her mother and assisted her to a seat. When she had regained her composure Mr. Smith inquired where her husband was, and she informed him that he was about four and she informed nim that he was about four miles distant cutting cordwood and would not roturn until night. By this time he had become very much interested in this unfortunate family, and when Mrs. Martin went on to tell, the history of their adventures from the time her husband, under the stress of adverse electrostances, parted with their

once crossed to this state to a more secluded place, if such were possible. Is it any wonder that the mind of this poor woman was burdened with terror, insomuch that every passing stranger, and they were few in this out-of-the-way spot, was clothed in the garb of an officer of the law in search of her distracted and repentant husband. And now their hiding place was discovered and the representatives of the husband. And now their hiding place was discovered and the representatives of the firm that had been so deeply wronged stood before her. She said she was glad that they were found, for any fate would be preferable to the life that they had lived for years. Mr. Smith, at heart as kind and gentle as a woman, was deeply touched, and the resolver Smith, at heart as kind and gentle as a woman, was deeply touched, and the resolve made years ago to never cease his efforts intil Martin was behind the bars was forgotten. He endeavored to pacify her and asked her about her children, and requested to see them all. There were several already in the room. She went to the door of another room, from which loud sounds of mirth and laughter proceeded from children lips, and told them to come to her. They came trooping in, and by actual count there were four-teen, as fine, healthy looking boys and girls as ever blessed a mother's heart. He ar-

of adverse circumstances, parted with their property, which he had no right to do, they had lived in continual dread of the time when the husband and father would be arrested and taken to prison. They were living on the other side of the river at the time

Mr. Smith was on their trail in fown and at once crossed to this state to a more secluded

ranged them in line from the smallest, just able to walk, to the oldest, a young lady about sixteen, and then taking the much to be feured inortgage, note and all the other papers in the case, including the warrant and requisition, handed them to Mrs. Martin, who refused at first to take them, saying that thay belonged to the firm he represented, and he would have to make the amount good. He assured her that the house would endorse his actions, and that she must accept them, which she did assuring him that it was the first happy day she had known since her husband had made the fatal mistake. After handing the mother a few dollars for the children to celebrate the "happy christmas" time which was near at hand, and which they rarely celebrated, the traveling man rushed to his buggy and started forth to hunt up the next delinquent. Soon after he visited headquarters and reported to the president of the company the disposition he had made of this claim with all the details, there was a suspicious moisture in the eye and a tremor in the voice of that gentleman, as he ordered the book keeper to "get that account out of the way," with the remark "that a woman who had done so much for her country and suffered so much by reason of her husband's mistake should not be interfered with by a firm which had the good of the nation at heart.

An Ingrate,

"You would naturally suppose that if a man saved my life I would be grateful to him, for it, wouldn't you!" inquired an Omaha traveling man of the BEE reporter the other

"I'd certainly take you to be that sort of a fellow," was the reply. "And if a man not only saved my life, but at the same time saved me from disgracing my name, from committing a theft, and from breaking the heart of the best little woman that ever lived, you'd think that I would regard that man as my friend, that I would be glad to meet him and to show my gratitude to

"We'll, rather." "And yet a man did all that for me, and ne's about the only man on earth to-day that I would go out of my way to avoid meetingnow don't say anything until you've heard the story.".

him, wouldn't you!"

"I began life railroading. About eight years ago, after doing general rustling about the depot, and then night telegraphing, I got my first station, a little town in western Iowa, and soon after I got my station I got umrried. My wages weren't exactly munifi-cent, but they looked very encouraging to my wife and L. We hought a little house on easy payments and got togother enough furniture to live with, and we thought we were on the limited to prosperity with through tickets-but it turned out to be only a local freight for

Salt Creek.
If had been in A—ville just about six months; my furniture was all paid for; I was meeting the small monthly payments on our house as they came due, and, one particular afternoon in July as I came back into the deafterneon in July as I came back into the deperagrey receiving the express from the west
bound passenger. I suppose I was about as
happy a person as could be found in Iowa.
When I came into the waiting room I poticed
that a spruce young fellow who had come in
on the train had set, his grip down, on
the end of the bench that ram around
the room and was standing with his
hands behind his back and his back
to the door, apparently admiring the artistic
posters on the wait. I went through the gate
in the partition between my office and the
waiting room and reported the departure of
the train, and set got up from the instrument, the stranger was standing at the ticket
window. I went over to wait on him, Instead of the inquiry which I expected, he
handed me out a letter—one of those delightful communications from headquarters which
all railroad men know. I was ordered to get
out and turn the office over to the bearer. I
went back into the Ireight room and set
there in the dark thinking it over. I couldn't
get up courage enough to venture out. It
seemed as though I could never bear to meet
a human being face to face in the light again
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"But, to cut it short, I did finally go out and go home. Of course, my wife tried to cheer me up and encourage me. But I was only a boy then; it was the first hard knock I ever got, and it broke me all up.

"My wife wrote to the company for an ex-

planation, and when it came it knocked what hope she had infused in me clear out. They said the guaranty company had withdrawn its bond. You know that all employes in responsible positions on certain lines have to furnish indemnity bonds signed by a certain guaranty company which makes issuing of such bonds a business. The road won't take any bonds but those issued by the company such bonds a business. The road won't take any bonds but those issued by the company it patronizes; so if that company refuses to go on a fellow's bond, he's done for as far as that road is concerned. I suppose some enemy of mine had frightened the gaaranty company about me—but I was too dispirited to look it up and try to right myself. Instead I worried myself into a kind of slow fever.

"I know I was weak; that I played the booby; but I'll assure you that I didn't get any amusement out of it. For four weeks I was confined to the house, too weak physically, and mentally too, no doubt, to get out of doors. The last two weeks my wife supported us by doing copying at a lawyer's office. I had about the house all day alone.

"I carried a \$3.000 life insurance, and while I was sick notice of an assessment on my policy came along. The amount was about \$20. My wife had bed all along a sentimental aversion to my getting my life insured, and I think she was rather glad now that we would have to let the policy lapse. One day while I was worrying over this, along with my other troubles, it came to me

One day while I was warrying over this, along with my other troubles, it came to me like a flash that I ought to kill myself and let her get the insurance money. I know now that the despondency and sickness had touched my mind; but it seemed to me then that the plan was the clearest and best way out of all my trouble. By jove, sir, that weak and wicked idea—as

out of all my trouble. By jove, sir, thint weak and wicked idea—as I or anybody else can see it now—seemed then to be an inspiration. It seemed so clearly right that I wondered I had not thought of it before. It seemed not only right, but I thought it heroic.

"As I said, I had been too weak to leave the house; but when this idea got hold of me I mended right along, and the fourth day I was out walking with my wife. The afternoon of the fifth day, after my wife left home for the office of the lawyer for whom she did the copying, I waited until I thought she had reached the office, then I started up town. I hadn't a cent to my name, but I stopped in the office of one of those 20 per cent fellows you can find in almost any western town and raised \$5 on my watch. Then I went over to a drug store. I had read somewhere about a fellow's committing suicide by taking essential oil of almonds, and someway that stuck in my mind. someway that stuck in my mind.

"There were four or five men in the drug store when I entered, and I loafed around the room a few moments, making a protext of reading the patent medicine posters, until they went out. Then I ap-proached the druggist and asked, in the most careless voice I could command, for a vial of essential oil of almonds. I didn't know what quantity to ask for, so said, simply, a little vial. The druggist looked at me sharply, and inquired what I wanted it for: I hadn't a very clear idea of what purpose, except a suicidal one, essential oil of almonds could be used for, so I said that I wanted it to polish some furniture with. That seemed to satisfy him and he filled a small vial with a light colored, oily looking fluid, pasted a label emblazoned with skull and cross bones and the legend 'poison' upon it and gave it to

me.

"I pulled my hat down over my brows and, with my vial tightly clutched in my hand, hurried home. I tell you, if a fellow is a little cracked, it's a mighty queer sensation for him to sit down and stare death square in the face. To think that just in an hour he will be dead; and to think of himself—the real fellow inside that does the thinking—to think where he will be does the thinking—to think where he will be and what he'll be thinking of then—in just an hour, or less time than he has taken to eat his dinner, or wait for a train or do scores of little things.

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"I think I appreciated the awfulness of death then. I went to the window and looked out, and I thought that never again would I see green fields of bright flowers, such as grew in our yard. All the bitterness went out of my mood, and never before or since that the seem so fair to me. From the window I turned to the small, cheaply furnished room and took in my hand little familiar objects that. I had scarcely ever noticed before, but that seemed to possess u strange importance now. I thought of how she would next touch them, and of, how I would then be in her mind, as she now was in mine. I opened the album to her picture, and when I looked down at it and thought that I never would see her living face or hear her voice again—by jove, it seemed to me as

though my heart actually broke; but still I held to my purpose unswervingty. I had resolved to leave no explanation of my ack, but when it came to looking right into my wife's face, as it were, and thinking of leaving her forever, it seemed to me as though I must say goodby, it only on paper. So I got out a sheet of note paper and wrote it full of maudlin stuff, blotted all over with tears. I folded my note and laid it on the center table; took a last look about the room, then went into the bedrooms uncorked my vial and with a desperate purpose drank the last drop.

"I flung myself upon the bed and awaited the end. Then a stupor overcame me. This is death,' I said. I lay half an hour, but instead of deepening, my stupor seemed passing away. I lay listlessly, as in some border land between life and death, but vaguely aware that my nerves were growing sharper, and hoping that death would come soon. But suddenly, as T waited, a startling suggestion flashed upon my mind and instantly revived my lost interest in worldly matters, a purpose that was entirely of earth possessed me, and I leaped from the bed. interest in worldly matters, a purpose that was entirely of earth possessed me, and I leaped from the bed.

"When my wife came home I had destroyed the note, but she found the vial, smelled of it and exclaimed, 'Why, where on earth did you get this castor oil?"

"You see, that infernal druggist hadn't given me oil of almonds at all, and although he is undoubtedly my benefactor, I really never cared to meet him afterwards." and turkeys on the range of mountains have ever seen or known of the child

Omaha's Sunday Guests.

The hotels swarmed yesterday with com

mercial men who have been taught by exper-

ence to strike Omaha when possible as the

best place in the country to pass Sunday in.

The Millard arrivals were: C. S. Rem-pert, Philadelphia; J. B. Pinder, New York;

J. Huber, New York; J. H. Trentman, Min-

neapolis; W. H. Bowers, New York: M. B.

Louis; Charles Mantz, Chicago; George P.

Riley, New York; William Tombal, Kansas

City; P. P. Ink, Detroit; George Stoner, St.

York; E. S. Kerr, Chicago; F. S. Kenyon,

Samples. Joseph Mulhatten forbids the use of his name for the presidency in 1888, and insists that W. J. Lampton, of Ohio, shall be the candidate of the commercial travelers.

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway company has given commercial travelers a 2 cent rate.

A few days ago J. D. Beeman, a Buffalo, N. Y. traveling man, met Mark H. Saddlemeyer, at Elmira, and the two came to Buffalo

fulo together Saddlemeyer was rather pre possessing, and claimed that he was also

frummer, and had traveled out of Elmira

for seven years.
When they arrived in Buffalo there was

only one vacant room at the hotel, and the two took it. Beeman awoke in the morning and found his friend gone, and some \$40 be-sides. The money was found, and Saddle-moyer was fined \$50 for petit larceny.

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Coles, Marshall & Co., wholesale provision dealers in Newburgh, N. Y., have caused the arrest of Simon F. Randall, a traveling salesman, charging him with collecting bills to, the amount of \$4,998.01 and appropriating the same to his own use. Randall is a white-haired, elderly man, and his children married. He has been in the employ of the firm for seventeen years, and only lately yielded to temptation. He was committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bail to swait the action of the grand jury.

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achieved by Salvation Oil. It kills pain.

The Darwinian theory perplexes the

multitude. They object to descendants from monkeys. But not even a baby objects to Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

A Wild Boy in Georgia.

Atlanta Special to Chicago Times: The mysterious appearance of a wild child in the cliffs around Mount Alto,

near the Rixby farm, has caused un-

bounded excitement. Several days ago

Crew Price took a hunt over the mountain ranges adjacent to the farm on which he resides. After he had been

Price 25 cents.

Vallaine, New York; J. S. Little, St.

and how he was lost. The body is more susceptible to bene fit from Hood's Sarsaparilla now than at any other season. Therefore take it

Nothing more has been heard or seen o

the lost boy since Mr. Price's discovery There is talk of organizing a party

those living in the neighborhood to look for the boy and find out who he is

A Colorado Cave. The Silver Cliff (Col.) Rustler give his description of a cave which has

hitherto been but little known: "Yeoman's Cave, situated in the San gre de Christo range, south of this city was discovered September 16, 1880. The Louis; Charles Mantz, Chicago; George P. Riley, New York; William Tombal, Kansas City; P. P. Ink, Detroit; George Stoner, St. Louis; C. F. Wright, New York; H. B. Clark, Chicago; Charles Roth, Louisville, Ky; Leo Scheben, St. Louis; J. D. Addy, Ohicago; George I. Cooper, Buffalo; E. C. Graw, New York; J. D. Fuller, New York; L. S. Crosby, Chicago; A. F. Blanchard, Detroit; Ben Buryfield, New York; C. D. Chase, Boston; E. Keeler, Boston; John Warner, New York; S. C. Wilson, St. Louis; J. R. Tourell, New York; G. C. Vanney, Chicago; George Krug, St. Louis; J. R. Tourell, New York; G. C. Vanney, Chicago; George Krug, St. Louis; J. V. Little, St. Louis; E. G. Marsh, Chicago; F. Hollander, Chicago; H. O. Parker, Chicago; J. M. Cremble, Detroit; O. H. Bardwell, Cincinnati; M. McMannis, Chicago; H. Fuchs, Chicago; James Taylor, New York, W. Welll, Chicago; J. M. McMannis, Chicago; H. Fuchs, Chicago; James Taylor, New York, W. Welll, Chicago; B. P. Humphrey, Kannas City; W. L. Osborne, New York; M. Ober, New York; B. F. Alford, New York; M. Ober, New York; B. F. Alford, New York; M. Ober, New York; B. F. Alford, New York; M. Ober, New York; B. F. Alford, New York; F. Biffer, New York; E. G. Griffath, Chicago; John D. Thompson, Cincinnati; E. R. Laird, Clieveland, O.; H. M. Taliman, Providence, R. I.; B. F. Case, Chicago; A. E. Bassett, Chicago; F. Bullock, Chicago; T. Bassett, Chicago; F. Bullock, Chicago; W. H. Benton, New York; A. H. Kirk, New York; H. M. Sayers, New York; A. M. Crane, New York; F. L. Vignues, Chicago; J. W. Kingmain, New York; A. M. Crane, New York; F. L. Vignues, Chicago; J. W. Kingmain, New York; M. W. Williams, New York; F. B. Brown, Deflence, Ohio, Henry Simon, Chicago; W. H. Dilon, Chicago; R. B. Blackmore, Chicago; F. E. Weod, Chicago; W. Kuniam, New York; C. W. Torobudgo, Chicago; F. E. Weod, Chicago; W. Kuniam, New York; P. B. Brown, Deflence, Ohio, Henry Simon, Chicago; W. H. Alten, New York; P. B. Brown, P. Halberty, Boston; H. A. Warner, Philadelphia; L. Godlove, St. Louis; A. Honmenter, entrance is by a crevice in the rock and extends 400 feet. Entering this crevice one must crawl a distance of twenty feet. Then he can walk in a stooping posture twenty-five feet. Then comin to a narrow passage, through which is is necessary to crawi, leads to the king's chamber, with walls 176 feet high. Th walls of this chamber are as white as snow. A low passage tends to the right into the queen's chamber, the walls of which are also white. The compart-ment is not so large as the king's chamber, but very beautiful. Passing on through the king's chamber to the left is a long hallway, not less than ten feet wide and 800 feet long, the height ranges from 8 to 20 feet. The floor is uneven. About 400 feet from the king's chamber is the bottomless pit. Mr. J. H. Yeoman, with ropes, wen down this narrow shaft or hole in the solid rock 275 feet, yet reached no bot-tom. There are manh openings, or tunnel-shaped culrances, leading off from the passage in all directions. Some of these are in a semi-circle, coming back into the main entrance probably 200 feet in advance. There are many curl-ously shaped formations of lime. A current of pure air circulates in every part. The King's chamber is about one thousand feet below the surface. From the entrance to this cave, which is near timber line; can be seen Pike's peak and the beautiful Wet Mountain valley lying below, looking like a well-culti-vated garden. To the east, as far as the eye can reach, can be seen the vast plains of Coforado. At the foot of the mountain, which is penetrated by caves, is an ancient fort, the usefulness of which seems to be to guard the entrance to the cave. The walls of the fort are of rock and must have been built many

Mild, soothing and healing is Dr Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

years ago.

A Locomotive Lost in the Quicksand. Wichita Beacon: "In the construc-tion of the Kansas Pacifit and Atchison, Topeda & Senta Fe rallroads," said H. L. Carter, a railroad contractor of St. Joseph, the other day, "one difficulty of frequent occurrence was met with, go; J. M. Kaufmann, San Francisco; H. N. Carpenter, Syracuse; A. H. Kurk, New York; R. A. Rogers, New York; D. S. Pancoust, Philadelphia; Arthur Wyman, St. Louis; A. Hoebar, Louisville; T. R. Craide, New York; M. S. Mayer, Ghicago; J. H. Hanley, St. Louis; J. A. Davis, St. Louis; J. J. Broderick, St. Louis; L. Schlisky, New York; H. D. Warner, New York; W. F. Streich, New York; C. N. Gurley, Chicago; W. S. Hutchinson, Chicago; E. C. Green, Chicago; A. J. Taylor, Rock Island; C. W. White, St. Paul; H. C. Clayes, Chicago; W. A. Ross, Chicago; W. P. Stone, New York; G. H. French, Boston; R. W. Cross, Chicago; E. A. Congue, Chicago; George Smith, Chicago; E. W. Burdick, Chicago; G. W. Pierce, Philadelphia; T. Shortefl, New York; W. S. Burding, New York; J. Wyman Jones, New York; C. J. Arutherton, Philadelphia; 1. Schwartz, Chicago; T. M. Goodwin, Clincinnati; A. Soldmer, New York; F. B. Lawton, Providence, R. I.; W. E. Howe, Chicago; L. N. Garden, Chicago; C. Park Gardner, St. Louis; W. M. Post, New York; W. B. Barney, Chicago; J. R. Hall, Philadelphia; T. P. Watkins, New York; C. R. Hoffman, Chicago; S. H. Rook, Boston; H. P. Cornish, Chicago; C. Bunting, New York; M. L. Dow, Chicago; C. Bunting, New York; M. L. Dow, Chicago; C. Bunting, New York; M. L. Dow, Chicago; A. Bracher, Cincinnati; Henry N. Asiel, New York; C. E. Kerr, Chicago; F. S. Kenyon, Chicago; F. S. Kenyon, Chicago; F. S. Kerr, Chicago; F. S. Kenyon, Chicago. which, as far as my experance goes, is mique in railroad history. I refer to the trouble arising from quicksands. From western Kansas to the mountains quicksands are to be found in nearly vero stream, no matter how small, and to successfully bridge them required an expenditure out of all portions to the size of streams to be crossed. We tried pile driving, but the longest piles disappeared without touching bottom. Then filling with earth and stone was attempted, and met with equally poor success, as the quicksand was apparently capable of swal-lowing the entire Rocky mountains. The only means of crossing a quicksand was found to be to build short truss bridges across them. This was very expensive, but was the only thing to be

As an instance of the practically bottomless nature of the quicksand, I may cite the case of an englue that ran off the track at River Bend, about ninety miles from Denver, on the Kansas Paoific. The engine, a large freight. fell into a quicksand, and in twenty minutes had entirely disappeared. Within two days the company sent out a gang of men and a wrecking train to raise the engine. To their surprise they could not find a trace of it. Careful search was made, magnified rods were sunk to the depth of sixty-five feet, but no engine could be found. It had sunk beyond human ken, and from that day to this has never been discovered. Cattle and horses are frequently lost. The only animal that is safe being a mule-the only animal that never gets caught. No greater instance of the intelligence of this much maligned quadruped can be cited than the skill and care with which it avoids all unsound bottom. As its hoofs are much smaller and narrower than those of a horse it would mire in places where a horse could safely pass. Recognizing this fact, whenever a mule feels the ground giving away under its feet it draws back and cannot be induced to advance a step, although a whole of horses may have immediately pre-

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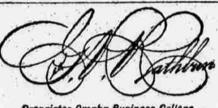


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