Carpenter's Letter

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United States and the lines that might be profitably constructed are many.

Take a look at the islands and you will York. It is in shape like an immense bird tricity. squatting down upon China, with its great neck, craw and head toward the south.

It is the richest bird in the aviary of the noted for the fertility of its lands. The universe. Its tail is fat with tobacco and coffee, its bowels and stomach are loaded with sugar and rice and its neck and head contain some of the richest hemp, sugar and cocoanut lands known to man. The best hemp of the world is raised in its bill and the whole of its body is feathered in spots with mountains of minerals and most valuable timber.

The railroads already contemplated embrace, I should say, at a rough guess, at least 1,000 miles, and the probability is that more than this could be profitably The passengers and the freight already in existence will make the roads pay and at the same time they would bring about such a development of the country as to make their stock increase in value right along.

Only Railroad of the Philippines.

At present there is but one railroad in Luzon and this is the only one in the Philippine islands. It is 120 miles long, running from Manila north through the valley to the Gulf of Lingayan. It taps one of the rich rice and sugar-raising centers of the island, but one which is no better than much of the country south of here and which is not so fertile, it is said, as the rich valley of the Cayagan, further north.

The Manila-Dagupan railroad, as it is called, is the property of a syndicate of London capitalists. It was started with a capital of \$5,000,000, on which the Spanish government guaranteed an interest of 8 per cent, which guaranty the company expects the United States to continue. The term of its concession was ninety-nine years from about 1888, and at the end of that time it was to belong to the government. The railroad has not conformed to the terms of the original concession. The first company failed and it was not completed as agreed. It has since increased its capital to \$17,000,000, and it probably can pay dividends on that amount. The road is well built, but is now in very ball repair, having been tern up again and again during the war. It is now being operated by the United States army, two passenger ter, trains each way passing over it every day. The company demands heavy damages of the Americans for the destruction caused by the war, its claims running up into the millions of dollars.

Some Possible Railroads in Luzon.

Among the railroads which will probably be planned as soon as the islands have become thoroughly pacified are lines from Dagupan north along the west coast to San Fernando, Vigan, Long and the extreme northwestern end of Luzon, and also from Bacolor or Manila through the provthe Philippines. They would bring the attention. great tobacco fields of the Philippines At this point one of the waiting pascause it is so far from the markets. They baby-tender: would open some of the best of the timber cultural country.

In the southern part of Luzon roads are being planned in various directions. One of the most promising is projected to go you. You expect her back, I suppose?" from Manila to Batangas and thence west along the coast to Cape Santiago. The main line to Batangas would not be more than fifty miles long and would be through a country of wonderful richness. Barangas prosperous parts of the Philippines.

Another railroad which would parallel this a part of the way or which might be young man as he looked anxiously around. an extension of it is projected from Manila around the great lake at the cast, you think so?" Laguna de Bay, running along the shores through the towns of Calamba, Los Banos is our first baby." and Santa Cruz and thence southeast through the whole peninsula to the port of and he was in such haste to get back to Sorsogon in the bill of our big bird of the other side of the room that he nearly This railroad should be a gold fell over a passing pug dog. mine to its builders. The country is rich beyond conception, and its possibilities in Deportment on Platform the way of hemp and other money products are enormous. It would bring the hot mineral springs of Los Banos within easy access of Manila and would make them a resort. The military value of the railroad cannot be overestimated.

Railroads in Mindanao.

As soon as conditions have become settled fieldian bow. there will be applicatious for concessions to build railroads in the greater islands of the "I mean," she explained, "what is its south. Mindanao, which is one of the very destination?" richest of the Philippines, will be slower in having roads built than some of the Visayan courtesy, "it affords me pleasure to be able islands, on account of the sparseness of its to inform you that its destination is the population, but the government may think car barn."

it necessary to construct some lines as a military necessity. They would undoubtedly pay in time.

In the island of Panay railroads will be that \$150,000,000 of American capital might planned through the two chief valleys conbe profitably invested in the building of necting Hollo with Capiz and Concepcion, railroads in the Philippine islands. I can- while electric railroads will be built from not give accurate estimates of what rail- Hollo to its two chief suburban townsroads will cost here, but there is no reason Jaro and Molo-as well as in Hollo itself. why they should cost more than in the Panay is about the size of Connecticut and its population is 830,000. It is now raising about 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco and almost 2,000,000 pounds of sugar a year. see something of the enormous possibilities. It has rich rice lands, but imports yearly of such investments. Luzon is as long as about 50,000,000 pounds of rice. It is so from New York to Pittsburg and wider at formed as to mountains and streams that all the north than from Baltimore to New of its railroads might be run by elec-

A railroad possibly might be built along body toward the north and its long the coast of Negros, which is one of the richest of the sugar-raising Islands, and



THE HOT MINERAL SPRINGS OF LOS

island is 130 miles long, with an average width of thirty-six miles. It has a chain of low mountains running through its cen-

Cebu, Samar and Leyte are all rich islands as long as Negros, but only about half as more people than Indianapolis, and Leyte is almost the size of Porto Rico, with a population about as great as Cincinnati. They are all good fields for electrical development in the way of railroads and factories. FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Skeptic and Believer

built. They would be of immense advan- depot. On his knee was a year-old baby. tage to the government in a military way Presently the baby began to cry, and the we ought to discourage. and would probably pay from the start, as awkwardness and helplessness of the young they open up some of the richest lands of man were so marked as to attract general fects of the campaign, however. Our field

within a day of Manila and would open up sengers, a fat and amiable-seeming man, territory which is now worth little be- crossed the room and said to the distressed need not be ashamed. The policies we

lands and also a rich grazing and agri- hold while she went to see about her understood and meet the requirements of baggage, didn't she?"

"Well, now, I knew it as soon as I saw "Of course."

"Ha, ha! You are looking for her every

minute, ain't you?" "I think she'll come back."

"Ha, ha! Excuse me, but I can't help was for years noted as a coffee-rai ing laughing. A woman once played the same country, and if the coffee blight can be trick on me. It was in Chicago. You're controlled it will again be one of the most caught young man. She took you for a hayseed.

"Oh, she'll come back," answered the "She will, ch? Ha, ha, ha! What makes

"Why, because she's my wife, and this

"Oh-um-I see!" muttered the fat man.

Chicago Post: He had studied all the rules of courtesy laid down for conductors and had profited by them. He did not intend to be caught napping.

"What car is this?" asked the sweet young thing.

He doffed his cap and gave her a Chester-

"Madam," he said, "this is car No. 319."

"Madam," he answered with the same

Too Accommodating

Chattanooga News: A guileless rustic who wished to become attached to one of our railways emerged from the examination room and informed the expectant relatives that he had failed to pass the sight test.

"Why, you can't have!" exclaimed the father, who was horrified at the thought. You're no more color blind than I am."

"Happen not, but they won't have me," answered the rustic bitterly. "It all comes o' tryin' to be polite an' obligin', as you said I was to be."

"But I can't see how being polite could

make any difference," quavered the father. "It did, though," said the rustic. "The old chap held something up an' says: 'This is green, isn't it? Come, now isn't it green?' quite pleading-like, and, though I could see it wor red, I couldn't find it in my 'art to tell him he wor wrong for fear he might take offense. So I simply said.

No more politeness for me. It don't pay." "Music Hath Charms"

'It is, yer honor,' an' they bundled me out.

Detroit Free Press: The unmusical ear came into painful prominence at a recent gay gathering. The program included a choice assortment of elocutionary efforts and musical accomplishments that were supposed to be of the highest order. Among the numbers was a duet between the professor and one of his pupils. Each had the exclusive use of a piano, and the way they thundered and crashed would have made Paderewski, could he have heard them, rush to the nearest barber shop and shave off his personality.

When the concert was over and the audience was filing out a demure young woman, referring to this particular number, remarked to her escort:

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Then the frequency of our elections stimulates the development of politicians. believe every American should be a politician in the broadest sense of the Buffalo Enquirer: A young man who term, but the professional politician, who inces of central and northeastern Luzon to looked as if he might be about 25 years does not seek office, but seeks to live Aparri. Both of these lines could be easily old was sitting in the waiting room of the on those who are anxious to serve the

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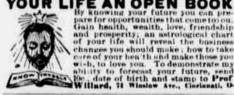
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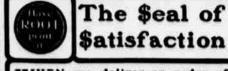
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