

MERRY TALES OF THE WIRE

Funny Things that Have Happened to Telegraph Operators.

HOW ONE MAN GOT SOME TOBACCO

Two Tips on the Race, a Trencherous Glass Leg, and What Occurred Afterward—When the Nile Froze.

"Talking about wire trouble," remarked an old telegraph operator...

How They Broke Him Off. "He went over and opened his wire all right, and as he seemed to be running pretty smooth we didn't pay much attention to him."

Playing a Wire Tip. "It's all very well to have a friend on the other end of your wire," remarked the ex-night chief...

The Trick that Failed. "There was a fool friend of mine taking the night report in the Herald office and he got onto the good thing and he tipped me, I being on the other end of a press wire in Milwaukee."

Almost Out of Your Head. With headache. Why not cure quickly with Wright's Paragon Headache Remedy.

Visual Organs All Right. Chicago Tribune: "Can I see the mistress of the house?" asked the tourist in reduced circumstances...

GULCH BILL'S LAST HOLD-UP

Ran Up Against an Engineer Who Kept His Wits About Him.

SMOOTH JOB WITH HOT WATER COCKS

Jet of Scalding Water Spoiled the Looks of a Guard and Performed a Surgical Operation on William.

"Gulch Bill, the once notorious train robber, had been raising Cain with the night express of the Air Line for a week."

"That was too much of a jolt for me, and I told him to hold on to the ticket for a minute while I went out to see a man."

"I haven't much use for women operators myself," said the pool room operator, "but I sure did see one of 'em get even with herself while I was working in Kansas City just before the last strike."

"Oh, you can always figure on getting even one way or another," remarked the press operator. "I laid for the telegraph editor of the morning paper down in Jacksonville nearly a year before I got him."

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TONS OF GOLD COINED

Where the Precious Metal is Handled by the Ton.

Ordinarily people speak of gold bullion, when quantities are mentioned, as so many ounces or pounds.

The coinage of the last fiscal year, ended June 30, 1899, according to the report just completed, was the largest in the history of this mint.

The largest amount of deposits for one month in the history of the mint was in August, 1899. They reached 1,353, aggregating nearly \$60,000,000.

"Ah, gowan," I says, "he's far out of this country by this time. I heard the other day that he'd been seen in Chicago."

"Don't happen to be Leach," I said, sparring for time with him. "Makes no difference. You just choke off that creature of the lower appointed chapter of this train. Halt, I say!"

"Now, Hank," he said to one of his pals, "you just cover the lower stopcock in gimballs, after the fashion of an ordinary sea compass. This circle of glass and its gimbals are pointed out degrees and minutes."

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ARMY OF PICKPOCKETS

An Observant Policeman Describes Their Rank and Methods.

Some men operate on the "single-handed" basis; they travel alone, arrange their own "frame-ups" (personally corner their victims) and keep all the profits.

A stall is the confederate of the pickpocket who burrs up selected people or arranges them in such a way that the pickpocket can get at their pockets.

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THE COINCIDENCE CLUB

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