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Pronounced the Largest and Best E Station in the World. TWO SEPARATE FLOORS FOR Electrically Operated Loop	TRAINS TRAINS TRAINS TRAINS TRAINS TRAINS The basement itself is not entirely below the sidewalk. In fact, it is depressed so that the same aumber of steps lead down to the suburban trains as lead up to the ex-	Successful Invasion of the Popular Branch of Parliament PLAYS ON THE TYPEWRITER KEYBOARD Holonghe with Lords and Exchanges	genial, energetic, business-like and full of common sense. The work she is obliged to perform requires a high degree of tact and intelligence and is very similar to that ex- acted of the typewriters in our own house or senate at Washington. BEHIND THE SCENES IN HAVANA. The Captain General and Staff at a Luncheon. It was midnight in Havana, just the same	"Go, and go quickly," he thundered, "and have them hold the wire till I get my force ready with their clickers. By Caramba Cripes, I'll ship enough stuff over that wire in the next twenty-four hours to keep the world stocked with news of Spanish triumphs till the war is ower. Skip, now, and have everything greased by the time I get there," and the captain general, hanging on to the esculent hambone, went flying along the cor- ridors to assemble his hosts.	te tion box, into which small gifts of money were to be dropped. When the mule had collected a comfortable sum the people would take the contents of the box and therewith purchase him a hearty meal. Things went well with the mule until a local wag placed access the animal's back a sack of frozen potatoes. These fell on the ground and were caten by the mule. They caused him terrible pain, and in his despair he roamed down to the beach, where he pushed his head under the water and drowned him- self.	Such was the condition of the defenses fore the war was declared. More guns I now in all probability been mounted a that time and the force of Spanish sold then 5,000, has been undoubtedly increas With its natural defense of location is tingo is indeed a hard town to reach w
with Platforms Capable of ing 25,000 Passengers- Engineering Wonder.	Tracks Hold- An press trains on the floor above. So, after leaving the station, the grade of the ex- press tracks leads gradually down to the level just as the grade of the local trains leads gradually up from below. The local	Smiles with Lords and Exchanges Smiles with Commoners-Her Experiences with Men of State.	It was midnight in Havana, just the same as it had always been at 12 o'clock G. M., relates the New York/Sun. The war had made many and marked changes, but in respect of this, none. Capital Gauges But in the dialog	ridors to assemble his hosts. A Map of Cubs for Ten Cents. The Bee is giving its subscribers a chance to keep posted on the movements of troops and cruisers by means of its combination	self. HARD NUT TO CRACK. Santiago's Harbor Correctly Be-	For Men, Women and
ton, Mass., which is nearing con possesses several remarkable feature	a in Bos- mpletion, trains in many cases use the express tracks after getting once outside, and this, as may res. It is be supposed, leads to a world of complicated	a comparatively recent date woman was con- sidered at all times an intruder. This is	the hambone of a dead horse. The captain generals had not retired ere	of the West Indies and map of the world you can locate just where the war ships are at any time and how far they are from dif-	The phrase "bottled up," so which y used since the hemming in of Cervera, explains the harbor of Santiago de Cuba in a word. The harbor is a bottle with the entrance at	

way depot in the world. The switch-twisting and signaling. Even here the replan of its construction is unique-nothing the system had to be arranged quite differ. south side of SL Stephen's hall in the group depot to be equipped with facilities for operating trains by electricity, the tracks in one section of it actually having a third bridges. These cull to be arranged quite differ-isotia and of an ordinary road. The of English Parliament buildings a very clever woman typewriter has been given a desk, salary and assistant is the cause of him up. in one section of it actually having a third bridges. There will be two towers from no little wonder among the few to whom rail laid between them, all ready for the which the interlocking switches will be the knowledge has come. long-promised transition from steam to eleccurrent. The growing problem of efficient suburban train accommodation. which, in view of electric street car traction, has taken on new importance, is here dealt for a human being to simplify in his mind with in a new manner. There are two such a maze of switches, signals, wires and stories for, the trains, Local trains run into the station and around a long loop in the basement; long-distance trains run in on the floor above. This loop marks the railroad business, it is not mechanical solving of a great engineering problem, for it is depressed six feet below the mean level of the neighboring sea, and in order to construct it there first had to be built a cofferdam ten times larger than the largest ever constructed-that is, 2,000 feet long by 700 feet wide. Into this cofferdam was laid a great cup of coment, resting on 44,000 tracks out in the yard, and which operates Lord Salisbury, the present British premier, business with me, seeing that I have not In this cup, the building stands, Finally, in order to make room for this set of tracks is being placed right in front of supposed to be principally for the use of

The lady's name is Miss May H. Ashoperated. The switches and signals will be worked by compressed air, which, in its Worth, and she is not only more widely

towers. But it would be almost impossible feminines who so deftiy manipulate the eral held at "present." "universal keyboard," but she holds the that seldom fails to the lot of woman. Miss class; it cost \$4 a pound." tracks. The human machine is perfect to a Ashworth believes that there are not a half "Nearly as high as Matanzas mule, your

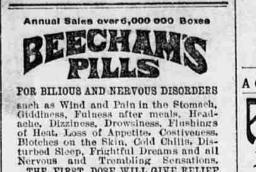
certain extent, but, unfortunately for the dozen members of either the House of excellency," said the aide, recalling his Commons or the House of Lords whom she manners and the military regulations. enough to remain uninfluenced by wind and docs not know to speak to. Her experiweather, lack of sleep, indigestion and other ences have therefore naturally been of more

prevent any disastrous complication ensuing daily contact with many men whose names ploded under him. That's higher than your from such a cause, the company is placing and deeds are flashed over the cable every Havana horse, excellency." in every tower a set of miniature tracks day to all parts of the world.

which is connected electrically with the real She tells a very interesting anecdote of in conjunction with them. This miniature The typewriters of St. Stephen's hall are invited you to luncheon?"

"Your excellency, I crave a pardon. Word has just been received that within the next twenty-four hours the Yankees will have cut our telegraphic communication and we will be shut out from mother, home and friends. In other words, excellency, there won't be any more chances for you to run your typewriters through the ticker."

The captain general was dumbfounded. For as much as two minutes he could not



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harbor with the narrow passage through , fringing reefs, but 180 yards wide in its Disgusted with Ainskn Diet, He Comnarrowest part. The channel is tortuous mitted Suicide. The old story by Senator Vest about the and difficult for a mile from the mouth and if wired well should be very formidable. old mule of Juneau which rolled into the The town lies fully five and a half miles ocean blue and drowned himself because the from the mouth.

fodder in Alaska contained little else than Morro castle, the principal fort guarding the entrance. Is on the eastern side, perched well up on the bold hills, which line the channel's mouth. It is formidable from its position and its guns could deliver a terribly effective plunging fire, the most deadly fire When Governor Brady of Alaska was be- known, on any ships going by. That is, of

fore the conference on that bill, relates the course, unless they were slienced first. St. Louis Republic, Representative Lacey | Once inside and the difficulties of the poked fun at him about the Alaska vegeta- channel negotiated successfully the rest of bles. Senator Carter of Montana, one of the the work for an attacking squadron would conferees, added a jest about Vest's mule of not be so difficult. Ships could maneuver, Juncau, when, to the surprise of conferces, although not with the same facility as Governor Brady proceeded to a serious and Dewey's ships did in Manila bay, and the truthful statement. According to the gov- guns of the town could not add much to the ernor, the animal, having passed the time terrors of the defense. The harbor, like the when it could be useful, was turned loose channel, is wired, but the value of Spanish in the streets of Juncau. Charitable per- wires has so far been problematical. Most sons strapped to the mule's back a contribu- of the sea-pointed guns of the town are

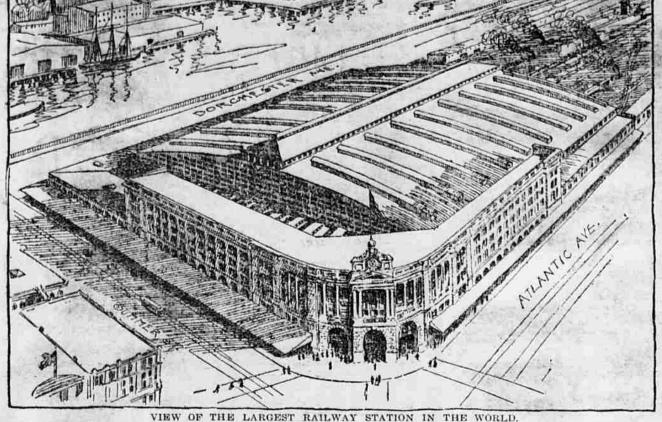


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## JOBBERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF OMAHA.





great structure, there had to be demolished | where the switchmen will stand. The men' members of Commons but this is no 210 buildings, sheltering during business cannot produce any combination outside of adhered to, and the services of Miss Ashhours of the day nearly 4,000 persons, enough the tower which will not also be reproduced worth and her corps of assistants are to found a small town. within in miniature. Thus it will be almost availed of by many members of the House More than half the railroads which run impossible for an accident to occur in the of Lords, and occasionally one of the cabinet into and out of Boston will use this depot. yard if the switchmen are ordinarily care- finds them very useful. On the day when It will divide the patronage of the city with ful. the Salisbury incident occurred Miss Ash-

the northern depot, which is situated on the ] diametrically opposite side of the town.

Impressive Bigness.

weather feature.

worth happened to be alone in her own office. all her assistants having gone for the da

At this moment an aide appeared at the portals of the room and Blanco ordered

"How fares?" he asked, as the young man

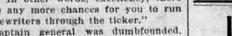
approached. "About the same kind of fare as that you have," replied the mide with a grave nod turn, will be operated electrically from the known than any other of the vast army of toward the hambons that the captain gen-

"What's the matter with this?" retorted speed record-two triumps of a character the captain general. "It ought to be first

"Mule meat isn't as high as this, is it?"

"Well, your excellency, the mule went disabilities of a like nature. In order to than ordinary interest, brought as she is in fifty feet high when the Yankee shell ex-

"A truce to your badinage, sirrah," exclaimed the captain general. "What is your



water, appears to have foundation. Senator Vest told the story when discussing the homestead bill. It was thought then to be a product of the Missouri statesman's vivid magination.

THE MULIC OF JUNEAU.

Necessity compelled its construction. Once there were no less than eight railroad depots vividly by its immensity. Its bigness is in Boston. The confusion this entailed was like that of the main building of some great enormous and the impossibility of making connections finally forced the combination of several of the roads. At the present time, outside of the northern, there are big as the London & Northern; so big, in three large depots, each of which is used by half a dozen roads. All these roads will hereafter use the new station, so that there will be but two Boston depots-the northern terminal and the southern terminal. The question of travel for Bostonians is thus | buildings of Boston could be placed on the reduced to the primitive proposition of knowing at what point of the compass their destinations may lie. After that the question of selecting the proper depot is easy.

## Problems of Construction.

The housing of all these roads in one station involved problems which do not enter into the construction of single stations. The rights and privileges of any one road must is not surprised to see a waiting room 225 not be interfered with by the others. The feet long and two stories high; a midway or right of way for one train after another must be, so to speak, continuous. The longdistance traffic must not suffer from a congestion of suburban service, and the latter, which is highly profitable, must be made better than it now is, for the electric street car service is reaching out its octopus-like vanishing point; a huge carriage concourse tentacles and absorbing suburban patronage in a manner not at all to the liking of the steam railroad managers. The octopus must

be beaten even in its own manner, by being fought with its own weapons. Therefore, ing details are thrust so rapidly upon one's electric traction must be provided for, on a understanding that the result is almost conscale which would take heed of future conditions. Every one of these rather formidable problems has been coped with successfully in the new structure.

Placing the trains on two floors, at once ing plant for keeping fresh the provisions in accomplished the purpose of separating the the kitchens of the several large restaurants; local from the through traffic. The arrangea steam plant for warming the passenge ment of the tracks for the express trains, cars while they are standing unattached to which run in on the second floor, differs a locomotive in the station in cold weather little from that of an ordinary station. In a compressed air plant for testing the West-

the b. Sment, however, the arrangement is inghouse brakes before the trains leave the confused after realizing what I had done, but unique. There are but two tracks, one in shed; an electric lighting and power plant and one out, forming a large and nearly for illuminating the building via its prejudices aside for once and help out in circular loop. By means of a switch, a second auxiliary loop is formed inside of the first. Thus there is a continuous passage elevators. One sees that all the needs of a Lord Salisbury's nephew is another statesof trains through the station, which gains large floating population are provided for in man who appreciates Miss Ashworth's serv for it all of the facilities of a way station, while it is at the same time a terminal. The time ordinarily lost in backing out of stations to make room for other trains, in changing the locomotive from one end to the other, in turning over the backs of seats and other minor necessities of the same nature, will now be saved. The double loop thing of its kind that has ever been created. will hold fourteen three-car trains. It would be possible for one suburban train to de part from the station every minute and yet Lost Their Lives in a Mine. allow each train to stay five minutes on the loop to unload and load. During the working

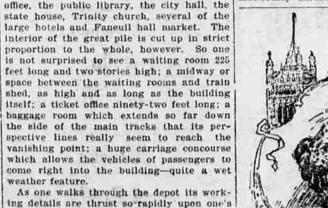
time of the day, or from . a. m. until midnight, this would mean the dispatch of 1,080 trains. Adding the capacity of the express floor, the general capacity of the station might be reckoned as 2,000 trains a day. Nor is this suburban schedule of one train a minute to be considered very wild, for Boston ranks as the second city in the country in traffic of this nature, and the depot will even now be operated at the rate of 650 trains a day.

## Monster Platforms.

the shaft above them fell on the raft, break-ing it up, and precipitating the men into the water. Sam Bennett, who escaped, did so by clinging to a log of the raft until rescued. The other five men sank to the The loop tracks are sunk a foot below asphalt platforms, which are capable of holding 25,000 passengers at one time. The steps of the cars are quite on a level with the platform. Between the loop tracks is an electric conductor, or third rail, lying ready for the contemplated change from steam to current. The idea of the management was to provide for the motive power of the future, be it steam, compressed air, electricity, or what not, but the actual placing of this third rail seems to indicate that in raircad circles the electric current is and the feeling against Blanks runs high. in railroad circles the electric current is expected to be used. In fact, the Nantasket beach division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad is already operated by electricity. In the New Haven

Lord Salisbury for some reason walked into Boston terminal station impresses one most the room without knocking and said: "Madam, are you the official stenographer? Miss Ashworth replied that she was, and exposition. It is a small world under ten acres of roof. Its train shed is seven times like the meekest of commoners the premier begged her to excuse him for troubling her bigger than St. Paucras station, and twice as but he had forgotten a matter which refact, that the great St. Louis depot might be quired immediate atteniton, and he did not built up in the middle of it and yet leave; have time to return to his own guarters. respectable breathing room on all sides. Disliked Overtime.

One genius, with a calculating turn of mind, "Well," said Miss Ashworth, "I knew it has shown how twenty-four of the prominent was Lord Salisbury, and that I ought to oblige him, but really it was not my place ground occupied by this station and still to work overtime for even the premier of leave small passageways between, and the England, and I told him so. He was trelist includes such structures as the postmendously amused and I was a little bit



As one walks through the depot its work fusion. One notices that there is an ice making plant for supplying the coolers in the cars, a filtering plant for supplying cool. clear water all over the station; a refrigerat-

MISS ASHWORTH. my lord asked me if I could not put my magnificent electrollers and for operating the little business of state, and you know very numerous passenger and freight could not see my way clear to refuse." the lavatories, the barber shops, the lunch lices. "You see," she said, "Mr. Balfour is rooms, the retiring rooms, the smoking one of the most considerate gentlemen I rooms, the emigrant rooms, the cabmen's and ever met. I remember on one occasion he bootblacking rooms, the soda fountains, the came into our offices just as some member newsstand and the everything else that con- | from Yorkshire was telling what he wanted tributes to the comfort of transients. In The Yorkshire man was quite rude and short the new Boston terminal is the biggest | talked to us as if he thought we were his slaves. Mr. Balfour turned to him and said: THEODORE WATERS. "Sir, are you aware that you are in the

presence of ladies, and that you are con-ST. LOUIS, June 14.-A special to the Post-Dispatch from Aurora, Mo., says: An accident in the mine of the Mount Vernon shire. "We accident in the mine of the Mount Vernon company, at Stotts City, a mining camp twenty miles from this city, last night, re-sulted in the death of John Durham, his son, William Durham, J. W. Newman, J. N. Brown and E. A. Hauck. Samuel Bennett, another miner, had a narrow escape from death. For some time, the mine has been

the Parliament building.

"One of the very pleasantest men we have

bottom of the shaft and are lying in sixty Precautions to Prevent a Lynching. never inconsiderate. He told me once l FRANKFORT, Ky., June 14.-Governor Bradley has ordered company A of the sitte guards to go to Mayfield to protect Eob Blanks, the negre who is to be tried next week for assault. There have been six

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death. For some time the mine has been under water and the men mentioned were

at work on a raft pumping it out. Without warning a mass of rock from the sides of

feet of water.



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versing with ladies?' I never saw a ma more abashed than the member from Yorkall of us liked Sir Michael Hicks Beach, he was such a fine old fellow, and it was a real pleasure to do anything for him. I know there were ever so many times when he was in a dreadful hurry to have things done that he came in here and saw that we were as busy as bees. Instead of insisting on our doing what he wanted, he would say 'Just a good morning, Miss Ashworth,' and then off he would go to some place outside A Bit of Flattery.

o deal with is Mr. George Curzon. Let me ee, he married a beautiful American girl. Miss Leiter, did he not? Mr. Ourzon is invariably a courteous, kindly man, and

would make my fortune in the United States, because I could do my work so well and say so little about it. He said that combination was rare among the American typewriters." Miss Ashworth owes her opportunity in Parliament to Mr. Herbert Gladstone. She

