

MINNEAPOLIS NEWS.

OFFICE—No. 6 Washington Avenue opposite Nicollet house. Office hours from 10 o'clock p. m.

MINNEAPOLIS GLOBELETS.

The real estate transfers filed yesterday aggregated \$55,956.

The Boston restaurant sets meals to order at reasonable rates.

The straw board factory on the East side has temporarily shut down.

A license to wed was issued yesterday to John S. Gillespie and Isabella M. Crawford.

A largely attended ball was given by the Minneapolis social club in Market hall last night.

An Omaha brakeman had his left hand so badly crushed that amputation was necessary.

The assets and liabilities of J. A. Gilbert & Sons, as per schedule filed, are \$3,399.51 and \$6,470.37 respectively.

The Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent society made \$600 by the bazaar given for the benefit of their synagogue.

John Kennedy, of Hanover, reports a deposit of coal upon his premises at a rate of twenty-three feet, but not in large quantities.

The ladies of Hennepin avenue M. E. church gave a pleasant oyster supper at the paragon last evening which was largely attended.

The heating apparatus in the Monroe school building is out of order, and consequently the school has been closed until needed repairs are made.

The Robert Emmett Literary society will observe the birthday of Emmett on March 4, by a theatrical entertainment to be given at Pence Opera house.

Luke Kinney, of the English Chop house 314 Nicollet avenue, made an assignment for his creditors to R. P. Dunnington. According to the schedule filed his assets are \$5,825.

The sale of seats for the season of opera by the famous Grau company at the Grand the first of the week is especially brisk, and evidences the fact that the house will be packed at each entertainment.

The work of reconstructing and beautifying the Theater Comique is progressing rapidly. Each night the audience is treated with a little surprise in decorative art. When finished it will be a beauty.

Charles Olson and Thomas Downs, two bums, who have been hanging around the city lockup, went to sleep in a shed and had their feet badly frozen. They were taken to the College hospital for treatment.

On Monday evening next there will be dress parade and battalion drill of the three Minneapolis companies, at the armory adjoining the roller rink. The seats in the balcony will be reserved for ladies.

Frank Jetherland was brought to this city yesterday from the pieries where he received serious injuries from a fallen limb. His right shoulder had been crushed, and he sustained a compound fracture of the right arm.

Lumbermen: Four lumbermen have been killed and fifteen wounded in the woods on Black River this winter by falling trees, the extreme cold weather has rendered the timber exceedingly brittle. Tops and limbs break into fragments in falling and become deadly missiles.

The Northern Pacific railway bridge across the Mississippi is fast nearing completion. It will be one of the finest iron bridges in the west, and will make the seventh bridge which spans the Mississippi in this city. Besides these there will probably be built one more road bridge next summer.

Query—How tall is the "tall man" and how short is the "short man" now in the county jail for highway robbery? Will the Journal please answer. From the official report of the examination was set for Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the prisoners being held in \$5,000 bonds each. In default of this amount they were remanded. There seems to be little doubt respecting the efficacy of the proofs at hand, and that the lawless trio will be given an opportunity to work for the state for a term of years.

Special School is in trouble. He, while under the influence of booze, represented himself as a detective to a Scandinavian who had been robbed of a sum of money amounting to about \$70, and offered to undertake the detection and arrest of the robber for a certain sum of money. The Scandinavian gave him about \$3, and then went with him from saloon to saloon, drinking immoderately until School had become intoxicated. The Scandinavian told his story at the police head quarters and School's arrest followed.

At the meeting of the stockholders of the Nicollet National bank yesterday afternoon it was decided to elect eleven directors—six of whom were chosen yesterday afternoon, and the remainder will be elected next week. The present directors are John De Laitre, J. F. Ross, F. T. Keet, E. J. Phelps, George N. Merriam and E. H. Steele. The meeting of stockholders was then adjourned, and at the directors' meeting held subsequently the following officers of the new bank were elected: President, John De Laitre; vice president, Daniel Merriam; next week cashier, F. K. Foss; assistant cashier, Chas. E. Braden, of the Northwestern National bank.

Major Camp is in Duluth as an expert witness in the Kiffin Falls suit.

J. W. McKinley, representing Clara Merriam in the city, concluding arrangements with manager Conklin for the appearance of that greatest of American historic artists.

C. J. B. Swendell, of Baltimore, is a guest of the Nicollet.

A \$20,000 FIRE.

The Cooper Shops of the Standard Barrel Company, Together with their Contents, Destroyed by Fire—Mrs. Olson's Boarding House Also Burned.

The most disastrous conflagration which has visited Minneapolis for many weeks was that which occurred yesterday morning just before break of day.

When first discovered the flames were making rapid progress in the southwest corner of the cooper shops of the Standard Barrel works, owned by the Chicago Store company and located between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets south and between the Milwaukee railway tracks and Cedar park, opposite the Short Line bridge. It was a long run for the fire department, and the building and its contents were of the most inflammable character, and by the time water could be turned on the entire shops were wrapped in flames, and were one seething mass of fire. The attention of the firemen was consequently directed to saving adjoining property, and very effective work was accomplished in this particular. Many buildings narrowly escaped the greed of the destructive element. The wind fortunately blew from the west, so a number of boarding houses located to the west of the shops escaped with slight scorching. The tracks of the Milwaukee railroad were on the opposite side, and a number of freight cars were hurried down the road and by that means saved. The heat was intense and repeatedly the brave firemen were forced back, and it was absolutely impossible to save any of the contents of the shops. The Short Line junction station house narrowly escaped burning.

BOARDING HOUSE BURNED.

The two story frame boarding house owned and occupied by Mrs. Olson at the north, and across the street soon caught fire, and the progress of the flames were so rapid that it was almost impossible to hurry to safe quarters some of the furniture before the building was reduced to ashes, entailing a loss of \$2,000, partially covered with \$1,250 insurance in the Fire and Marine Insurance company of St. Paul.

The stable owned by the Barrel company to the south of the shops and also caught fire and was destroyed. The horses which occupied the stables were removed with difficulty. The small repair shop of the Milwaukee Railway company was next to fall prey to the flames, as also did the office building of the Barrel company.

THE LOSSES.

The loss suffered by the Barrel company will aggregate about \$18,000. The shops, stock, tools of the workmen, and machinery were totally destroyed. There were between 4,000 and 5,000 barrels in the stock and worth about forty cents each. Besides there was a large stock of crude materials.

Owing to the home office of the company being in Chicago, where were the members of the firm, the amount of insurance could not be ascertained, placed with Chicago agencies. The fire threw 65 men out of employment, but the shops will probably be rebuilt in the spring.

RECAPITULATION OF LOSS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Chicago Stave Co., shop and buildings, \$12,000; Chicago Stave Co., barrels, 2,000; Chicago Stave Co., stock, 3,000; Workmen's tools, 1,300; Mrs. Olson, 2,900. Total, \$20,900.

THE COURTS.

District Court.

NEW CASES AND PAPERS FILED.

J. C. Haines vs. H. Kirkwood; transcript of judgment from Stearns county filed and docketed.

Norris, Porter & Leslie vs. A. J. Warren et al.; complaint filed.

J. Conn & Co. vs. Alfred J. Williams; same; an action to recover \$727.25 on notes.

Katie C. Record, et al. vs. Adiso: C. Douglass, et al.; summons, complaint and affidavit for publication filed.

D. M. Osborne & Co. vs. Robert M. Robertson; complaint, notice and order for change of venue filed, and files transmitted to clerk of district court of Faribault county.

R. Beer & Co. vs. Haven & Lee; judgment roll filed and execution issued to sheriff.

A. H. Heddery vs. Jacob C. Cline; complaint and affidavit for publication of summons filed.

Amelia Russell vs. Albert W. Russell; same filed and cause placed on special term calendar.

D. M. Osborne vs. Thomas Miller; same. W. M. Sargent & Co. vs. A. H. Barr; transcript of docket from municipal court filed and docketed.

Same vs. J. A. Barr & Co.; judgment roll filed.

In the matter of the assignment of Luke Kinney to R. P. Dunnington; deed of assignment, schedule of property and bond of assignee filed.

Private Court.

[Before Judge Ueland.]

Estate of Louis Wenz, deceased; inventory filed and allowed and order for creditors to present claims made.

Estate of Ole A. Helsing, deceased; petition for letters filed; hearing February 18; special letters issued Theodora E. Helsing.

Municipal Court.

[Before Judge Bailey.]

Swan Nolan and Charles Thompson, drunkenness; committed ten days each.

Henry A. Green, larceny; dismissed.

James Edwards, John Smith and John Larkin, robbery; examination Monday; defendants committed in default of bonds in \$5,000 each.

Emanuel Green, receiving stolen property; found guilty; judgment arrested at instance of defendant's attorney until January 31.

FARMERS' LECTURES.

Programme of the University Farmers' Course of Lectures Next Week.

At 10 o'clock next Monday morning the farmers' lecture course will begin at the State university, to continue during the week. Miss Juliet Corson, superintendent of the New York school of cookery, will lecture on cookery and domestic economy and give her experience of the best method of preparing palatable and nutritious dishes.

A few of the finer dishes in illustration of the modern school of cookery will be prepared with the following bill of fare:

BILL OF FARE.

First Day—Soup, Boiled Salmon with Cream Sauce, Potatoes Stewed in butter, Quail boned and broiled, Omelette.

Second Day—Clear Soup, Caramel for coloring Soups and Sauces, Baked Whitefish, Beestack broiled and fried.

Third Day—Cream of Salmon, Shoulder of Lamb boned and roasted, Foremost for Meats, Potatoes; boiled and baked, Cheese Croquettes.

Fourth Day—Poa Soup with crusts, Salt Cod fish in Cream, Venison with Currant Jelly, Stewed Carrots, Cabinet Pudding.

Fifth Day—Tomato Soup, Fried Pickersel, Beef à la Mode Rolls, Purée of Spinach, Caramel Custard.

Sixth Day—Oyster Soup, Oysters broiled

and fried, Oysters with Bacon, Mobile roast Oysters, Welsh Rarebits.

TRK PROGRAMS.

At 2 p. m. daily, practical illustrations of the elementary principles of cooking and household management will be given and brief discussions held on the chemistry of food and the physiology of nutrition. The last half hour of the daily session will be consumed in discussing the question for consideration before the meeting and in testing the quality of the dishes cooked.

The subjects to be discussed are the following:

First Day—Soup making and stews.

Second Day—Good breads, plain pastry and puddings.

Third Day—Fish and poultry.

Fourth Day—Meats and vegetables.

Fifth Day—Cheap dishes and re-warmed food.

Sixth Day—Cookery for the sick.

The preparation of tea, coffee, omelettes, sauces, etc., will also receive a due share of attention.

Young ladies desiring to excel in the art of cookery should endeavor to attend this course of lectures.

GREEN FOUND GUILTY.

Emanuel Green, the Keeper of the Junk Shop, Convicted of Receiving Stolen Property and Thus Becoming a Criminal Accessory to Theft.

The Globe has spoken at some length respecting the trouble which Emanuel Green, the proprietor of the little, dirty junk shop, on South Washington avenue, has occasioned the detectives during the past year through his connection with sneak thieves and robbers. Time and again Detective Gleason has found in the possession of Green certain goods which had been stolen, and which had been purchased by him from a gang of thieves. Twice he has been brought before the court charged with receiving stolen goods, but each time he succeeded in evading the law through some technicality. The detective, however, determined to follow him up until he caught him in the very act of so altering a free traded overcoat that it could not be easily identified. The property had recently been stolen. Green was at once arrested, and yesterday Judge Bailey found him guilty. The counsel for the defense asked a stay so that the case might be taken into the supreme court and the stay granted. It is hoped that he will not elude justice this time.

ALBERT LEA.

Hon. J. L. Gibbs, of Geneva, this country is quite sick.

Mr. White, a brewer of this city, contemplates on tearing down his old brewery next spring and building a new one.

R. M. Todd has bought for his new mill \$13,000 worth of machinery in Minneapolis and has gone to Milwaukee and Chicago to purchase the needed balance.

John Paul, lumberman, is permanently located and at his new quarters, on Main and Washington streets, where he has a large and fine assortment of lumber, etc.

Last week the Albert Lea Standard had calls for 500 extra copies of that week's issue. The demand being too great for the supply, one man paid 25 cents for a copy.

It is reported that the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway intend next spring to extend their line from Valley line to Marquette. This will give Albert Lea another direct route to that city.

On next Monday evening a number of our more skillful sportsmen with the rifle will meet at the office of Judge Whytock and Todd to organize a Sportsmen's Club. All having any interest with a desire to join are invited to be present.

The city attorney has been requested to draft an amendment to the ordinance of the fire limit, so that the skating rink of Sergeant and Fuller may be exempt; also Gov. Armstrong's and Morris' Square on College and Washington's streets.

Mr. Beesinger, a marble dealer in this city, has been doing a job of work on some celebrated Scotch granite which has elicited a good deal of laudation. One week of solid labor was given to the laborer in the monument to be erected over the grave of a son of J. H. Goslee, of London, this country.

The city council has appointed Messrs. Morin, Thompson, Gulbranson and Drummehausen as a committee to investigate the possibility of boring an artesian well for the purpose of supplying the city with water works. The city council also has approved of the plat of Johnson and Fenton's addition to Albert Lea.

On the ground that Albert Lea and Hayward would each contribute \$200, last year senator Sergeant secured from the legislature an appropriation of \$400 towards the building of a bridge across the Shellrock river near the outlet of Albert Lea lake. Albert Lea has raised \$200 and so has Hayward, and work will soon commence to erect the above mentioned structure.

Mr. J. Q. Annis, who has a poultry yard at this place, says that from twelve dozens of fowls of his choicest varieties he gets from 8 to 10 dozen of eggs per day all through the winter. Last season Mr. Annis met with such success in hatching by artificial heat that he proposes to soon set his mechanical incubator with several hundred eggs and thus have a good brood of young chickens for the March market. He intends this season through this method of innovation to hatch several thousand.

STILLWATER GLOBULES.

Mr. F. W. Collins, of Waverly, N. Y., is the guest of E. D. Burlington, Esq.

The regular meeting of the board of prison inspectors will be held on Thursday next.

It is stated that a number of merchants in this city are reducing their business to a cash basis as fast as possible.

Sibert's orchestra, of St. Paul, has been engaged to furnish the music at the entertainment given by the Choral union on Thursday evening next.

The Omaha company propose to run a special train between this city and St. Paul during the engagement of Clara Morris, if the number who are desirous of attending will warrant them in so doing.

L. D. Woodhall, of Concord, N. H., who came west a short time ago for the benefit of the climate, had his feet badly frozen Tuesday morning while riding between this city and Hudson.

A saloon at Shell Lake, Wis., owned by John Shortall and Michael White, was entirely destroyed by fire last Saturday. Loss estimated at \$800; no insurance. Both of the men above named were formerly residents of this city.

Edward Clark, a convict in the Minnesota state prison, was last evening taken into custody by the sheriff of Clinton county, Iowa. Clark's sentence would have expired until this morning. But in order to accommodate the Iowa sheriff he was discharged last evening. The convict will be called on to answer an indictment for burglary.

It is understood that the moneyed men of Stillwater have expressed a willingness to aid financially in starting a boot and shoe factory in this city, on condition that the promoters of the enterprise are possessed of a respectable amount of capital. It is stated that one individual who is able to meet this requirement comes here prepared to permanently invest their funds in the business referred to, or in similar any other legitimate industrial undertaking. The capitalists are desirous to invest, and found ready to extend their aid and encouragement.

A LIVING BURIAL.

A SANE MAN INCARCERATED IN AN INSANE ASYLUM.

Compelled to Submit to Indignities and Harshships and to Associate With Mad Men—A Conspiracy Among Relatives the Cause.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—"Is it possible in this free republic, and in the latter part of the nineteenth century, for a man with impunity to cause another, who may be obnoxious to him, but who is of perfectly sound mind to be incarcerated in an insane asylum and subject to indignities that even lunatics should be protected against?" This inquiry was addressed to a reporter by a well known lawyer. The man of whom the lawyer spoke is James B. Silkman, who is now over sixty years of age, and has lived for over twenty years in Yonkers. His family consisted of a wife and four children, one son and three daughters. Mrs. Silkman died over five years ago, and he was left with his children, some of whom he valued at \$25,000. The husband was appointed the trustee of the estate, in which he had a life interest. The brother of Mrs. Silkman, Daris Crosby, is a wealthy lawyer in this city and a member of the firm of Lockwood & Crosby. Mr. Silkman's son, Theodore, has for some years been employed in the office of Lockwood & Crosby. He is now about twenty-six years of age. It is alleged that Crosby, instigated by his uncle, began to make alterations in the house, which Mrs. Silkman had bequeathed to her children, without consulting his father, and in opposition to his father's wishes. Mr. Silkman protested and a quarrel ensued with his son and Crosby, who caused the father to leave the premises. A threat was made by Silkman to expose certain discrepancies in certain marriages and births in Mr. Crosby's family, and Crosby's resentment was so great that he was determined to have Mr. Silkman arrested. On May 19, 1882, Silkman was attending a lecture in the house of Everett Gale, Yonkers, when the bell rang and Silkman going to the door, was confronted by three officers, who arrested him, placed him in a carriage and took him to White Plains. It is charged that on the next day without being taken before Judge Gifford, who had issued a warrant for his arrest, he was taken to Utica and placed in the lunatic asylum. There he was detained until Aug. 23, 1882, when Judge Barnard discharged him on the ground that he was not insane or of unsound mind and his restraint and imprisonment were unlawful. The papers have just been served in a suit brought in the supreme court of Westchester county, by Jas. G. Silkman vs. Daris Crosby, in which the latter is charged with instigating and procuring Silkman's incarceration in the lunatic asylum. In the complaint Crosby is charged with instigating the arrest of his father, and that he was treated with unnecessary harshness by the officers who arrested him, and took him to White Plains at midnight. They refused to give him food, and annoyed him in various ways, and would not allow him to communicate with his friends. He finally incarcerated him at Utica. He declares that the proceedings and arrest were mere fraudulent pretense and subterfuge on the part of Crosby, and that Crosby's imprisonment before he should suspect what was intended, and "in order that said defendant and accomplices could forcibly enter upon the plaintiff's premises and his library, in said city of Yonkers, for which purpose the defendant employed divers persons to go with tools and implements and break open all the locks on the drawers and closets in said plaintiff's library, with the purpose of there finding and appropriating a certain family record, which said defendant afterwards forcibly and fraudulently took from the iron safe in the plaintiff's office, No. 54 Wall street. The most interesting part of Silkman's complaint, aside from that relating to the facility with which he was seized and conveyed to the asylum, is that in which he describes his treatment after he had been incarcerated at Utica. On entering the asylum he was locked up alone in a small cell or bedroom at 8 p. m. with light and separated from all bodily comforts and friends, and no opportunity was given him to communicate with any person in his interest. While in the mad house he was compelled to associate with ordinary poorhouse patients and those really insane, to listen to obscene language, and to endure the deprivation of all decent sanitary arrangements, to eat poor house fare, such as wretched butter, soggy potatoes, and Long Island coffee, under the pretext of a resort to the month screw and stomach tube in case of revolt at such unaccustomed and disgusting food, while plaintiff's internal ailments called for special articles of food which were refused him. He was compelled to make his own bed, sweep the room and halls, go out with a squad of patients daily to hoe market vegetables and manure in the barnyard where sixty cows were fed. He was forced to go on the public streets of Utica under a heavy sweep of the sidewalk, pull weeds out of the gutter and hoe the gutter out. He was forced to take from three to five doses of drugs daily under threats of punishment, and to perform servile and menial labor in cold, windy weather. He charges that the letter which he wrote to an intimate friend containing information concerning important papers was sent by the asylum officials to Crosby, and that the papers mentioned were taken for the safe at his office and used in the effort to prevent his release, after being altered for the purpose. Mr. Silkman is one of the managers of the association for promoting the condition of the insane.

Libel Suit.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 25.—Jno. Livingston, manager of the Dominion Iron company, has entered an action against the Mail for libel, claiming \$100,000 damages. A correspondent implied that Livingston had received large sums of money from the defunct Exchange bank, from President Craig, his brother-in-law, which he invested in the Bolt company, and for which no account is given.

Blue Earth City Post: On Saturday last Deputy Sheriff Billings, of Wells brought to our jail a prisoner, who had pleaded guilty before a justice of the peace to the charge of "Assault with intent to commit rape." The prisoner is a young man by the name of Ed. Davis and was on his way from Forest City to the northern woods. The victim, Mr. Billings informs us was the wife of Mr. Fogleson, of Foster, and lived at Rice Lake. The assault was committed on Monday of last week but the husband was unable to leave home until Thursday. Mr. Billings tracked the fellow very easily, by the many scuffs on his face, received in the assault, and took him to Forest City, in Waseca county. We learn that the assaulted party has been and is still in a critical condition. It is a fact that our people are law-abiding to a fault, but it will take but a few more of such heinous deeds to arouse them to such a state of righteous indignation that will be extremely unhealthy for such brutes to escape a necktie party.

Buried Gold.

[Scientific American.]

A writer of mathematical bent finds from the census returns that there are about 17,000 dentists in the United States, who, he estimates, pack into the teeth of the American people a ton of pure gold annually. Continuing his speculations, he predicts that in the twenty-first century all the gold in the country will be buried in the graveyards.

Motives for the Many.

[Life.]

Burglar's—Go it till you're hung. Lawyer's—Sue as you would be damned by. Second-hand clothes dealer's—There's nothing new under the sun. The teacher's—The switch is father to the taught. The sailor's—It never rains but it pours. The guest's—None so late as those who are not here.

Gas bath-tubs, sinks, tanks, wash-tubs, refrigerators, and burial cases are beginning to be talked of.

Peck's Sun: The remark of the gentleman over who tells the whole story. Said he: "You can talk what you think of money, by the class of men he gives it to."

What the Bird Overheard.

[Boston Post.]

"Yes," says Mrs. Snags, "I left my husband at home to take care of the baby while I went to the theatre. He didn't say anything much when I came home except that I never before looked so handsome to him, but I found out the next day that our parrot had learned some horrible, horrible words."

HOW TO KEEP AN UMBRELLA.

Grandfather Puts the Umbrella Leading Business on a Safe Business Basis.

[Cincinnati Enquirer.]

"Let me see your umbrella a minute!" It was the exclamation of Jones, as he rushed into the room where grandfather Locking was quietly dozing.

"Certainly, certainly," said grandfather, rubbing his eyes, "glad to accommodate you," and he opened a drawer in his desk and began rummaging through some legal blanks.

Jones darted into the corner, seized the green gingham relic, and was preparing to fly with it.

"Stop, stop, stop!" cried grandfather, raising his hand; not too fast, young man. Wait till I make out the necessary papers."

"The necessary papers?"

"Yes," said grandfather, "the necessary papers," and he continued his search among the blanks.

The right one found, he filled it out and handed it to Jones to sign.

As Jones read the paper his knees knocked together. It was a mortgage on his house and security that he would return the umbrella in good order within fifteen minutes. He faltered:

"Why-why, grandfather, I only want to borrow your umbrella to run across the street with. I'll fetch it back in two seconds."

Grandfather shoved his spectacles up over his bald spot, until they formed two skylights in his intellectual roof, and looking Jones in the face, said:

"You only want to run across the street. You'll return it in two seconds. Young man, that's what they all say. Man wants but little here below, but when he wants his umbrella he wants it. I have known people in my time who have listened to the song of the siren who came to borrow umbrellas, until she has transformed them into a people without an umbrella between them and the pelting storms. I ain't one of that kind. I have lived a long time. I have accumulated a fortune. Why? For the reason that I have not spent my substance in buyin' umbrellas. That umbrella which you hold in your hand is certainly not an uncommon beauty, nor is it of great value. It is simply a gingham umbrella. A green one at that. But it answers the purpose. I have had it since I was a boy. Why? Because no man, neither the son of man, has ever taken it beyond the range of my vision without first signifying to me that he would return it in good condition. It may not seem a mighty thing, but it's business. Here is the mortgage; there is the umbrella; without more, the rain of heaven. Take your choice."

Jones thought of his wife and babies and the pleasant home that was all his own. Then he looked at the rain that was pounding at the door and windows as if to get in out of the way. A glance at his Christmas overcoat, and Jones was decided.

"I'll risk it," he said, and stepping to the desk with measured tread and slow, he clasped his name to the mortgage, and was off with the umbrella.

Heisen's Other Baby.

[St. Louis Republic.]

"What makes that noise?" asked a little boy on the cars.

"The cars," answered the mother.

"What for?"

"Because they are moving."

"What are they moving for?"

"The engine makes them."

"What engine?"

"The engine in front."

"What's it in front for?"

"To pull the train."

"What train?"

"This one!" repeated the youngster, pointing to the one in which they sat.

"Yes."

"What does it pull for?"

"The engineer makes it."

"What engineer?"

"The man on the engine."

"Why engine?"

"The one in front."

"What is it in front for?"

"I told you that before."

"Told you what?"

"Told you."

"What for?"