

DEvised A NEW SCHEDULE

Conductor's Reckoning Valid, Perhaps, But Not Recognized by Any Official Standard.

A new method of marking time has been introduced by Conductor Joe Gordon, who is one of the most popular trainmen on the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Notwithstanding his sweet and gentle nature, however, it almost makes him peevish when he has to hold his train while a lot of lovely women kiss each other good-by.

Recently Joe stopped his train at a station where no less than twenty women were congregated on the platform.

Some of them were going away and some of them weren't and just as the last moment arrived everybody started in to kiss everybody else.

THE TRAINING OF THE CHILD

Surely the Most Important Work That Men and Women Can Be Called Upon to Do.

There is no mother or father among us who has not at times been appalled by our almost utter lack of equipment for the work of rearing children.

Children need companionship, and companionship means more than segregation in a home with blood relatives.

American Illustrators.

The American illustrations—the illustrations of our numerous "best sellers" and other stories of shorter length—have noticeably improved in quality in the last few years.

Importance of Details.

Spare no pains in collecting details, before you generalize; it is only when details are generalized that a truth is grasped.

Passing Them Up.

"Come on, don't let's stop here." "Why not?" "Don't you see dem signs on de gate?"

IS THERE A LIVING DINOSAUR

Natives of Rhodesia Recently Have Described What Seems to Be One of Them.

Somewhere in the north of Rhodesia (if statements of the natives are reliable), a mighty dinosaur lives, moves and has being, rivaling in its proportions and terrifying appearance anything that paleontologists have as yet brought to light.

South African zoologists, it seems, dismissed as beneath their notice the account of this reptile; but the definite statement made on the subject by the Bulawayo Chronicle corroborates Hagenbeck in a remarkable manner.

A representative of that journal has interrogated natives on the spot, and has shown them sketches of the dinosaur, drawn from Hagenbeck's description, which they affirm in a most positive manner is a very close representation of the creature they have seen disporting himself near a lake near the river Lunga.

Until this living dinosaur came above the zoological horizon it was a fairly well-established fact that the last of the race was gathered to his fathers not more recently than the year 400,000 B. C., and hitherto our only knowledge of the fascinating animal has been based on his fossilized remains.

RIVER GAVE UP THE WALLET

Washed Money and Valuable Papers to Owner's Feet After Keeping It Floating for Many Months.

Drifting about the Indian river for four months, a pocketbook containing over \$100 and valuable papers chose the psychological moment and washed up at its owner's feet as he was strolling along the beach, at Oak Orchard, Del.

Last August, John Veasey of Cool-spring, who owns a cottage at Oak Orchard, lost the pocketbook while running his motor boat on the river.

Recently Veasey and a party of friends went to Oak Orchard on a hunting trip. Veasey had occasion to take a walk down the shore, and just below the Indian river house, he saw the waves tossing about a black object. Going to the water's edge, he picked up the pocketbook. Opening it with trembling fingers, he found money and papers intact.

Soldier's Bravery Proved.

The story of a soldier's daring comes from Harbin. The usual nondescript crowd was on the railway station platform. A non-stop Manchurian express was swiftly approaching when, to the horror of the spectators, a child was seen to crawl on to the metals in front of the on-coming train.

Lucky for the Fish.

Nance Thompson talked about Rostand in a Paris cafe. "Rostand lives on a mountain top," he said, "in the Basque country back of Biarritz. His house built in the Basque style, is palatial. A young woman journalist, an American, visited him to get some advance information about his barnyard play, but Rostand would only joke about it."

Proud of Clubhouse.

The Women's club of Lynn, Mass., does not put on any airs of exclusiveness, but has become a home for women in the best sense of the word. While there are splendid reception rooms and a large banquet room in the building, besides many rooms for the clubs to hold their meetings in, there are also two floors that are let for business purposes.

Hope.

"All is over between us," said the emotional youth. "She despises me." "Has she sent back your letters?" "Yes."

"Then cheer up. If she really despised you then she would hold on to your letters to be read in court or used for the amusement of her friends."

The Broken Vase.

"Ah! That's lucky. It's broken only in three places." "Well, you must be mad to call that luck." "You don't have to pick up the pieces, ma'am."

RAISED A NOVELTY IN CORN

Western Farmer Grew Ear with an Odd Number of Rows Showing on It.

Jake Brunton, a farmer living five miles northwest of Blair, astonished the managers of the corn show there to a finish by bringing in for exhibition a full well-developed ear of corn with an odd number of rows of corn on it.

THREE ACTORS IN SORROW

Showing How Easily Makers of Mirth May Be Involved in Personal Tragedy.

A pathetic story of the tragedies of the stage is revealed by David Beeher, who has just returned from Sioux City, Ia., where he encountered De Wolf Hopper and Arthur Dunn.

The trio were in the West hotel in Sioux City. It was their first meeting in years. After the exchange of courtesies had been passed Mr. Dunn asked Hopper: "How are your folks?" and received the reply, "Very well, thank you. How are yours?" "Immense," replied Dunn.

Three days later Mr. Hopper received a wire announcing the death of his mother and was forced to cancel engagements. That same day, two hours later, Mr. Dunn received a telegraphic announcement of his father's death, and on the same night was informed that his brother-in-law, Ezra Kendall, had passed away.

Gen. Knox's Carriage.

Frank B. Hills, first selectman of Thomaston, hitched up in front of the Rockland postoffice a day or two ago with a "pedigreed carriage"—the one in which Washington's first secretary was used to ride. The carriage was built in Boston 130 years ago and was the private carriage of Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, secretary under the first president, and not only is it one of the most historic vehicles in the United States, but it is also probably the oldest able bodied private carriage in existence on the continent.

To Gain Social Success.

To be successful socially, a woman must possess brains and looks, a ready wit and perfect manners. She must be well posted on general topics and have a fund of what the English call "small talk."

These qualities, added to enough of wealth to do as she would do, make the best and most representative type of the American society woman. But then, our women possess all these qualities even when their lives are not thrown in the most pleasant places. No woman in the world possesses the adaptability of the American woman. She always knows what to do and when to do it.

Holding Down Brutality.

No longer are we having brutal war to lick us into shape. All the rude brutality of the peasant hordes of Europe, still the primitive type of man, is here to be handled—brutality which war and the sword have kept subdued into a sort of fierce gentleness for 2,000 years; now this Pandora's box of latent savagery, which has been fearfully held down by iron imperialism, is turned loose to hell and havoc, if not tamed and disciplined by education and gentling thought.

Aviation and Islam.

It is said that aviation is not considered orthodox among Mussulmans. M. de Caters has given his impressions to a Paris contemporary of his visit to Constantinople. He says the Turks and Arabs greatly amused him. "The Koran says that only God is able to exalt himself above men, so one can imagine how awestricken Turks were when they saw me in my aeroplane above their capital. They looked upon me as a demigod. As to the biplane, most of the Turks did not dare approach it. Those who did made their salaams to it."

WOMEN'S DEBT TO ANCESTORS

Tragic Figures Were the Militant Members of the Sex in the '40's and '50's.

It was this attitude of the mass of women, unsympathetic and often contemptuous as it was, toward the early agitators for woman's rights, that made the position of the militant woman hardest in the '40's and '50's.

Certainly no woman who to-day takes it as a matter of course that she should study what she chooses, go and come as she will, support herself unquestioned by trade, profession or art, work in public or private, handle her own property, share her children on equal terms with her husband, receive a respectful attention on platform or before legislature, live freely in the world, should think with anything but reverence of these splendid early disturbers of convention and peace, for they were an essential element in the achievement.

WATER NECESSARY FOR LIFE

Proof That Wine Will Not Serve the Purpose Where Frenchmen Are Concerned.

The French schooner Argus, struggling against headwinds to get from Dieppe to Marseilles, according to the dispatches, ran out of water and for three days the crew had nothing but champagne and claret to drink. Nearly every man was disabled by fever and acute gastritis. It was with the greatest gratitude that the captain of the Argus swapped several cases of champagne for a few barrels of water from the Oceanic, a Bombay liner.

Pathologists will say correctly that there is nothing new in this experience. That wine will not take the place of water and keep men in good condition, has been known as long as wine has been known. Three elements, however, in the story of the Argus make it a striking lesson, emphasizing an old truth. First, the men were Frenchmen, with the Frenchman's habit of taking wine daily; second, the wines they drank as a substitute for water were presumably pure, and the claret at least was relatively light; third, the three days is a very short period for the disabling of a whole crew.

The British Census.

In England a census is taken every seven years. In the United States the work costs some \$5,000,000; in England, with a population of 42,000,000, the work is done by regular public officials without extra cost. There the census is taken on a certain day at a certain hour, usually Saturday at 11 p. m., because most people are then at home.

Overweights.

The excessive mortality of overweights has been published by life insurance statisticians, and the phenomenon must be considered in football discussions. It is now a proved fact that the men who are barred from the game are the ones who live the longest, and though mere length of life is no criterion of its usefulness, yet it is a fair assumption that the longest lived are the most vigorous and therefore the best brain workers.

An Edible Flower.

An edible flower, the mhowad, is to be seen in one of Washington's botanical gardens. In India they make of this flower a soup, a bread, a wine and a brandy.

No Place for Him.

"It's a funny thing," said the tall man, "but when we lived on the first floor of our apartment house we had one baby. Twins came when we moved to the second floor and—"

Almost.

"It's wonderful how these Italian women can carry so much around on their heads, isn't it?" "Yes, indeed. They almost equal their American sisters."—Town and Country.

CHAUFFEUR WAS ON TO JOB

Smart Man Secured Taxicab, But the Last Laugh Really Was with the Driver.

Roger Enwright, Charles Maher and A. R. Davis stood at the side entrance to the Hollenden Saturday, wondering how to get home. Taxicabs were not to be had, cars were not running and they didn't feel the need of exercise badly enough to desire to walk.

A taxicab was standing near the hotel, but the porter had told them that it was engaged.

"Maybe we can talk this fellow into believing that one of us engaged his outfit," suggested Enwright. He walked up to the driver and inquired who he was waiting for.

"I ain't seen the gentleman," said the driver, "but I was ordered to wait here for a Mr. Wright—somebody from out of town, I guess."

"This is a cinch," thought Roger. "Wasn't the name Enwright instead of Wright?" he asked the man.

"You must remember," says the driver, "that after you engaged the machine I waited there for you at the hotel for more than three hours before you got in."

That being the case Enwright paid the bill without further argument—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE GRAND DUKE'S MATCHBOX

Slight Forgetfulness Lost for Russian Noble Present Given Him by the Czar.

The Grand Duke Michael of Russia, the tsar's uncle, on the occasion of a visit to France, was walking down a Paris street, when a working man in corduroys stopped him and asked him for a light. The working man was smoking a very dirty little clay pipe. The grand duke had only just lit an excellent cigar. He glanced at the pipe, looked at his cigar, and, as he didn't want to spoil it, handed the workman his matchbox—a gold one with his initials in diamonds upon it.

"What's the matter," said the grand duke, expecting a remark upon the beauty of the matchbox.

"Oh, nothing," said the man, "I won't give you away."

"What do you mean?" said Duke Michael. "I hope you don't suggest that I came by the box dishonestly."

"No, no," the man said. "I wasn't thinking about that at all. But you'll get into trouble if you don't take care. These matches of yours are contraband."

A little later in the day, the grand duke told President Fallieres the story.

Philippines' Best Fruit.

Philippine mangoes, to the mind of many Americans and foreigners the sweetest fruit grown anywhere, would alone make many millionaires in this country if the fruit could be successfully shipped, or, better still, grown here, as the Hawaiian papaya is now being made to grow in the Philippines.

Self in Everything.

Let us always remember that nothing betrays us that is not of the nature of ourselves. There comes no adventure but wears to our soul the shape of our everyday thoughts; and deeds of heroism are only offered to those who have, for many long years, been heroes in obscurity and silence. And whether you climb up the mountain, or go down the hill to the valley, whether you journey to the end of the world or merely walk around your house, home but yourself shall you meet on the highway of fate.

Music Doctoring.

"Is it possible for me to obtain a Doctor of Music degree in this college?" "It is. We confer the degree of Doctor of Music on all who graduate from the piano-tuning class."

WON BY SENTIMENTAL APPEAL

Clever Scheme Devised by Offending Police Officer to Get Out of Difficulty.

Prof. Scott Nearing of the University of Pennsylvania, delivered recently in Philadelphia a brilliant address upon the theme that "woman's function is not to bear many children, but to bear good children."

A lady at a dinner in Locust street asked Prof. Nearing how he reconciled his lecture, which had aroused much interesting discussion in Philadelphia, with Mr. Roosevelt's "race suicide" theories.

"The fact is," said Prof. Nearing, laughing, "these race suicide folk think sentimentally rather than analytically. They are deceived by sentiment, as a certain New York police commissioner once was."

"This commissioner, a fine young man, found it his unpleasant duty to sit in judgment on a police officer who had got drunk. When the officer appeared to plead before the commissioner he had 14 children with him, ranging in years from 15 to 3 or 4—14 children, neatly if plainly clad, quite crowding the commissioner's office, and looking up in the policeman's face with anxious, affectionate eyes."

"You are charged with drunkenness. What have you got to say for yourself?" the commissioner said sternly to the guilty officer.

"The man gathered the 14 children to him with a solemn, sweeping gesture of paternal love."

"Thereupon, touched to the heart, the young commissioner let the man off—for how was he, in his sentimental pity, to know that the policeman had borrowed the children from friends?"

INCIDENT THAT MADE A HIT

"Business" Not Included in Actor's Part Certainly Was Enjoyed by the Audience.

Before he arrived at stardom Wilton Lackaye once went on the road in a temperance play of the "Ten Nights in a Barroom" variety.

"We stopped one night in a town where the theater had been evolved from a huge barn and was shaky in its timbers," said Mr. Lackaye. "In the third act my lines included a fierce denunciation of 'cursed liquor.'"

"The audience was large and friendly and I got considerably worked up. At last I started in on my peroration. 'Behold, I said, the serpent of drink, and I pointed up at the boughs of a tree overhanging the stage. 'See his bloodshot eyes. He is preparing to spring down upon a victim. Now he has dropped to the ground. He tries to strike, but I will prevent him. I will crush him at one blow!'

"But the 'most unkindest cut of all' came when I had regained my feet. 'Say, mister,' piped up a small boy in the rear, 'did ye kill him?'

"The audience, which had not refrained from merriment when I plunged downward, laughed so long and heartily that I was unable to continue for fully five minutes."

Baked Beans Economically Cooked.

Having a young couple from a Boston suburb to dinner at a New York hostess baked beans for them and during the meal complained that it was a costly thing to cook them all day in the gas range.

"We get around that very nicely in Brookline," said the visitor. "All the bakeries there make a specialty of catering to the habit of the residents of having baked beans for Sunday breakfast. As they cook no bread on Saturday nights the ovens are turned into a nice source of revenue otherwise. Every family has its large bean crock, and every Saturday night they are loaded and carried to the nearest bakery oven ready for an all night sojourn in the public oven. By morning they are deliciously cooked and ready to serve for breakfast. The charge is 10 cents a bean pot for its repair in the ovens, and it's a poor Saturday when they don't have at least 30 Brookline Sunday breakfasts to cook in each bakery."