

OUTWITTING A KING.

Karl and Otto Grossman Play the Officers a Sharp Trick. BY T. O. HARBAUGH.

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The father of Karl and Otto Grossman, two good looking and industrious German boys, had the misfortune to be a giant. Now, using a giant is sometimes profitable; but, large and stout as he was, Herr Grossman would have made a great deal, perhaps his little business at which he made a living for a little family, if he had not been so tall y two feet.



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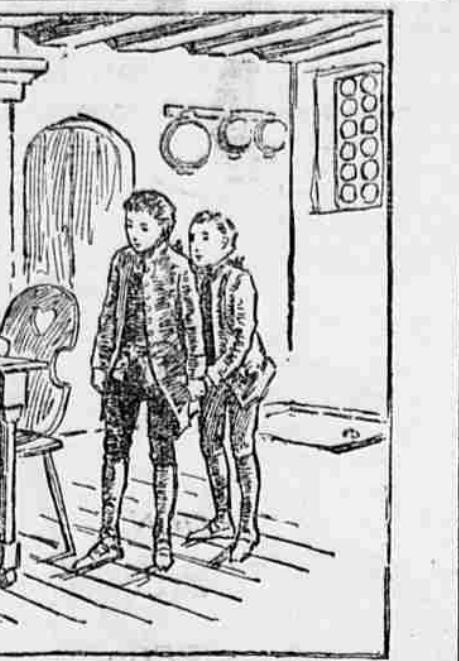
They were always on the lookout for the king's officers. One evening just as the sun was setting behind the hills back of Herr Grossman's inn three horsemen came in sight. The Grossman boys were playing in the room, but looking up they espied the men and in an instant were running toward the house. Herr Grossman was seated in his old-fashioned chair in the main apartment of the little road house, but the moment he saw the boys rush in with excitement written on their faces he waited with eagerness for them to speak.



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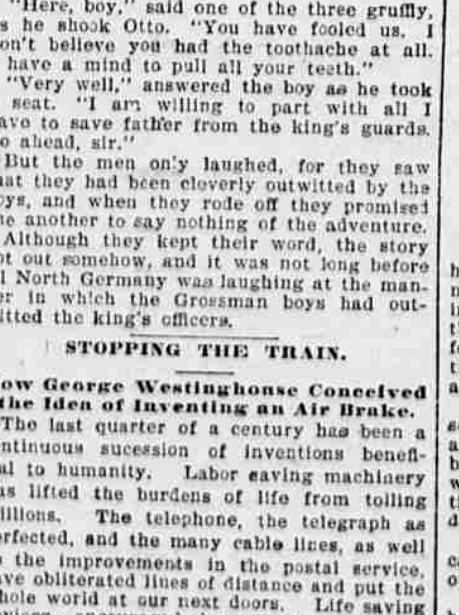
door, and their heavy boots making a sound which must have reached Herr Grossman's ears, hidden as he was. "Where is your father, boys?" asked one of the three. "He went away a while ago," "That he cannot say," "Did he go to Berlin?" This was the name of the village through which the men had come, and if the landlord had gone thither they would have seen him. "We think not, sir," said Karl, as he began to set a lunch for the men in the long dining room, in one corner of which was the trap door which his father had used in his flight.

won't you? We are here on important business." Karl waved his hand and interrupted: "Search it, sir. You will not find father in this house for he is gone." Remonstrance was useless, for the cold steel seemed to fill Otto's mouth, and the next moment the Prussian was pulling at a sound tooth, which he jerked out and displayed to the courageous boy. Otto sank back in the chair, holding his face in his hands, while the three men laughed boisterously at the exploit.



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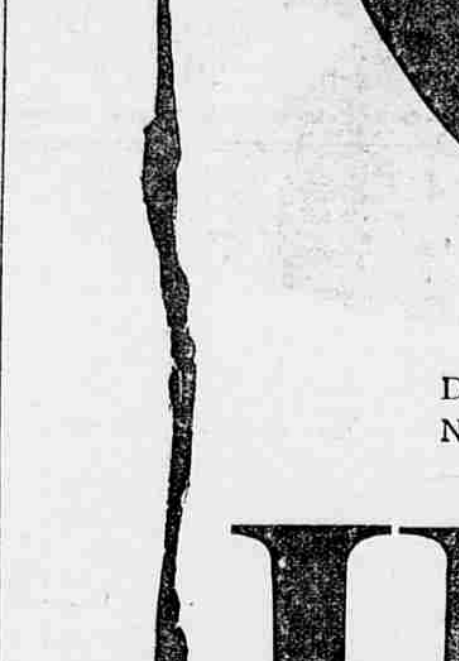
Presently the men came back into the dining room and one said to Otto: "Tell Herr Grossman that friends have been to see him and that the next time he wants to be at home when they come." "Were they going? Could it be that the recruiting officers of the king of Prussia were about to leave?" The boys dared not look at one another for fear of betraying their secret; and it was not until they saw the three mounting in the road that they felt relieved. "They may not go far," said Karl. "They may ride over the hill and halt here, expecting father to come out of his retreat." "We will see to that," cried Otto, leaping from his chair. "Ah, we will watch these fellows, for they want father for the King Giants."



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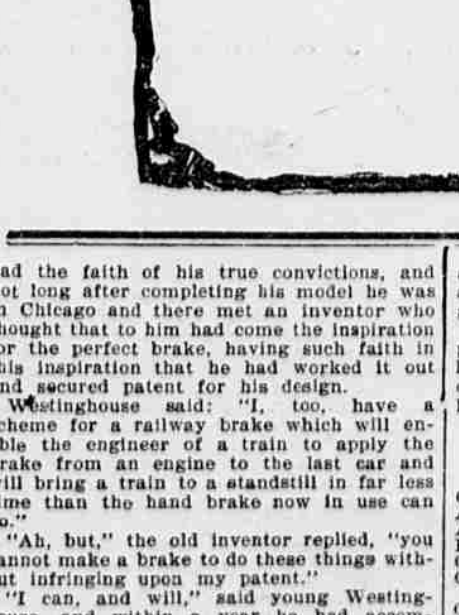
Stopping the Train. How George Westinghouse Conceived the Idea of Inventing an Air Brake. The last quarter of a century has been a continuous succession of inventions beneficial to humanity. Labor-saving machinery has lifted the tens of millions of life from toiling millions. The telegraph, the telephone, perfected, and the many cable lines, as well as the improvements in the postal service, have obliterated lines of distance and put the whole world at our feet. Life-saving devices, encouraged by governmental aid, along the coasts of our seaboard have made the terrors of ocean travel less, and even the air service of our transcontinental systems has been made safe by frequent occurrences and safety to life and limb assured. The invention of the air brake was a creature of George Westinghouse's youth. The idea was suggested to him by a railroad accident, where he was an interested participant, though, in the light of the present, it appears to have been fortunate, since from that occurrence the inventor sprung and has borne good fruit.

had the faith of his true convictions, and not long after completing his model he was in Chicago and there met an inventor who thought that to him had come the inspiration for the perfect brake, having such faith in this inspiration that he had worked it out and secured patent for his design. Westinghouse said: "I, too, have a scheme for a railway brake which will enable the engineer of a train to apply the brake from an engine to the last car and will bring a train to a standstill in far less time than the hand brake now in use can do."



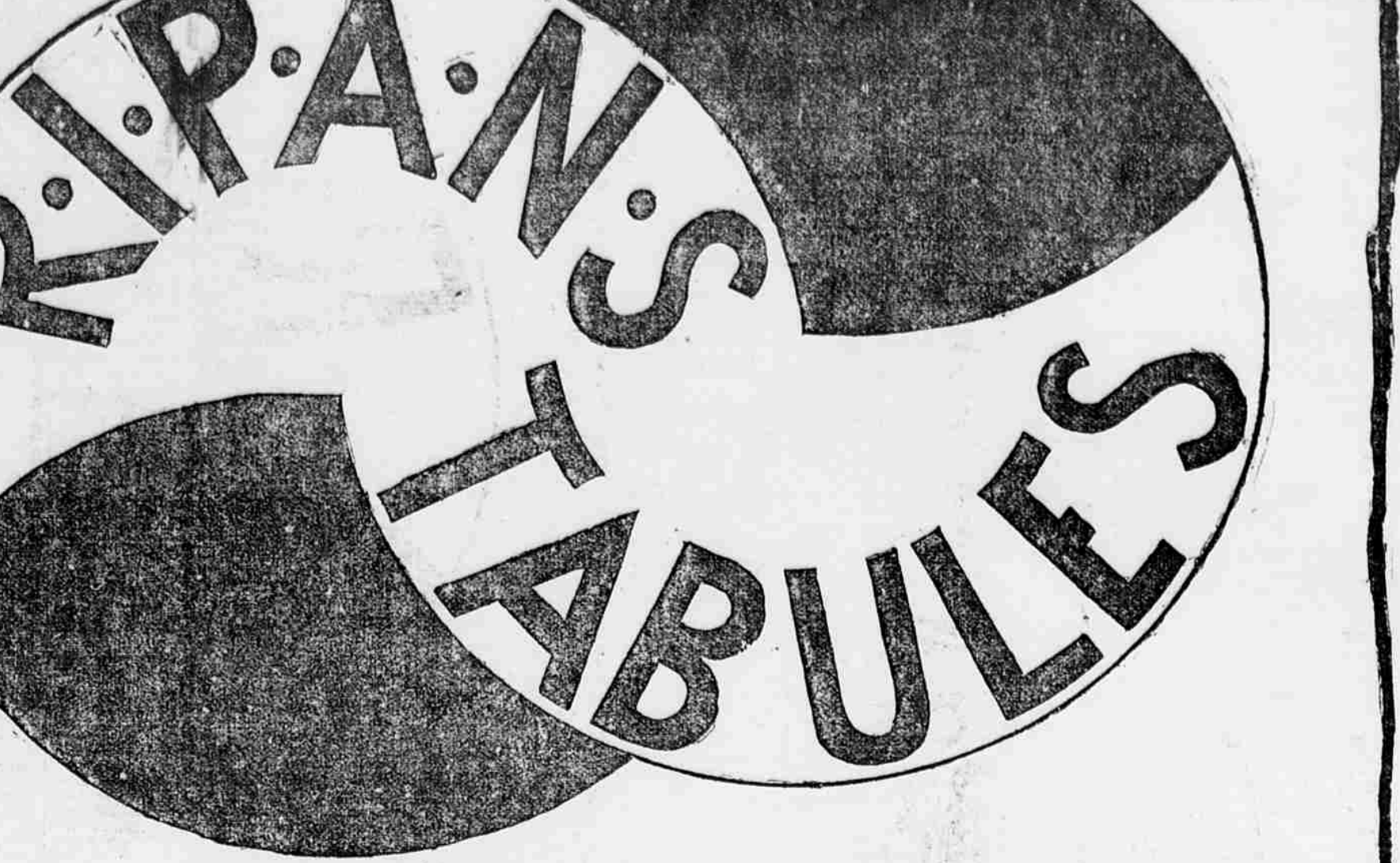
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Over the Hills. Eugene Field. Over the hills and far away, A little boy staid from his morning play, And under the blossoming apple tree He lies and dreams of the things to be; Of battles fought and of victories won, Of wrongs o'erthrown and of great deeds done. Of the valor that he shall prove some day, Over the hills and far away! Over the hills and far away!



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Prattle of the Youngsters. Mamma (wearily): "Oh, Ethel, I should think you would get tired of hearing me say don't." Ethel (cheerfully): "I do, mamma; I do, awfully." Mrs. Bingo: "Bobbie, will you promise me not to fight any more after this?" Bobby (firmly): "I will, mamma. This was the only boy in the neighborhood I hadn't licked." Teacher: "What is the anatomical name for finger?" Tommy Tucker (raising his hand): "I know. It's Jerusalem. I've heard my papa say it when he hit his finger with a hammer." "Now, Johnny, do you understand thor-



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CONVIVIALITIES. Jacob Oppenheimer of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been sued by his wife for divorce, says that the trouble grew out of her joining a woman's lodge and staying out late at night. The engagement of Miss Ella Hobart, the youngest daughter of the late California capitalist, W. S. Hobart, to Charles A. Baldwin, has just been announced. Mr. Baldwin is the only son of the late Hon. Admiral Baldwin. The wedding will take place early in July. Rev. J. E. De Merritt, the youngest licensed preacher in the United States, and probably in the world, officiated for the first time at a wedding in Fort Scott, Kan., May 23, when he performed the ceremony which made Charles M. Morris and Miss Myrtle L. Thurston, a young couple of prominent families, man and wife. Rev. De Merritt is but 19 years of age. A Chicago married man was sentenced to one day's imprisonment for the stealing of harness, while an unmarried man was sent up for thirty days. The matrimonial harness has its advantages. A Chicago woman having been divorced from her seventh husband, immediately married her eighth. If, according to Mr. Cleveland's experience, a single marriage makes life "a grand, sweet song," the Chicago woman's life must have been a regular concert by a first band. Words come from London, says Harper's Weekly, that the reign of the American girl in Great Britain is ended. The report is that the British dames have learned her lesson, and has come to be as lively and brilliant as her American cousin, and is a winner once more in the competition between them. If the news is true, there will be few mourners. None of the Americans except the ladies immediately concerned; have taken any great amount of comfort in our girls' success in London. The American men and the British ladies have been of one mind about it. Both have disapproved. The international marriage has had a certain usefulness in bringing the American and the English into closer relations, but the advantages of it have been too decided. Nine times out of ten the United States has lost a citizen and England has gained one. It is time for a more equitable arrangement to obtain.

RELIGIOUS. The Baptists of the United States have more money invested in printing and publishing machinery than any other denomination. Canon du Moulin, rector of St. James' cathedral, Toronto, Canada, who has just died, held the office of deacon continuously for fifty-five years, and was a member of the republican party from its beginning. The bishop of Durham wears on his breast a cross, which is an exact copy of one found in the tomb of his great predecessor, St. Cuthbert. While, however, the latter is of gold, richly jeweled, Dr. Westcott's cross is of iron. It was presented to him on his consecration as bishop. Deacon Chauncey G. Smith of the First Baptist church of Hartford, Conn., who has just died, held the office of deacon continuously for fifty-five years, and was a member of the republican party from its beginning. Dr. Lippold, physician to the pope, says: "If nothing unforeseen happens the holy father's constitution is so sound that he may well attain his 100th year." One Ohio idea is the production of Methodist bishops. No less than seven of the twenty bishops of that church are natives of

Ohio. They are: Bishops Merrill, Thoburn, Joyce, Walden, Foster, McCabe and Cranston. The chairs occupied by delegates to the Methodist Episcopal conference at Cleveland were sold to the delegates for 75 cents each. In some parts of the old country sermons are still preached of more than an hour in length. From thirty to thirty-five minutes, however, is the general rule, and a sensible rule it is. "You young men," said the bishop of Derry to a congregation of hospital graduates in St. Mary's church, Oxford, "are very proud to call yourselves agnostics. It's a Greek word. I don't think you are equally fond of its Latin equivalent, 'ignoramus.'" Her husband being absent in another city last Sunday Mrs. F. M. Bennett, wife of the pastor of the Unitarian church at Carthage, Mo., modestly, but capably took his place in the pulpit and preached so excellent a sermon that she received the congratulations of almost the entire audience. It was her first effort in that line. Among the veterans attending the Methodist Episcopal conference delegates seven were sergeants, one was a hospital steward, three were lieutenants, four captains, four chaplains, one surgeon, four lieutenant colonels and one a brigadier general. Two had been department commanders and one a department chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic.

A wonderfully interesting little prodigy who is just now attracting wide attention is Rev. John E. De Merritt, the boy preacher. He is the youngest licensed minister of the gospel of whom there is any record in Christendom and is without doubt the youngest person ever vested with the legal authority to perform a marriage ceremony. The boy is but 15 years old. The archbishop of Paris has lately addressed to the bishops and clergy under him a pastoral letter which forbids the singing of women in the Roman Catholic churches in France, either as soloists or choristers. Cardinal Richard, who, in addition to his rank as archbishop of Paris, is the metropolitan and primate of France, founds his prohibition upon instructions which he received from the congregation of rites at Rome. The United States excel in champagne. Cook's Imperial Extra Dry takes the lead.