THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELER

Many Interesting Notes Regarding the Boys on the Road.

THE TWO-DINING ROOM SCHEME.

Nebraska Girls Poetized—Novel Hotel Rules—Pictures and Autographs Requested—Justly Offended—Notes and Personals.

Nebraska Girls

The Omaha girl bows her stately head,
And fixes her stylish lips
In a firm, hard way and lets them go
In spasmodic little sips.

The Grand Island girl removeth her specs
And freeseth her face with a smile,
And she sticks out her lips like an open book,
And chaweth her gum meanwhile.

The Hastings girl says never a word,
And you'd think she was rather tame;
With her practical view of the matter in hand,
But "she gets there just the same."

The Beatrice girl, the pride of the state,
In her clinging and soulful way,
Absorbs it all in a yearnful yearn,
As big as a bale of hay.

The Wymore girl gets a grip on herself,
As she carefully takes off her hat,
Then she grabs up the prize in a frenzied way,
Like a terrier shaking a rat.

The Lincoln girl, so gentle and sweet,
Lets her lips meet the coming kiss
With a rapturous warmth, and the youthful soul
Floats away on a sea of bliss.

We have sung you a song of the girls who kiss,
And it sets one's brain in a whirl—
But to reach the height of earthly bliss
You must kiss a Neb. City girl.

With your arm 'round her waist, her face upturned,
In a sweet, confiding way,
You care not a cent for the whole wide world,
Though the wind through your whiskers play.

And closer together your lips you draw,
Till they meet in a rapturous glow,
And the small boy hidden behind the fence
Cries, "Gallagher, let her go."

A DRUMMER.

A Drummer's New Year's Eve.

Eugene Clay Freeman.

Drearily moans the night wind,
Dismally falls the rain,
Wearily creaks the shutter
Against the window pane;
Alone with saddest memories
I sit in the dim firelight,
And I would give the world to press
My baby's cheek tonight.

Her eyes they are the bluest—
They'd shame the very sky;
Her cheeks are wind-blown roses
Through which the June winds sigh;
Her hair is tangled sunbeams,
Her mouth too sweet by half;
O! I'd give the world tonight
hear my baby laugh.

Last night I dreamt I saw her—
Her face was radiant fair,
But when I tried to clasp her
She vanished into air.
Her laugh was just as merry,
As from her lips it fell;
But, alas! her golden ringlets
Were crowned with asphodel!

I know 'twas but a vision,
A freak of fancy's flight—
My baby sweet reposes
By her mother's side tonight.
Drearily moans the night wind,
Dismally falls the rain,
And O! I'd give the world to kiss
My baby's cheek again.

Two Dining Rooms.

Several hotels in the smaller places throughout the state have adopted the novel two dining room plan, which the traveling men consider to be a good one. A dining room is set apart for the $2 a day guests. If a man pays for a 50-cent meal he gets it. If he desires a 25-cent meal he gets that. He pays his money and takes his choice. This the traveling men say is justice, and as it should be. The hotel business, as it is commonly run, is the only one that sells goods off the same piece at a difference of 100 per cent in price. For example, the writer has arrived at a hotel at night when the hotel was full. He was obliged to sleep two in a bed, having for a bed-fellow a granger whose business kept him in town. The following morning on paying the bill the traveling man found that his roommate, whose appetite was fully equal to his own, paid for his supper, lodging and breakfast 75 cents, while the writer was charged for the identical accommodation $1.50, because, forsooth, the writer was a traveling man. This is but one example of a common method.

If in every small place some person would offer strictly first class accommodations at $2 per day, where everything would be comfortable and cleanly, and even though they averaged but three or four guests, they would make more money and make it easier than they do in running a large hotel with much help and necessary attendant expenses. It is the keeping of a large number of town boarders at a very small price for board that renders it impossible for the landlord to make a financial success, as there is little money in the hotel business in Nebraska at $1 or $5 a week. The landlord is puzzled, for he cannot afford a $2 a day fare to his regular boarders and his $1 or $5 a week fare will not please those who pay at the rate of $14, so he compromises with his conscience by having what he terms a "transient table," at which he feeds his commercial men, but, mark you, gives them exactly the same fare.

The writer has no desire to pose as a "kicker," but he does feel at times when he gets weary that he gets as little comfort out of the money paid to some hotels as it is well possible to do.

After a traveler has finished his day's work he is compelled to make his plans, do his correspondence in an office which is full of loafers and people who have no business there and do so good to the hotel in any way. They monopolize every accommodation in the way of stove, chairs, tables, etc., making it absolutely necessary to do thinking and writing amidst a babel of conversation, which is of no interest and only tends to confusion, which evil he has to choose between and that of paying 50 cents for a fire in a room which is cheered only by the presence of a stove, bed, washstand and a 6x8 rippled surfaced mirror and half a bar of laundry soap.

It is often amusing to hear the opinion of people to whom travelers pay money; they assume that the man has an unlimited bank account to draw from; that he is out only to have a good time and spend the aforesaid wealth, and it makes no difference how much he uses. This is a mistake, inasmuch as the traveler earns every cent of it, or he fails to hold his position. He earns not only this money but a profit for his employer and his own salary, which is all estimated on what the man sells and must come from the percentage of profit thereon. A liveryman on being accused of demanding an exorbitant charge for a rig said: "Why, what difference does it make to you, your firm pays for it, you don't." The traveler replied with truth: "I do pay for it, and if I did not I would have you know that I am doing this work in an endeavor to make a dollar for my firm." A traveling man, as a rule, is as willing to pay for anything which he gets as any man, and is fully as appreciative of a kindness as are others.

Some Novel Rules.

One day last week, while several commercial drummers were eating dinner at Landlord Clark's hotel in Creston, one or two of the party had occasion to make a kick when their attention was called to the rules of the house, which were conspicuously in several parts of the office. Bill Lilly, the grocery man from Fremont, was the first to walk the rope and read the rules, while H. C. Thurber, the irrepressible hardware hustler from Council Bluffs, stealthily marched forward and interested himself in the deal. The rules read as follows:

Gests must pony up $1 aand six bits before sittin' the book.

Short bits don't known't hoer. No nickels or kaper sents taken.

Gests will leve thar weepin'sso'sthey'l not go off in the site.

Sope and towl will be found neer watring teel.

No fitin or shootin allowed in the ted runes.

Gests must sine thair nams every day and pay accordingly.

Eny gest how isnt satisfied with these rools must mosy or stond the konsequences.

The above rules speak for themselves, and were evidently the invention of some wild and woolly westerner from the far west. A. H. Boyer, the mail-pouch tobacco man, also took a peep at the signs, and thought they were posted for his especial benefit, as he had been kicking during the forenoon about the corridors of the hostelry in regard to late trains and late dinners.

Took an Interest.

American Commercial Traveler: First traveling man—Hello, Jack! I haven't seen you for a dog's age! How are you?

Second T. M.—First class, George; getting on first rate.

First T. M.—Glad to hear it.

Second T. M.—Fact is, George, I have an interest in the business now myself.

First T. M.—You don't say so! When did that happen?

Second T. M.—First of the year.

First T. M.—Well, well, I congratulate you. How did it come about?

Second T. M.—Well, like this: Just before the first old Cashbox called me into the private office and told me I had got to take an interest in the business or quit, so I'm taking an interest in it now, see?

Eighteen of Them Together.

Last Tuesday morning, just as the sun was making its appearance in the orient, a procession of eighteen fat and healthy knights of the grip formed in line at the City hotel, Scribner, and all marched over to the 6:20 train going west on the Elkhorn. It produced quite a sensation, as the line of march was conducted by Bill Lilly, whose rotund form loomed up in the early morning atmosphere like a Roman general at the head of a Macedonian phalanx. After they were seated in the caboose General Lilly was tendered a vote of thanks for his military sagacity. Suggestions were tendered to the genial general as to the mode of bombardment of the first town, but he declined to accept them, and proceeded in regular military style. With all his forces in line he moved on the innocent inhabitants of Dodge. S. C. Morrow was duly appointed lieutenant of the brigade, while A. H. Boyer, who had furnished all the smoking tobacco used by the party while in transit, thought he was entitled to a commission, and was detailed as corporal. At one time during the seige it was supposed he had deserted, but was found later in the rear of a barn posting up his tobacco signs.

No Traveling Men There.

In the Ohio penitentiary every trade and profession is represented among the convicts except the traveling man and that's about the only place he isn't. Not one of the 1,600 ever sold goods on the road as a commercial traveler, which is quite a compliment to the profession. Doctors, lawyers, bankers, newspaper men, farmers, mechanics, ministers—all are represented. There are several reasons that might be assigned for this, but we won't attempt to give them. The traveling man "always gits there," but not in the pen.

Taxing American Drummers

The American drummer has been legislated out of the sister republic, says the Merchant Traveler. Mexican buyers will now have to buy by catalogue or visit the United States in person to procure American goods. Some time ago the states of Coahuila and Nueva Leon passed a special law taxing drummers from foreign countries and neighboring states who made periodical trips within the states the sum of $25 per trip for visiting cities therein. A municipal tax was also laid on them in all interior towns. This was done as a means of protection for the Monterey and Saltillo wholesale houses against foreign wholesale houses.

The federal government, becoming cognizant of the fact, at the instance of the City of Mexico wholesale dealers laid a federal tax on drummers, thus virtually closing out the foreign drummers, and also compelling drummers when only traveling in their respective states to pay a tax to the federal government. At present when a drummer from a foreign country visits Mexico he is compelled to pay a federal, state and municipal tax, which completely shuts him out, as the taxes altogether amount to nearly $200 a trip in any one state.

It Will be Great.

Messrs. Dillon & Parker of the Hotel Bostwick, Hastings, Neb., have just had completed for their office a mammoth picture frame nine by twelve feet in size, of heavy gilt moulding lined with crimson plush. It is calculated to hold over three hundred cabinet photographs of the boys who patronize this excellent hostelry. This adds another tie which binds the Bostwick to the hearts of the knights of the grip—not la grippe. Messrs. Dillon & Parker try to please the traveling fraternity, as the manner with which the boys pull for Hastings to Sunday is full proof that they appreciate the efforts on the part of the Bostwick management to please them.

Write your autograph on your cabinet photograph and mail it to the Bostwick and see how promptly this gift to the boys will be filled up. Sunday this hotel is as homelike as any in the west, and many pleasant memories cluster about it. The royal banquet and ball tendered the travelers last year is remembered with pleasure by many.

Justly Offended.

A well known commercial traveler was much provoked recently while attending service in a small Nebraska town, says the Merchant Traveler. As the service progressed he was surprised and indignant to hear the preacher in speaking of the lack of moral training in the youth of the country, directly attack the commercial men in an utterly uncalled for manner, holding them up as example for vice and immorality. In commenting on the sermon he says that the clergyman referred to the commercial men of the country as examples, and held them up to the scorn and contempt of his audience for dissoluteness, immorality and vulgarity, in this, that when any number of them were together, without the restraining influence of the presence of ladies, their actions and conversation were unfit to be seen or heard, and that they were shining examples of the basest immorality and vulgarity. The impression he seemed to wish to convey to his hearers was that the commercial men were unfit to associate with respectable people or to be admitted to their homes.

Such language from one supposed to be a teacher of the Christian graces of truth and charity, and one of the cardinal points of whose doctrine is to speak ill of no man, is both surprising and contemptible and clearly demonstrated how little actual knowledge he possessed of traveling men as a class. There are traveling men who are a disgrace to themselves and to their calling, but this is true of all professions, even the ministry, and no profession is so quick to condemn a dishonorable action on the part of any of its members as the traveling men themselves.

Some years ago traveling men were looked upon generally as a rather gay class, and were not even given credit for the ordinary good qualities which all men possess in some degree. Today, however, all is different. The large houses cannot afford to be represented by other than men of ability, and by gentlemen as well, and the clergyman referred to would find, if better acquainted with traveling men, that there are no more able, conscientious, kind-hearted gentlemen in any profession than can be found in the ranks of the merchant travelers of this country.

Samples.

Charley Grotts was selling good bills in wet hardware for an Omaha house along the Elkhorn line last Thursday.

O. H. Brockway who sells hats and caps for Lagon & Darrow of Omaha, went out over the Union Pacific last Tuesday. He is taking orders for spring delivery.

Miss Grace Bryant travels for an Omaha house and is making the main line of the Union Pacific.

Peter Bruhn of Fremont, with L. P. Larson & Co., was hustling trade along the Albion branch of the Elkhorn road.

A. J. Walcott attempted to grease Howells, Neb., last Friday, with his popular brands of lubricating oils. He accomplished his designs, as H. C. Thurber, the jolly hardware man from Council Bluffs narrowly escaped breaking his right arm when his 150 pound avoirdupois come down ca-biff on the sidewalk.

Bill Lilly of Fremont made his regular weekly rounds to his customers along the Elkhorn last week.

Buel Couch, the Dillworth coffee man, rigged out several of the boys last Tuesday with hat bands advertising his popular brands of coffee. The bands were very unique and novel and of beautiful shades handsomely painted with printer's ink.

L. C. Morrow, the poor man's friend of Council Bluffs, sells agricultural implements for Aultman, Miller & Co. He is out settling up back accounts with the genial farmers on the Elkhorn road.

Sam Kan, the influential shoe man from Chicago, was in Seward on Monday to call on Cousin George, but as Cousin George was not ready to buy, Omaha will have the pleasure of seeing Sam here again in a few days.

Frank Adler of David Adler Clothing company, Milwaukee, has been calling on his large trade in Omaha the past week. Frank knows a good town when he sees it, and always stays in Omaha about two weeks.

Louis Wormser, the big shoe man of Nebraska, has been selling lots of goods along the Union Pacific road the past week. He spent Sunday at Stapelhurst.

A. B. Clark, with Adams & Burke, Omaha commission men, registered at the Albion house at Albion last Friday.

Ed Leonard, with McCord, Brady & Co., Omaha, caught some juicy orders at Albion last Friday. Ed looms up with old-time vigor, and sells as many goods as any man on the road.

H. Hitchcock of Omaha made his regular rounds among his customers on the Elkhorn road last Friday.

Mr. A. B. Davenport of Kansas City, one of the best known hotel men in the country and for a number of years connected with the Millard of this city, has been an Omaha visitor for a fortnight past. Saturday evening his old friend F. A. Balch of the Barker invited a few friends informally to meet Mr. Davenport and the result was one of the most delightful evenings ever experienced by those whose good fortune it was to be present. It was a meeting of comrades and friends and the spirit of good fellowship which prevailed makes it a night long to be remembered in the history of the guests, who were: C. C. Hulett, D. W. Van Cott, H. H. Bainbrige, J. O'Neill, Jules Lombard, Frank Balch, A. B. Davenport, C. K. Collins, Frank Sidney and D. W. Haynes. The menu was very elaborate and handsomely served.

The irrepressible J. D. Anderson, who travels for Pitkin & Brooks of Chicago, made several good towns last week on the Elkhorn road. He goes to the Black Hills this week, where he anticipates a good trade.

Diver, the national money register man, sold two orders in Humphrey last Tuesday.

Harvey, the boot and shoe man from Omaha, sold his customers in Albion Friday.

At the Hotels.

At the Millard—W. Culman, St. Louis; A. Y. Reese, Sioux City; F. A. Fox, San Francisco; James F. Mathews, Mexico; J. W. Keeney, Salt Lake; A. A. Rolf, Chicago; H. L. Rosen, New York; William Odenwald, New York; John P. Stevens, Boston; M. Marx, Chicago; J. W. Diggles, Chicago; C. Dobbiner, St. Joe; J. F. M. Gwenn, St. Paul; H. H. Bainbridge, New York; G. W. M. Koch, Chicago; J. L. Morris, St. Louis; R. L. Jones, Reading, Pa.; E. H. Hurley, Kansas City; M. S. Sturdevant, St. Louis; C. C. Fitzmourize, Chicago; T. J. McGraw, Chicago; H. Koehn, Chicago; W. E. Patterson, Kansas City; Wm. F. Ammerman, New York; Geo. Rubenstine, New York; M. S. Woodward, Des Moines; G. M. Sherman, St. Louis; G. L. Maitland, Chicago; D. J. Forbes, Syracuse, N. Y.; T. C. Brandman, Chicago; J. R. Frawley, Kansas City; J. H. Green, Des Moines; M. W. Potter, Boston; A. C. Featherstone, Milwaukee; C. A. Wortman, Chicago; P. L. Eddy, New York; W. W. Mann, New York; E. E. Elsworth, Chicago; C. A. Lathrop, Detroit; C. M. Carr, Chicago; Wm. A. Barnett, Dayton, O.; Wm. Jackson, Newark, N. J.; J. C. Schroeder, New York; G. H. Winans, Kalamazoo; F. H. Lemly, Detroit, Mich.; W. C. Cogill, Cambridge, O.

At the Barker—Robert Sloan, Keokuk; John Germain, W. A. Mack, I. Cavanaugh, Louis J. Monaco, New York; Lovel DeVoll, Chicago; Edgar Weisell, Lincoln; W. E. Thomson, Boston; W. H. Johnson, P. H. Andrews, Des Moines; E. M. McAdams, Denver; C. Alvin Turner, Chicago; James R. Porter, Haigler, Neb.; W. F. Connor, Boone; W. H. Brayton, Lincoln; Will Hedden, St. Louis; B. I. O'Brien, Kansas City; F. P. Rouse, Lincoln; L. D. Hornady, Grand Island; F. C. Marshall, Canton, O.; J. H. James, Chicago; W. H. Gregg, St. Louis.

At the Casey—M. M. Myers, Kansas City; William Brawn, Plattsmouth; A. C. Hull, Hastings; G. A. Duncan, Kansas City; W. L. Fisher, Chicago; James A. Day, Cincinnati; J. F. Kirkindall, Chicago; J. D. Harrison, Kansas City; Fred Pfaeging, Herman F. L. Bradley, Colorado Springs, Col.; J. W. Freeman, Grand Island; J. T. Clark, Alma; G. F. Moefort, Des Moines; H. L. Biass, Fargo; J. E. Jenkins, Chicago; Edward Warren, New York City; F. Standart, Detroit; J. L. McDough, Ord; G. W. Jones, Chicago; F. M. Specs, Minneapolis; J. P. McGeau, York, Pa.; A. L. Gillespie, Stillwater, Minn.; C. K. Tebbetts, Omaha; C. F. Fleming, Chicago; J. E. Shearer, St. Louis; F. Avery, Milwaukee; W. H. Livingston, Norfolk; W. A. Pentzer, Findley, O.; O. J. Kenyon, Chicago; J. B. Musgrave, Omaha; C. A. Wortman, Chicago; W. W. Osborn, Sioux City; E. C. Lee, Milwaukee; John R. Bradley, San Francisco; E. R. Bradley and wife, Denver; Tom Dennison and wife, Denver; R. R. Waugh, Peoria, Ill.; C. E. Latshaw, St. Louis; T. M. Taggart, Rochester, N. Y.; H. P. Rafter, Detroit; E. J. Warner, St. Paul, Minn.; W. R. Vincent, Superior; J. Hoag, Chicago.

At the Windsor—E. S. Williams, Chicago; H. J. Paulding, Rochester; William Hubbard, Adrian, Mich.; H. F. Jackman, Sioux City; A. H. Munson, A. F. McCaily, Buffalo; W. J. Calkins, New York; J. Pike, Boston; C. E. Danforth, Omaha; H. F. McAdow, Kansas City; J. J. O'Grady, Chicago; George O. Norton, Omaha; J. H. Ritchie, M. B. Hilly, New York; H. Wilson, Denver; F. H. Babcock, St. Louis; H. K. Reed, Kalamazoo.

At the Windsor—W. A. Stratton, Omaha; M. Lachs, Chicago; Henry Kathe, Indianapolis; H. Hahn, Chicago; A. Lehman, Chicago; Joseph Dawson, Lincoln; L. C. Shuster, Omaha; R. G. West, Leavenworth; T. C. Wood, J. W. Davis, Chicago; C. E. Canan, Columbus, O.; W. C. Stephens, Chicago; C. D. Pitts, Columbus; J. W. Coles, Cincinnati, O.; E. B. Twohey, Chicago; J. Luckey, San Antonio, Texas.

At the Murray—G. W. Wheeler, Chicago; J. H. Hammaston, St. Louis; W. H. Obendorf, Chicago; H. A. Kenney, Chicago; A. P. Wilkinson, Minneapolis; Max Salinger, Philadelphia; W. B. Eaton, Burlington; J. Payelow, New York; C. S. Schram, Milwaukee; M. Rauch, New York; C. C. Salvester, St. Louis; A. L. Schwartz, Milwaukee; E. J. Cardoza, New York; J. A. Gregg, St. Louis; F. E. Alexander, St. Louis; A. B. Edlithorpe, Chicago; George V. Cooper, Minneapolis; Ed Wiley, Quincy, Ill.; John Moxey, New York; M. M. Hummel, New York; L. F. Cohen, Chicago; W. W. McComb, W. J. Rober, Dave Barrin, Miss M. Slocomb, Chicago; Harry Hopkins, R. R. Bullock, Louisville, Ky.; H. Britenstool, Rochester, N. Y.; L. A. Katz, Chicago; R. Martines, J. Ullman, S. A. Winkler, New York; A. S. Bagler; H. H. Shaw, J. F. Lamberton, E. H. Bradley, Chicago; F. M. Ganzeburg, New York; H. D. Martin, Indianapolis; L. M. Burke, Buffalo.

At the Paxton—George R. Steinhauser, Chicago; David McCartney, Pittsburg; Robert E. Stradeolm, Idaho; A. N. Stevenson, Chicago; G. H. Crosby, Denver; D. W. Finley, Kansas City; C. E. Medlney, Providence, R. I.; J. E. Dreyfooss, Chicago; Lew Thorne, Wabash, Ind.; Charles S. Tullen, Ottawa, Ill.; H. P. Lindsay, Chicago; George Lebberg, Chicago; J. Wolf, Salt Lake; L. Newman, Chicago; P. L. Reschiardt, St. Louis; H. L. French, Cincinnati; T. J. Huteson, Philadelphia; L. D. Hinckley, Milwaukee; P. F. Collins, St. Louis; H. W. Steere, Providence, R. I.; Fred H. Pritchard, Cleveland; J. L. Cobb, Attleborough, Mass.; H. Hofferkamp, St. Louis; J. R. Harris, Neotah, Wis.; G. S. Lauders, Connecticut; H. C. Coleman, Philadelphia; W. C. Butler, St. Louis; H. H. Heifenstein, Cheyenne; Joseph Hackes, New York.

At the Merchants—William A. Dowell, Memphis, Tenn.; Archibald Barnes, Boston; J. W. Buchanan, Chicago; Charles Dreyfoos, Chicago; V. A. Carnhill, Kansas City; W. T. Canada, Nebraska City; P. C. McGowen, York; L. H. Back, New York; Dean M. Jenkins, Boston; Henry W. Mann, New York; D. Downer, Denver; J. W. Leighton, Kansas City; L. L. Buck, New York; Charles L. Harris, Lincoln; C. H. Tate, Kansas City; W. C. Sutphen, Norfolk; C. H. Hverill, Gordon; W. H. Everill, Chicago; J. H. Murray, Chicago; C. C. Merrill, St. Louis; A. C. Colton, Chicago; W. E. Page, Chicago; James Morsin, Philadelphia; J. W. Bunn, Kansas City; B. McLean, Chicago; H. M. Turner, Chicago; D. L. Shunfelt, Petersburg; W. A. Miles, Columbus, O.; W. A. Ham, Chicago; H. D. Allen, St. Louis; J. A. Morgan, St. Louis; Charles Canatray, St. Louis; Alex P. Brown, Philadelphia.

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A Pneumatic Tire for Bicycles.

A pneumatic tire for bicycles has been invented in Belfast, Ireland, which, if all that is claimed for it is true, must make a new era in this method of recreation, says the Chicago Journal of Commerce. The tire for a full roadster is about two and a half inches in diameter, and is composed of an outer covering of rubber, graduated in thickness from about one-quarter of an inch, where it touches the ground, and protected by canvas, where it is attached to the rim, which is very broad and nearly flat. Inside this outer covering is an inner tube which contains the air. The air is pumped in with a football blower, and a patent air valve prevents its return. Vibration is practically annihilated. It is intercepted between the rim and the ground, and consequently the frame receives no jar except when an unusually large hole is encountered. A frame so protected should wear out two frames with solid tired wheels; and not only so, but riders will be able to use very much lighter frames without any danger of their collapsing. In a recent fifty-mile road championship in the Phœnix park, Dublin, one of the competitors rode a racing safety, fitted with "pneumatic" tires and scaling only twenty-three pounds, and yet it passed through the ordeal—an ordeal trying to even the heaviest makes—without the slightest damage. Antivibration, luggage and camera-carriers and spring lamp brackets are quite unnecessary, and the complete absence of noise puts the finishing touch to the comfort and enjoyment of the rider.

The Man Who is After Parnell.

Captain O'Shea, who has begun divorce proceedings against his wife, citing Mr. Parnell as a co-respondent in the case, is the only son of a well-known Dublin lawyer, and was born in 1840. He was educated at the Catholic college of Oscott, near Birmingham, and at Trinity college, Dublin. Later he served in the British army, but retired in 1867, on his marriage with Miss Katherine Wood, daughter of the late Sir Page Wood, Bart. of Ricenhall Place, Essex, and sister of General Sir Evelyn Wood. Some ten years ago he formed the acquaintance of Mr. Parnell, and introduced him to his wife, a beautiful, clever and captivating woman. Mr. Parnell soon became on friendly terms with both Mr. and Mrs. O'Shea, and when he was imprisoned in Kilmainham jail Captain O'Shea undertook to act as a negotiator between the home-rulers and the liberals. Mr. Gladstone accepted Captain O'Shea's offer at the time, and the Kilmainham treaty was the result. O'Shea was subsequently elected to parliament on the nationalist ticket. A few months later an open rupture ensued between him and Mr. Parnell, when O'Shea began to vote with the tories against the home-rulers. During the Parnell commission inquiry he appeared in the witness box against Mr. Parnell.

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The Pig the President Killed.

Gilbert Wooten, whose pig met an untimely end before President Harrison's breech-loader on his recent excursion into Virginia, feels much elated over the prominence it has given him, says a Richmond dispatch to the Chicago Herald. Gilbert is a prosperous colored man, who owns a large farm on Chiposax creek, and does much in the wood and lumber business. He is constantly on the go behind a well-fed pony, and to secure an interview the Herald correspondent had to ride with him about fifteen miles, during which he drew forth the colored man's version of the pig story: "'Bout an hour 'fore sundown my boy heard a lot of shootin' and doin's over at Mr. Taylor's place an' foun' dat de president was visitin' him; he went down to watch de hosses at de crick and heerd a boy greatin' right sma't out in de ma'sh and seed two white whiskahed gemmen leavin' de ma'sh wid dere guns and get in a steam launch on de shore. Dae launch den went down de crick an' 'roun' by de riber to Upsah Branden. My boy den seen a little boat and dey say President Harrison, Commodo' Bateman, an' a lot mo' gammen from up Norf an' de president done shot yo', ole hog. Jack den went out to de hog and kim up to de house an' tole us an' we all went down an' brung up de hog. I'se gwine to cure de first ham like we used to fo' de wah an' send it up to de president, an' if he want any mo' pork jes send him to Uncle Gilbert."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething is the family benefactor. 25 cents a bottle.

Spiders Beat and Eat Their Spouses.

Everybody has heard of those savage tribes (locality, South seas, I believe), whose members deem it a bounden duty to brain their aged parents, and thus save the old folk from the trouble and bother of living on; but the economic side of this barbarous custom may, of course, be considered. Something equally distressing has to be chronicled of the spiders, says a writer in the London News. For it is certain that Mme. Spider is, on the whole, a regular virago. She beats and mauls her husband, and if police courts existed in spider society, the magistrates would have a busy time of it in the way of fines, imprisonments and judicial separations. Not content with exercising marital authority in the reverse order to that in which this species of command is usually exerted, Mrs. Spider has actually been known to make an end of her mate by slaying, and distressing to relate, by devouring him also.

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