

RAILROAD FUEL.

Wood Was First Used, Then Coal Now It Is Oil.

The railroads of the United States spent for fuel for their locomotives last year \$80,000,000, or about ten per cent. of the whole cost of operating in the country.

One of the most important railroads of the country in respect to the territory it serves (the Southern Pacific) has not on its route a coal field, from New Orleans to San Francisco, and has had to import its coal from Alabama, New Mexico and Colorado.

Originally, American railroads used wood only as fuel. At present coal, soft or anthracite, is most generally used, the average train requiring about two tons of anthracite for each 100 miles run and about a ton and a half of soft coal for the same run.

AFTER 27 YEARS.

Timepiece Stolen Long Ago Recovered in a Peculiar Way.

A remarkable case of recovering a stolen watch has occurred at Newburg, N. Y. Twenty-seven years ago the late Judge James W. Taylor lived at 182 Grand street adjoining the residence of former Mayor B. B. Odell.

At this time, 27 years ago, the Taylor residence was robbed by burglars, and among the articles of silverware and other valuables stolen was the boy's silver watch.

Nothing was ever heard or seen of the watch until a few days ago. Harry Decker, son of George W. Decker, took his watch to Jeweler James J. Mitchell to have it repaired.

Shortly after getting it he opened the case and discovered the inscription above noted on the inside. Mr. Taylor, although now 27 years older, was made acquainted with the fact, and is now the happy possessor of the watch given him when a lad by his father.

NEW YORK PRESIDENTS.

That State Has Furnished the Nation Five Chief Magistrates.

Previous to the accession of Theodore Roosevelt, says the Buffalo Commercial, New York had furnished four presidents of the republic, and he is therefore the fifth in the line credited to this state.

Foreign Travel in Italy.

Italy's income from foreign visitors is estimated at \$40,000,000 a year.

THE MARCIANA LIBRARY.

Rare Tomes to Find a Resting Place in Sansovino Palace.

Lovers of Venice will remember, some time ago, a cry in the press, particularly in England, about the Doge's palace being more or less in ruins and that the great Marciana library housed in it was much too heavy to be safe.

The collection is, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, one of the most precious of rich Italy, there being 300,000 volumes, 100,000 pamphlets and 11,000 manuscripts, most of them of inestimable value.

Among the most ancient MSS. are the Greek "Evangelii," of the eighth century, and an Old Testament of the ninth. Perhaps more interesting are the secular MSS. of the thirteenth and later centuries, illustrated by odd little figures of horsemen and saints.

GETTING OFF A STREET CAR.

Women Wear Out the Nerves of Watchful Conductors.

"Dern these women!" Thus ejaculated a Metropolitan street car conductor yesterday morning, as he gave the bell rope a vicious double pull to signal the motorman to go ahead.

"I didn't mean anything disrespectful," said the fare-taker, wearily, "but sometimes I have to let loose. The women set me crazy the way they get off cars. Now that one nearly got a fall by getting off backward, the way she did.

"Not one in a thousand women," he continued, "ever alights from a street car right. Instead of taking hold of the handle bar on the upright toward the front of the car, she grabs the one back. If you don't believe it, watch this push and see if I'm not telling you a true one."

The reporter said he'd watch, and he did, not only on that car, but several others he rode on during the course of the day. He watched men and women alike. Out of 67 women who alighted 65 of them got up when their corner was reached and carefully selected the wrong handle bar to assist them in alighting.

Hottest Places on Earth.

The hottest place on earth is apparently to be found on the southwestern coast of Persia, on the Gulf of Persia. There during 40 consecutive days in July and August the mercury has been known to stand above 100 degrees in the shade day and night, and to run up to 120 degrees in the afternoon.

RABIES IN PARIS.

Some Alarming Statistics Issued by Veterinary Surgeons.

A report has just been issued by the veterinary surgeons of Paris and the department of the Seine, from which the *Matin* extracts some rather alarming statistics on the subject of hydrophobia.

In Paris itself the number of dogs and cats killed as mad numbered 505, and in the suburbs, 302, a grand total of 807 cases, which is some 200 above last year's number. It may safely be said that no other town in Europe can show such figures.

Humanity suffered even worse. There were 1,684 accidents to people that might easily have been averted by the adoption of the measures indicated above.

NEWS ABOUT THE BLOOD.

Both White and Red Corpuscles Make War on Disease Microbes.

It is an old story in physiology nowadays that those wonderful living white cells which team by untold millions in our blood exercise the duty of attacking and devouring the microbes with which they come in contact.

Curious Continental Customs.

A peculiar visiting card, the fashion of which would seem to be quite general on the continent of Europe, bears the name and address in the usual manner; on the other side are printed across each other the words "Visite," "Conge," "Felicitation," "Condolence," the idea being to turn up the corner which expresses the purpose of the call.

Can't Tolerate Cats.

Lord Roberts has a strange antipathy to cats. He cannot bear them about him, and it is said that once while dining out he declared there was a cat in the room and nearly fainted. A search revealed the fact that a strange cat had indeed got into the place and was under the table.

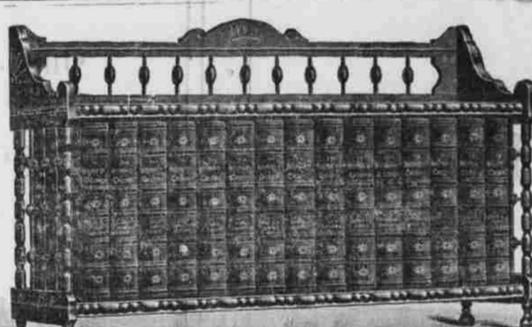
Only Two Alternatives.

When a friend comes up to you and says: "Now I want you to tell me the truth," prepare to lie, or else say something disagreeable.

Paradoxical, But True.

The best way to make both ends meet is to pursue a straight career.

Jewel Stoves and Ranges advertisement. Features a central image of a stove with the text 'Warm Friends For a Lifetime' and 'JEWEL STOVES AND RANGES'. Includes details about the company and location in Lexington, Mo.



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Morrison-Wentworth Bank advertisement. Located in Lexington, Missouri. Paid up capital of \$50,000. Lists board of directors.

THE TRADERS' BANK advertisement. Located in Lexington, Missouri. Paid up capital of \$50,000. Lists board of directors.

Heating Stoves, Steele Ranges, Cook Stoves advertisement. Cheapest and Best at CEO. F. KING, Lexington, Mo.

Harris-Anderson Lumber Co. advertisement. Best Grades at Lowest Prices. Located in Lexington, Mo.

WINKLER FURNITURE COMPANY advertisement. Manufacturing and dealing in all kinds of furniture. Located in Lexington, Mo.

H. W. WINSOR advertisement. Farm property insured, risks written in any county. Located in Lexington, Mo.

H. W. WINSOR advertisement. Real estate for sale in Lexington, Mo.

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THE BURLINGTON ROUTE advertisement. Low rate excursion all summer via the Burlington Route.

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