

A NERVE TRYING JOB.

THE MANY WAYS THAT HAUNT THE STREET CAR CONDUCTOR.

One of the Fraternities, While Enjoying an Unwelcome Lay Off, Frees His Mind about the Cranks and the Crankiness He Encounters.

"Oh, yes, I've got time to talk with you—lots of time," replied the street car conductor, with a nod and a smile.

"I've just got a lay off for three days, and I'm not pressed for time. Told a lady to 'step lively,' and she got me this lay off to pay for it."

"Now, see here," continued the man, "the public sees only one side of this question. I see complaints in the papers every day about conductors, and while some of them may be justified, it's a one-sided affair. You can't name a public position which tries a man like running a car. The public doesn't seem to know that he is bound to observe and obey certain rules and regulations or go off his head. He has got to make time with his car or he will confuse the whole system. He has got to keep track of his register or be reported by a spotter. He is responsible for his motorman, he is constantly making change, and he must be ready at certain points with his transfer tickets. It's a physical and mental strain with no let up, and it's a blessed relief when his car makes its last trip.

"Just you watch out to a bit as to passengers. Nobody is in a hurry. An elevated train will take on 30 people to a car while we are taking on five. The fat and the lame and the blind travel by surface cars. Nine women out of ten will look the whole length of a car before stepping up. The mother with three or four children is sure to turn up at every fifth corner. Men and women on crutches use the car hourly. You find yourself getting behind time and call out, 'Step lively, please!' to some man or woman who seems purposely slow, and the next thing you know you are reported for 'impudence.'

"A woman gets on and asks me to 'please stop' at a street 30 blocks away. I try to remember it, but if I fall there is a row. A woman rides three blocks and finds she has taken the wrong car, and you can bet your life she puts all the blame on me. A half drunken man falls as he gets off, and half the passengers are ready to declare it is my fault. There are men and women who will seek to beat a conductor out of the fare, and there are men and women who will force him to change a bill when they have plenty of silver. On my soul, I do believe that nine-tenths of the street car patrons are always ready for a row with the conductor.

"The other day I kept tab on the number of questions asked me on my various trips. These were outside questions and asked by strangers to the city, and the number was 107. Every conductor must be a sort of city guide, you know, and you will find most of them well posted and willing to impart all information that comes under their hands. It is that we are expected to watch out for our passengers. That is true. It is also true that three out of five passengers appear helpless and to need looking after. I'd be glad to help women and children and the lame and halt and aged on and off, but I happen to have a few other things to see to. The motorman is at the brake, but I'm running the car. If he's not on time, I get the blame. If he has an accident, I'm hauled up with him.

"Just take your station on the rear platform of a car and start out. You must have transfer tickets and change. Your register must be set. If your motorman is in bad temper, so much the worse. He'll stop short or stop long or not at all, and the first thing you know half a dozen passengers are blessing your eyes. Six or seven people may get on at once, but if you miss a fair there'll be a spotter to report you.

"You must be looking out for those who want to get off. On almost every trip you'll have a passenger with an old transfer ticket, a Canadian dime or a counterfeit nickel. If not, then it will be some half drunken fellow who is aching for a row. You may have your pocket picked or your watch taken. If the car bumps into a truck, the motorman folds his arms and takes it easy, but you must get names and all that and write out a report. If you pass a woman wanting a car, she'll report you. If you take her up and she has to stand up, she'll blame you.

"Do the best you can, and let luck be with you ever so slick and you'll have a day of it to tire you out mentally and physically. You'll get into the barn on your last trip feeling mad and bugged up, but glad it's over with, and you'll be mighty lucky to get off with that. Some one has lost money on your car, or some one has complained that you were uncivil, or you are a nickel behind the register, and you get a wiggling to help along the nightmare which comes as you finally tumble into bed.

"Yes, the public have rights," sighed the conductor as he finished and rose to go, "and I'm agreed with the people who write to the papers, no matter what their complaint, but if you happen to know of any job in a sawmill please put me on, and I'll take it kindly of you. I shan't be particular about the wages. What I'm looking for is an easy position."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Belgium. Belgium is the most confused little nationality on earth. In the great cities the population is made up of inextricable mixtures of Flemish races and the Walloons, pure French and Germans. Add to this broad splashes of the Spanish blood that came in with the princes of the last century and you have a curious conglomerate man—the brave little Belgian.

Colonel Henry Ward Adams, one of the best-known residents of Campbell county, died at his home, near Lynch, on Monday, of pneumonia. Colonel Adams was born 79 years ago in Pennsylvania county.

The Russian peasant places his bed on the top of the oven for the sake of the warmth given out by the fire.

Asbestos scenery. "There are some decided disadvantages about asbestos scenery," said Theatrical Artist Theodore Behr. "The first and foremost is its enormous expense. The cost of asbestos canvas is almost prohibitive, and there is no special reason for believing that it will ever be any cheaper. The mineral fiber of which it is made is not overabundant, and it is hard to mine and difficult to weave.

"Then, again, the fabric does not afford a good painting surface. It has an indescribable greasy feeling and soaks up colors like a piece of blotting paper. It is impossible to obtain bold, sweeping effects, and the paint has to be dabbed on in a way that calls for unlimited time and patience. No scenic artist likes to work on the stuff. However, the cost is the essential handicap, and if the material was cheaper all large theaters would employ it on account of the reduction it secures in insurance rates.

"At the same time its general introduction would contribute very little to safety. Modern theaters are invariably provided with noninflammable drop curtains, and such precautions are taken back of the stage that a fire in the scenery is next to impossible. Nowadays it is the rarest thing in the world for a fire to originate in that quarter during a performance."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Bees as they battle. It is amusing to watch a guard bee seize upon an enemy and conquer him. The bee holds the hostile insect in its front legs, pitching it and rolling it about, and also stinging it if possible. When the invader is made helpless, the conquering bee still holds her victim in her forelegs, makes strenuous efforts to fly with the heavy burden, and, finally succeeding, she flies with her closely clasped victim, and when at a certain distance from the hive drops it.

Sometimes it takes several of the guards to overcome the struggling enemy, and together they push the insect over the porch of the hive. The bees, if simply wounded, sometimes succeed in getting back to their own hive, but being incapacitated for work, they are no longer welcome there, and only meet with repulse from their fellow colonists, and, excluded from their hive, they crawl off somewhere and die. For in the "operation" of the colony of bees, each has her appointed task, either to gather pollen, bring water or honey or to nurse the young bees or guard the hive, and when unfitness for these tasks and no longer necessary to the welfare of the colony she is turned out to perish.—Hartford Courant.

Two strings to his bow. "One half the world doesn't know how the other half lives half its time," said the young housekeeper, "and what makes me reflect in that awfully profound way is something I discovered today, which has robbed me of a good deal of my charity.

"The kitchen chairs needed mending, and I'd been advised to have them attended to by a skillful, though sightless, man called 'Blind Aleck.' He is known among his customers to be married and in comfortable circumstances, and his home bears witness to this, but when I entered his little workshop what was my amazement to discover in him the blind street singer who so often stations himself on our corner in the evenings and to whom we had often given money. As a beggar he was dirty and miserable; as a carrier of chairs he was brisk, clean and businesslike.

"I hadn't the heart to tell him that he ought to be ashamed of himself, and the chairs had to be mended, so I gave him my order and came away. But I've been thinking a lot about it ever since, and I wonder what explanation he would give if I told him I'd found him out."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Two Giant Cherry Trees. On the Skokomish Indian reservation, in this state, is a cherry tree whose trunk about three feet from the ground is 9 feet 4 inches in circumference, and four feet from the ground, where the limbs begin to spread, it is 10 feet 4 inches around.

This tree was set out about 1865 by J. T. Knox, then sub-Indian agent, and has never failed bearing a bountiful supply of cherries, at least during the past 25 years. It is about 20 feet from the Skokomish river, from which it always can get all the water it needs.

On Thomas Webb's farm in the Skokomish bottom is another cherry tree whose trunk is 10 feet 8 inches in circumference 1 1/2 feet from the ground, from which place it grows larger, as the limbs begin there to branch out, and 2 1/2 feet from the ground the trunk is 11 feet 8 inches in circumference. It is 65 feet across the branches and was set out in 1865 or 1866 by Mr. Webb.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Peacock Superstitions. According to Mohammedan tradition the peacock opened the wicket of paradise to admit the prince of darkness and received a share of his punishment. The feathers, gorgeous in their brilliant dye, reflect the glamour of the evil eye.

Dr. Elliott Coues, the eminent ornithologist, scientist and writer, of Washington, died on Christmas Day at John Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, where he had been a patient for about four weeks. At one time he was professor of biology in the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Mr. Westley Edwards died at his home near Warrenton on Monday. Had he lived until the 23rd day of March he would have been 88 years old.

RATE OF TAXATION.—Gov. Tyler is conducting an investigation to determine the percentage of increase in taxable values in Virginia, as compared with other States since the civil war. The Governor feels that the result will be beneficial, and will stimulate Virginia to advertise her resources more widely. One fact shown by the figures in the hands of the Governor is the high rate of taxation in Virginia, as compared with other neighboring States. The Governor is much impressed by a statement made to him by a gentleman who is interested in estates in Virginia and North Carolina. In North Carolina the estate with which he is identified, 14,000 acres in extent, is assessed on the basis of \$81,000 taxable value, and on this sum a total tax of 67 cents per hundred is paid. The Virginia estate with which the comparison is made consists of 5,000 acres, taxed on a valuation of \$51,000, the total tax rate being \$1.22 per hundred. Governor Tyler will compare Virginia with Massachusetts, Missouri, Kentucky, and North Carolina. He will submit the results of his investigations for the benefit of the legislature, and hopes that the effect will be to stimulate the pride of the State and arouse the commercial sentiment in favor of publishing abroad the advantages of Virginia.

"I am indebted to One Minute Cough for my health and life. It cured me of lung trouble following grippe." Thousands owe their lives to the prompt action of this never failing remedy. It cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. W. Richardson.

A terrible disaster took place recently at Anagni, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno, Italy. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Capucini Hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Capuchin Monastery below, the Hotel Santa Caterina, and several villas. Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards. The population is in a state of terror, fearing fresh calamities. Troops have arrived upon the scene and begun rescue work.

L. T. Travis, Agent Southern R. R., Selma, Ga., writes, "I can not say too much in praise of One Minute Cough Cure. In my case it worked like a charm." The only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles. W. Richardson.

The growing popularity of American corn in all parts of the world is illustrated by the November statement of exports of breadstuffs, just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. It shows a larger quantity of corn exported in the 11 months ending with November, 1899, than in the corresponding months of any preceding year, and at a higher rate per bushel than in any year since 1885.

The total exports of corn in the 11 months ending with November, 1899, were 185,832,659 bushels, valued at \$74,742,127, while in the corresponding months of last year the 185,284,340 bushels exported only brought \$68,513,147.

J. I. Bevery, Loganton, Pa., writes, "I am willing to take my oath that I was cured of pneumonia entirely by the use of One Minute Cough Cure after doctors failed. It also cured my children of whooping cough." Quickly relieves and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and throat and lung troubles. Children all alike. Mothers endorse it. W. Richardson.

Citizens of Staunton and Augusta county are interested in a proposed dispensary law. The main points are: First, it does away with social drinking, and, second, it removes the element of gain. Many citizens expressed their willingness to work for such a law, and get right to work to get up a petition to present to the legislature. Augusta is now a local option county.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. W. Richardson.

A party, representing West Virginia capitalists, is in Waycross, Ga., with a view of establishing a plant for the manufacture of coke from the refuse pine timber that is going to waste in Southern Georgia every year. If a plant is established employment will be given to 500 hands.

The Florida orange crop this season promises to be 500,000 boxes. Next season, as groves are now protected from heavy frosts, the crop will be over 1,000,000 boxes. Pineapples are going forward and promise a large yield.

GENERAL LEE'S MODESTY.—A month or so after his surrender General Lee went one day to the store near his home in Powhatan County, Virginia, which served also as the Post-Office. Every body in the town was instantly eager to see him, and in a few moments the store was crowded. The General was talking with the proprietor about crops and other matters, and appeared utterly unconscious of the fact that the gathering of the residents was due solely to his presence. Suddenly he realized that everybody was watching him and modestly said: "But I see I am keeping you from your many customers. Pardon me!" and at once withdrew.—November Ladies' Home Journal.

Lewis Dennis, Salem, Ind., says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure did me more good than any thing I ever took." It digests what you eat and can't not help but cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. W. Richardson.

Mrs. Huntington recently organized the training school for colored girls, for the establishment of which she recently sent her check for \$2,500 to Principal Prizell, of the Hampton Normal Institution.

G. H. Appieton, Justice of Peace, Clarksville, N. J., says, "DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no other." Quickly cures all liver and bowel troubles. W. Richardson.

Rev. W. A. Guerry, chaplain of the University of the South, at Seawannee, will probably be called to the rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Richmond.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases. W. Richardson.

Mr. Frank Thompson has sold one of his farms containing 302 acres near Beaton, Fauquier county, to Mr. Weisel for \$8,250.

E. B. Thirkfield, Health Inspector of Chicago, says, "Kodol Dyspepsia Cure can not be too highly recommended. It cured me of severe dyspepsia. It digests what you eat and cures indigestion, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. W. Richardson.



"Sweet Bells Jangled Out of Tune and Harsh." Shakespeare's description fits thousands of women. They are cross, peevish, sickly, nervous—a burden to themselves and their families. Their sweet dispositions are gone, and they, like the bells, seem sadly out of tune. But there is a remedy. They can use

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It brings health to the womanly organism, and health there means well poised nerves, calmness, strength. It restores womanly vigor and power. It tones up the nerves which suffering and disease have shattered. It is the most perfect remedy ever devised to restore weak women to perfect health, and to make them attractive and happy. \$1.00 at all druggists.

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address giving systems, "The Ladies' Advisory Department," The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

REV. J. W. SMITH, Camden, S. C., says: "My wife was taken at home for falling of the womb and it entirely cured her."

Small Farms. The attention of those wishing to purchase a small farm in the fertile county of Clarke is called to the following list: 90 acres, half mile from turnpike; good house, stable, cistern and large young orchard. \$45 an acre. 100 Acres first quality limestone land, fairly improved; on turnpike, near depot, store and postoffice. \$75 an acre. Dwelling of 8 rooms, large lot, stable, &c., for \$2000.

House and lot of 1 acre, 2 miles from Berryville on turnpike, \$500. FARM OF 400 ACRES 4 1/2 miles south of Berryville—3 miles from Illinois—large Brick Dwelling, tenant house, barn, &c., 45 acres of Timber, Spring and hold stream of water through the center of the farm. 100 acres of No. 1 river bottom. One of the best stock farms in Clarke county. Price \$40 per acre.

Farm of 105 acres near Wickliffe, of No. 1 land, under good fencing. Price \$45 per acre. Farm of 70 acres near Boyce, good dwelling and out buildings at fair price. House and lot of 1 1/2 acres on turnpike two miles north of Berryville. House has 6 rooms, out kitchen, smoke house, small barn with stable for 6 head of stock, good fruit, cistern at door and well of water 50 feet therefrom. Price \$1000.

We are not advertising the entire list of properties we have to sell, and a description of the farm you may want will prove a guide in selecting from our list. Apply to D. C. SNYDER, Berryville, Va.

Good and desirable Farm

Situated on east side of Shenandoah river, 3 miles from Millwood, containing 600 acres—100 acres of river bottom and most of the upland good limestone land. Fairly improved, and desirable for cultivation or grazing. Will divide and sell in two tracts of 300 acres each. For Prices and terms apply to D. C. SNYDER.

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CLARKE COUNTY, VA.

Lies at the head of the noted Shenandoah Valley, and borders on the north on the West Va. line. The Blue Ridge mountains form its eastern boundary, dividing it from Loudoun and Fauquier counties. Warren county is on the south and Frederick on the west. The Shenandoah river flows through the eastern part of the county, at the foot of the Blue Ridge.

In aggregate agricultural wealth Clarke county is probably the richest county in the State. The diversified fertility of her soil, the healthfulness of her climate, and the beauty of her diversified landscape are subjects that charm the tongue of all who have ever visited this county. The surface of the main part of the county, lying between the Shenandoah and the Opequon rivers, is gently undulating—just sufficiently for draining wheat, corn and hay, which are the chief productions and for which a ready market is found in Baltimore, 120 miles distant by rail, all kinds of fruit in this latitude are grown, and apples are produced on some farms in large quantities. Large numbers of cattle, sheep and hogs are grazed and fed, and sold in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York markets, and many fine horses sold to city buyers.

Good roads traverse the county in every direction, and four macadamized turnpikes are eight churches in the town, and good private and public schools—situated from here to the county seat, and State being located at convenient points all over the county. Taxation at a cash valuation of property is about \$1 on the \$100 for all purposes—State, county, schools and roads.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad, a road managed with a view of building up the country through which it passes, extends through the center of the county in its northern and southern course, affording ready means for travel or shipments of products either north or south. Besides this railroad, we are looking hopefully for the extension of the Washington Ohio and Western from Round Hill, its present terminus—situated from here 10 miles—which will cross the county from east to west, giving us all the railroad facilities we could desire, and placing us by rail within 60 miles of the national capital.

Clarke county, sooner or later, is destined to become the seat of manufacturing industries, because of her extensive and virgin deposits of brown hematite iron. She has a fine iron ore field along the river hills. These ore deposits are found in the river hills, R. R. runs through these rich deposits. They will eventually tempt capitalists to develop them, and their development will add to the value of the real estate of the county. Development of the iron ore fields in this county are large. Were they cut up into small tracts like those in the Cumberland Valley, Pa., the number of farms and population of the county would more than double. There is no good reason why outside parties wishing to invest in these lands may not combine for their purchase and arrange for a hickory, locust, &c.

PARTIAL LIST OF FARMS.

FARM OF 194 ACRES, 2 1/2 miles from Berryville. Large, square, modern-built dwelling, barn and kitchen. Running water through the farm. Spring not far off and well of water. Tenant house. Price \$13,000.

FARM OF 216 ACRES, 3 miles from Berryville, same distance from Boyce. Large stone mansion-house recently remodelled under the supervision of a distinguished New York architect, who stated that it could not be duplicated for less than \$40,000. Lawn of 25 acres; view superb; Price \$24,000.

FARM OF 230 ACRES, On Shenandoah river, 100 acres of bottom land, plenty of timber, well watered. Improvements good. Price \$40 an acre and terms accommodating.

FARM OF 56 ACRES, of first quality limestone land, one-half mile from Berryville, scenic view. Price \$60 per acre.

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FARM OF 162 ACRES, 3 miles from Berryville. Fairly good house, barn, well of excellent water, orchard, etc. Price, \$10,000.

FARM OF 176 ACRES, 7 1/2 miles from Berryville. Good stone house, large stone barn, spring and running water. Price, \$11,000.

FARM OF 60 ACRES, House with four rooms, good stabling. Price, \$2,500.

FARM OF 40 ACRES, House, orchard, good spring, etc. Price, \$4,500.

FARM OF 100 ACRES, Fairly good house, stabling, granary, orchard, running water. Price, \$75 an acre. For further information address D. C. SNYDER, Berryville, Va.