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TRAIN WRECKERS.

They Made Eighty-Two Attempts in the First Six Months of 1803.

The Railroad Gazette has collected statistics of train wrecking and train robbing, for the first six months of 1895, which yield some surprising results. One is accustomed to think of train wreckers and train robbers as investing sparsely settled western states, but the statistics show, on the contrary, that such crimes are most prevalent in well settled states. The Gazette's figures show sixty-one attempts to wreck trains, and twentyone attempts to rob them. Massachusetts and Illinois head the list in the number of attempts to wreck trains and Ohio follows.

In these three advanced states were made more than one-half of all the attempts to wreck trains and the state of New York follows. The only explanation offered for this preponderance of train wrecking in well settled and. generally speaking, well governed states is that the mileage of railroads is greater in those states than in others, and that tramps, who are responsible for most attempts to wreck trains, flourish in thickly settled regions.

The geographical distribution of attempts at train robbing is still more curious. Iowa heads the list; Indian territory and Oklahoma taken together have the same number; Texas follows and then come Kansus and Nebraska. Sixty-seven per cent. of all the train robberies or attempted train robberies occurred in these four states and two

THE FIRST LIGHTNING ROD. It Was Not Invented by Benjamin Frank-

lin As Most People Believe.

Almost everybody believes that Franklin was the inventor of the lightning rod; and, in this one particular, nearly everybody is mistaken. The first lightning conductor was not invented by the genius who is said to have "caught the lightning wild and played with bolts of thunder," but by a poor Bohemian monk who lived at Senttenberg, who erected his lightning catcher on the palace of the curator of Preditz, Moravia, on June 15, 1754. The name of this inventive monk was Prohop Dilwisch. His apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod supporting twelve curved branches and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore and inclosed with a wooden box-like cover. This was traversed by twenty-seven iron-pointed rods, the bases of which were connected with the ere boxes This entire system of wires was united with the earth by a large chain. The enemies of Dilwisch, jealous of

his success excited the peasants of the neighborhood against him, claiming that his invention was the cause of the dry weather that was ruining their all abuft the engine-room, though the them and refused to remove it they put him in prison and then destroyed

M. Melsen used a triple-pointed rod years before Benjamin Franklin ever thought of a lightning rod.

BEFORE FADS CAME.

Interesting Facts About the Old-Fash-loned Village School.

Inside it was one unbroken room. esting reminiscences in the New Peterson. In the middle of the room was did you find it out:"

Composed of lining Cars unsurpassed. Pull yes, "replied Keedlick. "How man brawing Koom Sleepers of latest equipment a raised brick platform, controlled." a raised brick platform, on which stood two large, old-fashioned box stoves. with the stove pipes running for a long distance overhead, so as to carry heat to distant parts of the room. On the side opposite the entry and in line side opposite the entry and in line with the stoves was a wooden platform by the wall, on which stood the to distant parts of the room. On the side opposite the entry and in line Guskett. Her husband told her. master's desk. The sents ran back from the open space across the center. toward either end of the room. There were only two rows of benches, with alsles at the sides and one in the middie. The desks, therefore, were long, capable of scating a long row of pupils. instead of the short ones of modern days, with seats for one only, or two at most. So there was a chance for a good deal of disturbance when one of voice and charming manners?" the middle boys wished to get in or

The girls occupied seats at one end of the room and the boys at the other. On either side of the master's desk | year numbered nearly 10,000. were blackboards on the wall. The to keep the fires going, and it was in Jupanpiled up on the floor beside the stoves. On cold days we had to take turns in being permitted to leave our seats and go to the stoves to get warm.

from the a-b-c to algebra, including writing and the making of quill pens. Any child might study anything, provided only that he wished it and the master knew it. The bright pupil was not kept back because some one else was lazy or stupid, but he was at liberty to go ahead as fast as his brains and industry could carry him. And if the master happened to know the higher mathematics or the languages, some ambitious pupil would frequently pursue one or both of these outside of ordinary school hours.

Poculiar Rules Laid Down for the Tenants

of the Astors. Some of the rules by which the tenants of the Astors are bound are curions. For instance, says the New York Sun. although they will make almost any repairs that a tenant suggests before the lease is signed, even though the repairs may cost more than the rental, they will not spend a cent on the property during the existence of the lease. A lady who rented a house in Forty-fifth street from the Astors was told that she could have any repairs or alterations she wished, but no chandeliers. She had the house decorated from top to bottom, and many expensive repairs made, and there was not a remonstrance, but she had to supply all the chandeliers, at a cost of sixteen hundred dollars, herself. Of course, they remain her property, and she can take them away when she

RUSSIAN COLONIES.

Discovery of an Ingenious Gentleman Catherine's Tour of Inspection.

Some great man in Russia, Prince Potemkin or another, sioned by Empress Catherine II. to colonize the regions adjoining the river and provided with the requisite funds. These funds he diverted from their proper use. When the empress came on her tour of inspection she passed down the stream in slow and impressive fashion, borne in a state barge. Every afternoon she sighted a neat and charming village on the bank, and, going on shore, was hailed by a band of prosperous peasants in gala attire. Passing from house to house, she would see an abundant meal smoking on the board. frequently including a roast sucking-There was, it is true, a certain similarity between one village and another; but this was easily explained by the fact of all being designed by the same government architect. And so the inspection went on, with complete satisfaction to all parties concerned, till a malicious person in the imperial suite happened to bethink himself of his penknife and while the intelligent cottagers were busy answering Catherine's questions he slyly amputated the tail of the sucking-pig. In the next cottage the family was about to regale on the tailless sucking-pig! The main result was that the empress ever after looked with great disfavor on, not Petemkin. but the ingenious gentleman with the

A MODIFIED WHALEBACK. Ship Builders Are Interested in a Novel

Craft in England.

Ship builders have been interested in the construction recently at Sunderland, Eng., of a novel craft, a modifiention of the whaleback type, now so familiar on our western lakes. In the description of this new English steamer, the only one of its kind yet built, it appears, says Science, that the bull is shaped like other vessels from keel to water line, but from the latter the shell is rounded off upward and inward until it terminates at the upper deck level in an upright structure termed a turret, running fore and aft.

The vessel has no shear, the deck reaching in a perfectly straight line fore and aft; the plating, curving inward from the water line to the turret deck, is thick and strong like that of the bull proper, so that the whole skin of the vessel is of the same degree of thickness throughout. The engines are placed aft, as in the construction of whaleback stenmers, by which ar rangement there is a long, continuou hold from the engine-room to the forecastle, this being interfered with only by the necessary bulkheads. Another feature pertaining to this steamer is the location of the boats, and the accommodation for engineers and crew When the inventor laughed at eaptain and officers are placed, as usual, under the bridge for ward.

KEEDICK'S TYPEWRITER Caught by His Better Half in a Plain Act

of Deception. When Mr. Keedick reached home the

other evening, says the New York Scroury, he was confronted by a very angry wife. He had scarcely got inside the door and hung his hat on the hall rack before she blurted out:

'Oh, I'm up to your goings on, I can tell you. You got your new typewriter yesterday. "I did. Who told you?"

"Well, if you must know, it was Mrs. needo't think you can keep things from me have no desire to, dear.

Don't dear me! Your typewriter is only about eighteen years old?" "As nearly as I can judge of ages. I

should say that was about right. 'And has melting brown eyes?" Mrs.

Keedick went on, indignantly. Possibly, but I haven't noticed them

"Oh. no! Of course not. With a woft You are nearly right."

doing any melting."

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

New churches built in America last

TRE Presbyterians have sixty-eight boys brought in the big sticks of wood | missionaries and thirty-eight churches REV. W. I. CHAMBERLAIN has been

appointed superintendent of the Christian Endeavor movement in India.

In the United States and British The one teacher taught everything. America there are 130,197 Sunday schools. These are attended by over 10,000,000 pupils. AT the last meeting of the Provincial

synod of Canada Rt. Rev. John Travers Lewis, LL. D., lord bishop of Ontario. was elected metropolitan. THE last census returns present interesting statistics showing that there are in New England 230,000 more

Roman Catholies than Protestants. THE Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints claims a membership of 30,000 people. Most of its churches are in the United States.

THE Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary society of New York has twenty-five women missionaries in Brazil, Chill and Colombia stationed in half a dozen different places and doing effective work in all.

THE church spire originated in the twelfth century

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