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### A Mechanical Train-Starters.

A new machine, operated by clock work, is to be placed in the train-starters tower at the Grand Central Station, which is designed to do automatically what is now done by men employed as train-starters. The machine, of brass, copper, and steel, occupies but little space, it being less than 2 ft. in either length, breadth, or height. The mechanism consists of three upright cylinders of brass, in which are punctured a series of holes, each representing one of the 1,440 minutes in the day. By the side of these are three smaller pillars, on which are fixed spirally pins representing the 24 hours of the day. The three pairs of pillars as they stand in the case represent respectively the three roads using the Grand Central Station, the Harlem, New York Central, and New York, New Haven and Hartford. A series of springs are set so as to be operated upon by the two cylinders as they, each in turn, make their revolution in the 24 hours of the day. These springs connect with electrical appliances. The fixed pegs on the hour column and the movable pegs set into the minute cylinder striking the arms of the spring, set the necessary bells ringing in various parts of the station.

At 20 minutes before the leaving time of through trains bells are rung for the gates to open. Fifteen minutes later they ring a warning "all aboard" in the passenger rooms, and in the baggage rooms notify the baggage-master to have all his baggage on board the train. At one minute before leaving time they ring to close the doors leading to the station, and they ring a minute later to start the train. All this is done automatically by this ingenious contrivance of clock-work and mechanism, and without the possibility of a mistake, unless the clock-work or electrical machinery clogs or breaks. The machinery adjusts itself once in seven days and the fewer trains that run on Sundays and then readjusts itself for Monday's increased travel. All this signaling is now done by hand, the bells being rung by a system of bell-pulls. It is claimed that greater accuracy can be obtained by the use of this contrivance and much labor saved. Its capabilities will be fully and severely tested in the trial which it will at once receive at the station. There are now 198 trains arriving at and leaving the station each day in the week, except Sundays, when the number is but 48. During the summer the arrivals and departures on week days are increased by about 40 trains.—[N. Y. Times.]

In view of the approaching coronation of the Czar, the court jewelers of St. Petersburg are now busy cleaning and repairing the insignia of the crown, the value of which is estimated at \$6,500,000. The crown itself, valued at \$600,000, is adorned with magnificent diamonds, 54 enormous pearls without a flaw, and a ruby of extraordinary size; it is of exquisite workmanship. It was made by Paulie, the Genevese jeweler, and was first used at the coronation of Catherine the Great. The sceptre, which was made for the coronation of Paul I., is tipped with the famous Orloff diamond, which, like the Koh-i-noor, came from the treasury of the Grand Mogul. It remained for centuries in a rough state, and, passing through various hands, it was at length purchased for a paltry sum by an Armenian of the name of Lagorev, who had it cut in Amsterdam, where Alexis Orloff bought it for 450,000 roubles, in order to present it to the Empress Catherine. The Orloff is eight carats heavier than the Koh-i-noor.

At the little town of Grayson last Sunday, an organ was fired out of the Christian church and Sunday school because certain members had conscientious scruples against its use. It had been used in the church for some time, and its presence occasioned considerable disagreement among the members. After the organ was fired some of the members refused to sing, saying it was only the country members who had objected. An organized contest is now in full blast.

### Sowing Grass on Winter Grain.

The best method of sowing grass seed on winter grains is to wait until the ground has settled in the early spring, and then sow the seed broadcast and follow with a harrow. Any harrow will answer the purpose. Many persons use a Thomas smoothing harrow—one with the points of the teeth turned backward. This harrow will not only cover the grass seed, and cause it to grow promptly, with no loss, but at the same time it will break the crust on the surface and mellow the earth, which will be a very great advantage to the crop of winter grain. Many farmers shake their heads when this idea is advanced, but if they would try it they would be satisfied that it is always an advantage to the winter grain, and secures a good seeding. These are not all the advantages to be gained by a spring harrowing of winter grain. The surface being made light and friable, the tiller will throw out new roots and grain more. Less grass seed will be required in seeding, as it will be better covered and hence not so much lost on this account. The seed should always be well covered, as the plants will do better when a dry time comes on. A harrow with the teeth moderately apart is better than one very closely set together. In any case, the harrow should take hold of the ground and stir and cut the surface thoroughly. This is what is wanted to give freshness to the surface and loosen it up for the roots of the grain to spread out and tiller, and to send up more heads, which it will surely do.—[Country Gentleman.]

This is most valuable in soils which have a hard crust or impervious stratum of earth several inches down, formed by the frequent passage of the team and plow in common plowing; or when the earth is too hard for roots to penetrate freely below the ordinary depth of working. Another important benefit is in making a deep bed of loose earth to receive and retain the water of rains when in excess, and give it off again when most wanted in time of drought. Loose or gravelly soils, down to a depth of a foot or two, are not benefited by the operation. If the common plow goes down seven or eight inches, the subsoil plow should loosen the earth in the bottom of the furrow seven or eight inches more. But if the soil is deepened by it only a few inches more, an important benefit is often derived from the operation. Subsoiling only loosens the earth and does not throw it up to the surface, differing entirely in this respect from deep or trench-plowing, which throws the subsoil to the surface, and if it is of a sterile character makes the land less productive at least for a time. Subsoiling, however, enables the common plow to run gradually deeper, throwing up a small portion of the lower soil at a time and gradually intermixing it. Thus treated, soils have been gradually deepened, and not infrequently have doubled the crop of such roots as carrots, potatoes, &c. Subsoiled land must be kept well underdrained.

### A Yum-Yum Story from the French.

Through long nights of fever and days of weary restlessness Ninon watched by her lover's side. Strength returns to the cripple's body, but the sorrowful eyes already wear that helpless, vacant expression peculiar to the blind, and the strong right arm is represented only by an empty sleeve. He is not forbidden to speak now, and one day, as he hears Ninon's footsteps by his bedside and the soft rustle of her dress as she bends over him, he says: "You are always with me, Ninon, are you not? or do I dream it?" "I am always with you, Armand." "What brings you here?" "Because I love you, dear." "Love me?—but I am a cripple and blind." "Yes, Armand, your eyes and your right arm you have given to France. Will you give the rest to me?" "Ninon! and the left arm, the only one he has, draws her quickly and passionately to his side. Her soft breath plays against his cheek, and as his lips meet hers, she whispers, "Armand, my prince, I love you."

An excellent soap-bubble preparation is composed of oleate of soda and glycerine, and from it bubbles two feet in diameter and of exceeding brilliancy can be blown. Some of these have been kept forty-eight hours under glass. Geo. Evers, Louisville, says: "I suffered with dyspepsia and other ills and Brown's Iron Bitters gave me permanent relief."

### Reclaimed Him.

"Walter," said Miss Bumbler to the ardent suitor who knelt at her feet, "I can not marry you. For some time I have smelled whisky on your breath. I can never marry a man who drinks, for I am the secretary of a temperance organization." The young man raised his eyes in an agony of matrimonial despair and solemnly hiccupped: "Then you do not love me, he said. "Oh, do not tear my heart. I do love you with condensed affection, but you are a drunkard and I can not marry you this evening." "Melvina, you want me to say some other evening so you can accuse me of revamping an old gag." "You lacerate me. It is the gagging that I want you to stop. My decision is final. I can not marry you unless you reform. Promise me that you will swear off." "I will," exclaimed the young man, arising. "For how long?" "What is to-day?" "Tuesday." "I will swear off until Wednesday." "Oh, Walter, I have reclaimed you," and she threw her arms around his neck. They were married.—[Arkansas Traveler.]

### Queer Somanism.

A collector dropped into a saloon keeper's place of business and inquired for a man who used to board there, the saloon man running a kind of cheap boarding house in connection with his bar. "O, dot veller, he haf been discharged from my house. He dont pay me board any more." "What was the matter?" inquired the collector. "He vas, vat you gall him, a zomanulist—von who talks mit his sleep." "A sleep-walker, eh? Did he disturb your family much?" "O, no, I gant say dot. I dont think he disturb anybody et he could help it. He vord greep down stairs und open dot pack door to the saloon und trink as much as a hint of visky mit a dead hour of de night before he woke up, und den he vould dell me it vas chronic zomanism, so I had to let him go. I vas afraid some of de odder boarders might contract de disease."—[Chicago Cheek.]

### Debt and Lawyers.

I hate lawyers; they do more mischief than their heads are worth; they cause disorder, demoralize every form of equality and are the chief obstacles to good government. It lets a man have his property without payment, I do not see why C, D, E, F and all the rest of the alphabet should be called upon as a police force to get it back. No such thing should be attempted by law. It is the most monstrous innovation upon man's honor and integrity that was ever forced into the commerce of the world. Let a man trust another at his own risk. Even the gambler pays his debts contracted at the gaming table. He is not obliged to pay, but he considers them debts of honor. Abolish all laws for the collection of debts, and thus abolish the whole credit system: this is the only safe, true basis; that would abolish most lawyers, and all of the pawnbrokers' trade which now controls the commerce of America.—Horace Greeley.

It has long been a question as to where the feminine members of the royal family secure their hosiery—at a point above or below the "articulation" which joins the thigh and leg bones. Owing to the recent distressing accident to her Britannic Majesty and Empress of India, it has been developed that she ties her hosiery to the knee. This may be taken as official, as it is directly from the Knight of the Garter.

Foreign fun: "What is a cousin?" asked one schoolboy of another. "A cousin? Well, a trifle less dear than a brother," was the reply. "And a female cousin?" "Ah! a female cousin! A hundred times dearer than a sister." It takes but 13 minutes to lead an elephant on a train, while it takes 30 for any sort of woman to kiss her friends good-bye and lose the check for her trunk.—[Rome Sentinel.]

W. H. Clark, Louisville, Ky., says: "I have suffered from dyspepsia and have tried Brown's Iron Bitters. I am once more myself."

Illinois has 1,785 lunatics in the four State asylums, 1,232 in the county almshouses and 1,817 under private treatment.

### COL. JONES.

The Breckinridge News' Idea of Him. The day has gone by when men should be given positions simply because they hanker after it. Kentucky has reached that pass when she can no longer afford to blindfold herself and draw a governor from a hat as she would draw a lot. She has the right to demand and she will demand, clear and unequivocal declarations of policy from those who seek her chief magistracy. She owes no man an office. If Mr. Jones or Mr. Anybody else, sees cause to canvass her for position, she not only expects him to pay his own expenses, but to bear with becoming resignation and fortitude whatever may befall him in the "wild hunt." Mr. Jones, personally, is a clever, inoffensive gentleman. He does not possess the remarkable mental gifts of Jefferson nor the magical eloquence of Patrick Henry. He is simply educated mediocrity run mad for office. His vanity leads him to imagine that those who don't fall down and worship him are his personal enemies. And his tongue sometimes gets the better of his judgment, and is permitted to say things that had better been left unsaid.

### Simple Cure for Cold Feet.

The following remedy for cold feet is recommended by the Freeman's Journal for sedentary sufferers, as well as policemen, car drivers, and others who are exposed to the cold: All that is necessary is to stand erect and very gradually to lift one's self up upon the tips of the toes, so as to put all the tendons of the foot at full strain. This is not to hop or jump up and down, but simply to rise—the slower the better—upon tiptoes, and to remain standing on the point of the toes as long as possible, then gradually coming to the natural position. Repeat this several times, and by the amount of work the tips of the toes are made to do in sustaining the body's weight, a sufficient and lively circulation is set up. A heavy pair of woolen stockings drawn over thin cotton ones is also a recommendation for keeping the feet warm, and at the same time preventing their becoming tender and sore.

### ELEMENTS OF A TRUE MARRIAGE.

—There are three elements that combine to make a true marriage: Health, love and sympathetic companionship. No man or woman physically weak should marry and thus entail suffering on others. Love does not mean passion; it is based on understanding. Men and women should know each other behind the curtain, as it were, before marriage. Unhappy lives often result from imperfect knowledge before marriage of the characteristics of the partner in the contract. Love makes sacrifices; passion never. No husband or wife has ever known true happiness until after the birth of a child. Men and women on the plane of marriage stand equals. There should be sympathetic companionship in the sense that an irreligious person should not marry one who is religiously inclined, or an unintellectual person one who is of opposite taste. There should be sympathy and fellowship between husband and wife in all the pursuits of life.—[Rev. Chas. H. Cotton.]

A sore neck is often caused by an ill fitting collar or by the weight of an ill made wagon-tongue. The sore must be healed as the first part of the remedy, and the collar should be provided with cushions on the sides near the top to relieve the pressure. The parts should be dressed with solution of sulphate of copper and protected by a pad.—[N. Y. Times.]

A Pittsburg girl, who had refused a good-looking telegraph repair man three times within six months, gave as a reason that he was too much of a wanderer; that he roamed from pole to pole, from one climb to another, and if he did come home, he'd be insulate that the neighbors would be sure to talk.—[Pittsburg Telegraph.]

How to Treat a Rusty Plow.—Pour a half pint of sulphuric acid slowly into a quart of water. Wash the iron with it and when it has evaporated wash again. Then wash with water, apply more acid, and rub the worst spots with a brick. Finally wash thoroughly with water, rub dry, apply kerosene and store away.

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Here is something for people who patronize the baker instead of making their own bread. A barrel of flour costing \$6.50 will make about 180 loaves of bread; cost of making the loaves, \$3; whole cost \$9.50. At 10 cents a loaf, that barrel of flour will bring \$18.50. This may not be exactly correct, but it is not very far wrong.

The Auditor of Virginia, determined to collect taxes due the State by railroad companies, has inaugurated a system of seizing their trains, which brings the money or indemnifying bonds. When the Auditor has stopped a few trains bearing United States mail, he will find that Uncle Sam is a bigger man than even a Virginia Re-adjuster State official.—[C-J.]

A paper watch has been exhibited by a Dresden watchmaker. The paper is prepared in such a manner that the watch is said to be as serviceable as those in ordinary use.

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