STOPPED BY GRASSHOPPERS. VARIETIES OF COURTSHIP

A Train in New York Brought to a Stand still by the Insects.

"The story is an old one about western railroad trains being stopped by grasshoppers during a memorable invasion of Kansas and other states by these insects," said a New York traveling man to a New York Sun reporter; 'and it was and is still looked upon in the east as a wild reach of the western imagination. I believe no one had deeper doubt of it than myself. But I doubt no longer, for I was on a train the other day right in our state of New York which was stopped by grasshoppers as effectually as the enginner with his airbrakes could have stopped it. "The railroad was the Chautauqua

Lake railroad and the train was on its way between Mayville and Jamestown. All that region has had a most destructive visitation of grasshoppers this year, crops, foliage and even hay, cut and housed, having been absolutely eaten up clean by the ravenous insects. This day the passengers on the train noticed that frequently it would gradually slow up and come almost to a standstill, but after awhile regain somewhat of its regular speed. At last, though, after slowing up and the engine working in a way that showed that the engineer was making his greatest effort to overcome whatever the obstacle was to the progress of the train, it came to a dead standstill. A trainman was hurrying through the car I was in and I asked him what was the matter.

"'Grasshoppers,' said he. stalled again by grasshoppers.'

"Nobody believed him, of course, but I got out of the car and it wasn't long before I found that he was in earnest. Grasshoppers had effectually stopped the train. The rails behind us as far as anyone could see were two glistenahead to sweep or shovel or scrape the insects off the rails. By dint of much sand and steam the train was at last got under way, but for nearly two miles the advance guard of trainmen had to keep the train clear of grasshoppers immediately ahead of the locomotive wheels before we had passed out of the tremendous swarm of insects, fat to bursting on the crops of the Chautauqua region, and the train could go its way without danger of further stalling. I learned that the trains on that road had been unable to make anything like schedule time for several days and that no trip had been made on any train in that time on which it had not been stopped more than once by the crushing of grasshoppers on the rails."

WORDS AND MEANINGS CHANGE "Afflicted Relict" Is Hardly Good English Nowadays

It is interesting to notice the change in the meaning and use of words that time brings. Just fifty years ago the "National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans" was published in this city, says the Boston Globe.

In the account of Mrs. Washington we read that "when ladies called at the president's mansion the habit was for the secretaries and gentlemen of the president's household to hand them to and from their carriages, but when the honored relicts of Greene and Mont-gomery came to the presideliad, the president himself performed the com-

ington is spoken of in these terms two 'several times" in the portrait gallery.

Later on we find that Com. Macdonough married a member "of a highly respectable family;" nowadays we use that expression only when speakng of a criminal's family.

Of Dr. Samuel Latham Mitchell's father this gallery remarks that he lived to see most of his children "reputably settled in life;" and it seems to think it speaks well of him. In this age we might think that we spoke kindly of a man, though not well of him, if we said that

All the children of Col. Thomas Marshall, of Virginia, "females as well as males, possessed superior intellectual endowments." Henry Clay's father, we learn, was a respectable clergymanan avis less rara in those days, we should have thought, than now; and even now we would hardly say that a inferiors. lergyman was respectable.

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The Antique, the Progressive and the Ephemera.

A Chaperon Gives Some Interesting Ob-servations Upon the Workings of the Tender Passion in Young Girls of To-Day.

"You see," said the chaperon of a quartette of lively girls at Long Branch, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, "there are now three kinds of courting-the antique, the progressive and the ephemeral. Odd, isn't it, where the heart is concerned? Both the antique and the ephemeral kind are found among the old girls and boys and the debutantes, while the progressive sort is confined mostly to those who have been in society a half dozen seasons or less.

"The antique is the kind which has for its password one life, one love. The ephemeral lends to the fancy of the hour without further reflection. The progressive is one with which we have to deal in answering the query: 'Where are the old favorities, and why are the younger set so popular?"

"It is most natural that the matured bachelor and the rosebud should enjoy each other's society. This is ephemeral, no responsibility, no care; but the rosebud has a decided advantage over her courtly gallant; for, while she is becoming skillful in the use of Cupid's weapons, he is losing time and ground and some day will awaken to the truth that he is growing old, bald and ridic-

"What does the young girl see in her old escort? Mostly attention, which is very flattering to her in her first season out. And the bachelorwhat does he see in her? He is lonely. ing lines of grease. As far as anyone The women of his set have disappeared could see ahead the railroad tracks somewhere, and he is willing to buy were hidden by untold numbers of candy, kiss lap dogs, do anything to be grasshoppers. Men had to be sent entertained and entertaining. In this capacity the bachelor is a most useful member of society. He has even been known to walk around with grandmamma and to carry the married sister's baby and luggage to the

"Progressive courtship is curious. When a young woman begins to entertain serious thoughts of her future, whether in choosing a profession, a business or a husband, she rises above driftwood and marks a tree that will shelter her. Her time, also, is a consideration. She cannot waste years dallying with an old beau, a perennial.

"These perennials are many of them good souls, nice for escorts, but not up to date enough for ideal husbands. So the marriageable women, those who can preside with dignity over neat homes-the belles, in short, of past seasons-leave the ranks and form new

ties.
"When a young woman becomes indifferent to parties, likes distant
friends, protracted visits and can't be located, keep a sharp lookout among the marriage notices. The out-of-town men secure most of the home prizes. The only change for home bachelors is to emulate the example of the girlsthat is, to go out of town, too, where they are not known as everlastings.

"Suppose, however, that they cannot give up the old favorites; suppose that there is a great tugging at the heart when they think of losing them. In such cases, if the men value their happiness and wish to wager on their chances, they must become specialists We do not call a widow "the afflicted in love and ply their skill increasingly relict" nowadays; at least, when we mean to be respectful. But Mrs. Wash- "Good by, sweetheart!" if said idly, will be detected by no one more quickly than by the young lady herself, and the chance will be greatly in favor of that London, Philadelphia or Balti-

COMEDY BY THE SEA.

The Forward Folk-Garrulous Mothers-The Concelted Dancer.

It's good fun to sit apart and notice the people at swell summer hotels, though sometimes it's a little sad, too, says an eastern correspondent.

The forward folk, who try to get acquainted with each newcomer of pretentious appearance, and who gets dropped as frequently as they are taken up, are amusing, as the newly rich, who fancy the ready road to elegance is gained by assuming a fierce haughtiness, the maintaining of which makes them as uncomfortable as it does their

The garrulous mothers who have to talk all day long about the charms and perfections of their daughters are pretty trying.

Then there are the two or three lonely creatures who have drifted in a week?"-Texas Siftings. somehow and are out of their element, d are quits s of the fact. the concerts earfully.

The Emperor Has Recovered.

Berlin, Feb. 18 .- The emperor has ecovered from his indisposition. A deputation of the agrarian league today presented him with a memorial, asking a revision of grain tariffs in the interest of protection. In replying the agrarian deputation said the action of the government would be directed towards fostering interests concerning the welfare of the country.

Bonds to Be Printed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- The government has ordered the printing of the 4 per cent bonds called for by the Belmont-Morgan syndicate. It was said that the issue of bonds would be enjoined, but up to noon no injunction proceedings had been begun in any of the courts here.

Will Not Interfere.

PARIS, Feb. 18 .- The United States has refused to interfere in the case of a man named LeCompte, who was forced to do military duty in France and who claimed American citizenship. It is learned he had only declared his intention to become a citizen.

To Protect the Legations.

London, Feb. 18.-A Peking dispatch says that marines are arriving at various foreign legations for the purpose of protecting them. The Chinese are suspicious of their presence, and trouble is

Poor Suffering Greatly.

LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Continued cold weather in London is causing much distress among the poor. A number of committees have been formed and funds are being collected for their relief.

Dividend Declared.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- The comptroller of the currency has declared a dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Lynn County bank of Albany, Or.

Will Protect Foreigners.

Hong Kong, Feb. 18.-The British cruiser Mercury left here today for Formosa to protect foreigners against outrages which are being committed by the Chinese.

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