

FOOLED THE HOLDUP MEN.

Intended Victim Dumps His Money Into Mailbox and Thus Saves It.

A West end man had an experience recently that made his hair stand on end and had it not been for his quick wit in devising a means of getting out of the difficulty it might have cost him dearly, says the Duluth News-Tribune.

He is the treasurer of a local lodge and was returning home from a meeting with a considerable amount of money in his possession, fortunately the greater part of which was in currency.

He got off a car quite a distance out in the West-end and turned off a side street toward his home, when he noticed that he was being followed by two suspicious looking men.

DEATH OF PRINCE IMPERIAL.

Zulus Paid Tribute to Bravery of Louis Napoleon.

How Prince Louis Napoleon was killed by the Zulus June 1, 1879, is told graphically in the book by Sir Evelyn Wood, who took part in that war.

Appropriate.

"Here, clerk! I'm in a hurry. I want a book for my husband. It's his birthday. And I want it for a present. Show me what you have and be quick about it!

"Yes, ma'am. Here is a little volume entitled 'How to Manage a Talking Machine.'"

Proper Time for Inspection. One of the officials of a town near Philadelphia has been the butt of much good natured raillery for some days past as the result of a bull made by him at a recent official meeting.

Too Personal. "I have come to tell the editor a joke," announced the young man with long hair and big black tie.

"It is I have sold the editor six jokes on this order in the last week."

Knew His Business. Bertie (to caddy, searching for lost ball)—"What are you looking there for? Why, I must have driven it 50 yards farther!"

TRAFFIC OF CHICAGO

IS HEAVIEST ON EARTH ACCORDING TO AN AUTHORITY.

City Leads World in Extent of Teaming Interests and in Investment—Fortune Paid Out Daily for Wages.

Chicago.—This city is the greatest teaming city in the world. No other area anywhere on the face of the globe bears the burden of so great a traffic as is daily carried in the streets bounded by Chicago avenue,

Halsted and Eighteenth streets. Exclusive of the stock yards teaming, almost 100,000 trucks rattle every day over the streets of the business district, according to T. J. Cavanagh, editor of the American Team Owner.

At the rate of a driver, and two men for unloading each wagon, 300,000 men are directly employed in transporting freight through the city streets. An additional army of at least 25,000 men find work in the care of the teams.

The amount of freight carried across town by teams has trebled in 15 years. Over 150,000 tons of freight are hauled through the downtown streets daily, in addition to the volume of freight traffic now handled by the tunnels and the 17,000 tons of freight handled through South Water street.

Data gathered in connection with the wide-tire ordinance shows that \$60,000,000 is a conservative figure for the investment represented in the trucks, teams and equipments.

Few big manufacturers in Chicago own their own teams. The teaming business is considered as much of a specialty as lighting or heating, and is subject to men who do nothing else.

For team drivers and helpers Chicago pays \$250,000 in wages every day. If the wages of the men who load and unload the wagons be included then \$500,000 every night goes to pay for the maintenance of Chicago's street traffic.

Elaborate systems, extending down to the salt fed to the horses, are credited with the economies of the present system. Some barns in Chicago can, if required, turn out a six-ton truck every two weeks without going behind their doors for supplies.

Blacksmiths for repairs, horse-shoers, painters, even, are regularly employed by the management of the great barns. In many instances no horse is ever shod except by a horse-shoer of the company.

The most elaborate precautions in ventilation, feeding and stabling the horses are declared to be in the end economical. Despite the rapid increase of motor trucks, draft horses are relatively scarcer and cost more than ever before.

Prominent dealers declare that the outlook in view of the tremendous increase in volume of freight now carried on the streets, is puzzling. While the streets could stand twice the traffic they now carry, according to good authority, such a condition would exclude all other interests, including street cars and pedestrians.

Family Lives Upon Yolks of Eggs. Kansas City.—A negro family in this city lives mostly upon the yolks of eggs which cost it nothing.

The head of this family is a porter in a saloon where a great many gin fizzes are sold. In making a gin fize only the white of the egg is used and the yolk is thrown away.

Smoke Bill of Americans. Washington.—The American people spend \$377,575,544 65 a year for cigars and \$158,368,637 94 for cigarettes.

Up Against It. Wedderly—I broke a mirror last night. Singleton—They say that's a sign of bad luck. Wedderly—You bet it is. It will cost me \$25 to replace it.

DEATH FOUND, HER RESCUED.

Woman Bore Husband's Departure with Considerable Equanimity.

That death "hath no sting" for some people is evidenced by the story of a physician whose practice called him to the homes of many of the poorer families who labor in Chicago's stockyards.

"I was summoned to attend one man who was in the last stages of tuberculosis," he relates, "and found him very low. His wife was a sturdy woman of vehement temperament and seemed not the least concerned over her husband's desperate condition.

When I entered next morning I found the woman enveloped in a fog of suffocating steam and vigorously doing her washing. She turned her head as I was let in by one of the children and, nodding, continued her work.

"How is the good man this morning?" I asked. "Oh," she said in a tone which seemed to indicate that I had recalled an unpleasant matter to her mind.

"John, are you there?" There was no answer from the sick chamber. She turned to resume her washing and said: "He's breathed his last."

NIMBLE WIT OF A PORTER.

St. Paul Sleeping Car Attendant Tells Why He Went to Sleep.

Among the railroad visitors in town yesterday was F. A. Miller, general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, says the Cleveland Leader.

"I'll tell you how it was, boss. I have only been with the company a short time and before coming here I was working on such and such a railroad. The line was so rough that I could not get any sleep.

Mr. Miller says that while the negro violated the rules he was permitted to keep his job on account of his wit.

Celestial Signs.

"Yes, sir," said old Uncle Billy, who comes in occasionally with country produce, via the East Point road.

Up-to-Date "Chain Gang." A novel experiment is about to be tried by the government of Victoria, Australia.

Italian Official's Cow. Italian officials have a mania for sending telegrams—at the public expense.

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BY RAIL THROUGH AUSTRALIA

Express Trains Carry Travelers With Speed and Comfort.

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Both men and women too, fear that they may be deceived and many enter into partnership with one who will turn out to be untrustworthy.

Then the Scholars Understood. The written language is so far from the spoken in Scotland that spelling reform is an academic question.

Honor Among Brigands. A recent fight with brigands in Chalchid resulted in the death of a soldier.

Somewhat Involved. "Don't you love me?" "Yes, dear, but I'm already engaged."

Advice to Candidates. An Australian M. P. advises candidates for parliament to be seen as often as possible among the mourners in the constituencies they are courting.

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THE TALKATIVE MAN'S REVENGE.

Bidden to Hold His Peace, He Proved Capable of Doing So.

It was probably that feeling of good comradeship which comes to nearly all travelers which caused a man on one of the Philadelphia sight-seeing automobiles to put questions, point out details and air his views generally the other day to a woman who sat beside him.

When Eating Causes Colds. If one who has caught a cold will take thought, he will often find that he has prepared himself for the infection by some tax on his physical condition—some extra work which has depressed his bodily powers.

Fig Wine. Consul Maxwell Blake of Funchal, advises that some interest has been aroused in the island of Madeira as the result of experiments conducted by an Italian chemist.

LOVE LAUGHS AT FLOODS.

Two Marriage Licences Necessary For Happiness, but He Got Them.

High water played all sorts of havoc with the wedding plans of Chauncey Lewis Gell and his intended, says the Portland Oregonian.

A Zulu Warcry. The Zulu warcry used, whenever they take the field, by the South African footballers now in London, has puzzled our newspapers.

Crocodile Skins. Consul General W. H. Michael states that a Calcutta trade journal calls attention to the demand for crocodile skins in America.

A Mile of Pennies. The endless chain having outlived its usefulness, charity workers in certain fields cast about for something new to gather in the money.

People That Hibernate. Pliny tells of Eponimedes, the Cretan, who slept in a cave for 57 years.

Betrayed by Talk in Sleep. A Paris woman who was arrested for picking pockets, and who pretended to speak an unknown language, betrayed herself in her sleep.

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