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NEWS ITEMS.

No. 1 mill at the Eagle and Phoenix plant, at Columbus, Ga., is now running day and night, with a full force in all departments. This arrangement will continue for several months.

After January 1 wages for miners at Creole, Col., will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50. The increase was made voluntarily by the mine owners.

A Portland (Oregon) motorman who cost a leg in the service of his company has been awarded by an intelligent jury a wooden leg as damages.

The action of the French Chamber of Deputies in passing a bill increasing the duties on ho, s a d tog products is regarded as retaliation against the United States.

The cotton mills of Fall River, Mass., decided upon a reduction of 11-1/2 per cent. in wages of operatives. Twenty-eight thousand persons are affected.

Mrs. P. A. Han, a woman barber from New York City, is the victim of a strike in her Cleveland barber shop, near two women assistants having quarrelled with her and quit work.

The officials of the Glasgow (Scotland) Joiners' Union have posted notices in all the shops of that city forbidding members of the union to hang doors which have been made in the United States.

The McMillen Weyan Wire Company, Chicago, announces that the plant, which has outgrown its present quarters, will be located at Evanston, Ill., and several buildings will be erected.

The failure of two banks in Philadelphia, one a national bank with deposits amounting to nearly two million dollars, has increased the feeling of business depression there, and dread is expressed of other following its example in other cities of the East. Its president is the leading gold-biter in Pennsylvania.

Three large cordage mills, which have been erected by the National Cordage Company, failed, six years ago, have been bought by Xenia (Ohio) capitalists and others, and all will be started. The plants cost over \$500,000, and employ many men.

England is jealous because almost fifty per cent. of the shoes imported into her colonies are from America, and capitalists are starting a plant at Galashiels, Scotland, that will turn out 20,000 pairs weekly. All right America will sell them the leather for those shoes.

The coal miners' strike in the Streator (Ill.) district came to an end when A. L. Sweet, General Manager of the Chicago, Wilmington and Vermillion Coal Company, agreed to pay the price demanded by the men, sixty-four cents a ton, per gross weight mining. This will put 2,000 men at work.

you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and until it gets it, you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not-digestion, not-nourishment) weakens the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless, and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, 10c to 25c per bottle.

In Paris, as well as in some other parts of the world, there are men of fashion who aim to do everything as the English do it. A foppish Frenchman, who knew no English, but nevertheless called himself a "gentleman," went so far in his Anglomaniya as to write "Esq." after the names of men to whom he wrote letters, on the back of every envelope. By and by a friend asked him what it meant.

"Why, the English do it," the other answered.

"Yes, but what does 'esq.' mean?"

"Why, you see, the English are of a very cold temperament and admire cold things, and 'esq.' which means 'Esquimaux,' is a great compliment!"

CURIOSITIES OF MARRIAGE.

Goethe said he married to obtain respectability.

Wich-ry, in his old age, married his servant girl to spite his relations.

The joining of right hands in ancient times had the solemnity and the validity of an oath.

Giving a ring is supposed to indicate the eternity of the union, seeing that a circle is endless.

Under the Roman Empire marriage was simply a civil contract; hence we read of men "putting away" their wives.

Among the Jews the rule was for a maiden to marry on the fourth and widow on the fifth day of the week—not earlier.

In Jewish marriages the woman is set on the right, but throughout Christendom her place in the ceremony is on the left.

In a Roman marriage the bride was purchased by the bridegroom's payment of three pieces of copper money to her parents.

The custom of putting a veil upon the maid before the betrothal was done to conceal her blushes at the first touch of the man's hand and at the closing kiss.

Kissing the bride the moment the marriage ceremony ended, though not now prescribed by the rubric of the Western churches, formerly was an imperative act on the part of the bridegroom.

The early marriage ceremony among the Anglo-Saxons consisted merely of hand-fastening, or taking each other by the hand, and pledging each other love and affection in the presence of friends and relatives.

When bilious or colicive, eat a Cascart andy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

HISTORY OF CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

The two obelisks known as Cleopatra's Needles were set up at the entrance of the Temples of the Sun, in Heliopolis, Egypt, by Tholomeus III., about 183 B. C. We have no means of knowing when they were built, or by whom, except from the inscriptions on them, which indicate the above time. The material of which they were cut is granite, brought from Syene, near the first cataract of the Nile. Two centuries after their erection Ramesses II. had the stones nearly covered with carvings setting out his own greatness and achievements. Twenty-three years before Christ, Augustus Caesar moved the obelisks from Heliopolis to Alexandria and set them up in the Casarium, a palace which now stands, a mere mass of ruins, near the station of the railroad to Cairo. In 1819 one of these obelisks was presented by the Egyptian government to England, but as no one knew how to move them, it was not taken to London until 1878. Subsequently the other obelisk was presented to the United States.

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THE POPE'S ARMY.

Many persons will possibly be surprised to hear that "the Prisoner of Vatican" is still, like his predecessor, the Commander-in-Chief of an actual army. The Papal army, of course, considerably reduced in numbers, and is no longer in a capacity, as it was under Julius II., of spreading terror through Italy. The standing forces of the Vatican consist of five distinct regiments—or, to speak more exactly, five corps—the Noble Guard, the Swiss Guard, the Guard of the Palace, the Papal Gendarmarie, and the Papal Firman—for the last are also militarily organized.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; their mercurial and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more violent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.

Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., says: "I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars."

My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eighteen bottles, I was cured sound and well, my skin was without a blemish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. saved me from a life of misery. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Books on the disease and its treatment, mailed free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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THE BRAKEMEN AT CHURCH.

The Burlington Hawkeye gets off the following good thing on "The Brakemen at Church."

On the road once more, with Lebanon fading away in the distance, the fat passenger drumming idly on the widow pane, the cross passenger round as deep, and the tall, thin passenger reading the Lexington GAZETTE. To me comes the brakeman and seating himself on the arm of the seat, says:

"I went to church yesterday."

"Yes?" I said, with that interested inflection that asks for more. "And what church did you attend?"

"Which do you guess?" he asked.

"Some union mission church I hazard-

ed.

"No," he said, "I don't like to run on these branch roads very much. I don't often go to church, and when I do, I want to run on the main line, where your run is regular and you don't have to wait on connections, I don't like to wait on a bench. Good enough," but I don't like it."

"Episcopal," I guessed.

"Limited express," he said, "all passenger cars, and two dollars extra for a seat, and only stops at the big stations. Nice line but too expensive for a brakeman. All trainmen in uniform, conductor's punch and lantern silver plated, and no train boys allowed. Then the passengers are allowed to talk back to the conductor, and it makes them too free and easy. No, I couldn't stand the palace cars. Rich road, though. Don't often hear of a receiver being appointed for that line. Some mighty nice people travel on it, too."

"Universalist?" I guessed.

"Broad gauge," said the brakeman "does too much complimentary business. Everybody travels on a pass. Conductor don't get a fare once in fifty miles. Stops at all flag stations, and won't run into anything but a union depot. No smoking car on the train. Train orders are rather vague throughout, and the trainmen don't get along well with the passengers. No, I don't go to the Universalist's though I know some awful good men who run on that road."

"Presbyterian?" I asked.

"Narrow gauge, eh?" said the brakeman, "pretty track, straight as a rule, tunnel right through a mountain rather than go around it, spirit level grade; passengers have to show their tickets before they get on the train. Mighty strict road, but the cars are a little narrow; have to sit one in a seat and no room in the aisle to dance. Then there is no stop overs tickets allowed; you go straight through to the station you are ticketed for or you can't get on at all. When the car's full, no extra coaches; cars are built at the shops to hold just so many, and nobody else allowed on. But you don't often hear of an accident on that road. It's run right up to the rules."

"Maybe you joined the Free Thinkers?" I said.

"Scrub road," said the brakeman "dirt roadbed and no ballast, no time card no train dispatcher. All trains run wild, and every engineer makes his own time, just as he pleases. Smoke if you want to; kind of a go as you please road. Too many side tracks, and every switch wide open all the time, with the switchmen sound asleep and target lamp dead out. Get on as you please and off when you want to. Don't have to show your ticket, and the conductor isn't expected to do anything but to amuse the passengers. No, sir I was offered a pass, but I don't like the line, I don't like to travel on a road that has no terminus."

Do you know, sir I asked a division superintendent where the road run to, and he said he hoped to die it he knew? I asked him if the general superintendent could tell me, and he said he didn't believe they had a general superintendent, and if they had, he didn't know anything more about the road than the passengers' I asked him whom he reported to, and he said, "Nobody. I asked the conductor who he got his orders from and he said he didn't take orders from any living man or dead ghost." And when I asked the engineer who he got his orders from he said, "he'd like to see anybody give him orders; he'd run that train to suit himself, or he'd run her in the ditch."

Now you see sir, I'm a railroad man, and I don't care to run on a road that has no time, or makes no connections, runs nowhere, and has no superintendent. It may be all right but I've railroaded too long to understand it."

"Maybe you went to the Congregational church?"

"Popular road," said the brakeman, "an old road; too one of the very oldest in this country. Good roadbed and comfortable cars. Well managed road, too, directors don't interfere with division superintendents and train orders. Road's mighty popular, but it's pretty independent, too. Yes, didn't one of the division superintendents down East discontinue one of the oldest stations on this line two or three years ago? But it's a mighty pleasant road to travel on. Always has such a splendid class of passengers."

"Did you try the Methodist?" I said.

"Now you're shouting," he said with some enthusiasm. "Nice road, eh? fast time and plenty of passengers. Engineers carry a power of steam, and don't you forget it; steam gauge shows a hundred and enough all the time. Lively road, when the conductor shouts 'all aboard,' you can hear him to the next station. Every train light shines like a headlight. Stop over checks are given on all through tickets; passengers can drop off the train as often

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as he likes, do the station two or three times and hop on the next train as it comes thundering along. Good wholesome souled companionable conductors; ain't a road in the country where the passenger pays full traffic rates for his ticket. Wesleyan air brakes on all trains, too, pretty safe road but I didn't ride over it yesterday.

"Perhaps you tried the Baptist," I guessed once more.

"Ah, ah," said the brakeman, "she's a daisy, ain't she? River road, beautiful curves; sweeps around everything to keep close to the river, but it's all steel rail and rock ballast, single track all the way and not a side track from the round-house to the terminus. It takes a heap of water to run it, though; double tanks at every station, and there isn't an engine in the shops that can pull a pound or run a mile with less than two gauges. But it runs through a lovely country; these river roads always do; river on one side and hills on the other, and it's a steady climb up the grade all the way till the run ends where the fountain head of the river begins. Yes, sir, I'll take the river road every time for a lovely trip, sure connections and good time, and no prairie dust blowing in at the windows. And yesterday when the conductor came around for the tickets with a little basket punch. I didn't ask him to pass me by, I paid my fare like a little man; twenty-five cents for an hour's run and a little concert by the passengers assembled. I tell you, Pilgrim, you take the river road and when you want"

But just here the loud whistle from the engine announced a station and the brakeman hurried to the door shouting:

"Zionville: This train makes no stops between here and Indianapolis!"

PRESERVATION OF JAMESTOWN

Delegate Barley, of this city, has introduced a bill in the Legislature to preserve Jamestown, and appropriating \$10,000 to that object. That bill should pass. The State has little money to spend, to be