

TIME FREIGHT CARS.

Traced by Hourly Reports the Whole Length of Their Run.

A freight car is essentially common property. It has to go from one line to another in the course of its business. It has to carry loads from Jacksonville, Fla., to Spokane, Wash.; from Phoenix, Ariz., to Augusta, Me. If all the freight cars in the United States were owned by one big company and if that company charged the railroads for the exact amount of use which they made of each car the situation would theoretically be more reasonable than it is today.

But in any case the wanderings of freight cars will always entail an enormous amount of labor with pen and pencil and telegraph key and typewriter and long distance telephone. writes William Hard in the Technical World Magazine.

The modern hunter of freight cars is not satisfied with knowing where all the cars on his own lines are at the end of each day's run. Modern business life has become so rapid that in the case of certain kinds of freight it is necessary to know just where each car is every few hours. This kind of freight is called time freight.

Ordinary freight is dead freight. Time freight consists only of certain materials. These materials run alphabetically all the way from asbestos, through cranberries, egg case fillers, ink, peanuts and varnish, down to zinc. All cars in time freight trains are reported by telegraph from all division points.

You can stand in front of a big board on the wall—it is like the board in a stockbroker's office except that it has

little jobs to do which the progress of the cars in a time freight train from point to point. As the telegrams come in the pegs are moved from hole to hole. If you started a carload of varnish from Chicago to Omaha last night you can come in today and see just where that car is. You can watch it all the way to Omaha on the board.

It is a cruel humiliation for the freight car. It used to be a wild stray animal, but now it is tamed and domesticated. Just as we now have municipal lodging houses for tramps, so we have telegraph record boards for freight cars. Pretty soon nobody will be able to escape from the authorities. It is only occasionally under modern methods a freight car tracer has to go out and bring it home by force.

THE STOMACH.

Its Power to Resist Its Own Gastric Juices is a Puzzle.

One of the greatest questions disturbing the minds of physiologists both past and present is that of the stomach's digesting powers. It is asked why the stomach does not digest itself. It is well known that gastric juices have the power to digest the tissue of which the stomach is made. One of the things actually manufactured by the body, secreted in the glands near the stomach and poured into it, is hydrochloric acid, a powerful agent that will eat up almost anything. Why it does not eat the stomach up is problematical.

It is known that a stomach from a dead animal or man can be digested by a living man. It has been found out also that when a man is killed accidentally and his stomach is in the process of digesting, if the body be kept warm, his whole stomach will be digested and possibly, too, adjacent organs, as liver, pancreas, etc. From this it was argued that the "principle of life" kept the process from going on in a living being. Subsequently, however, this was proved to be untrue. A living frog was put in an unconscious condition and his leg inserted through a small hole in a dog's stomach, the dog being alive and well. It was found that the frog's leg was wholly digested in the process, although living. So the last reason conceivable was proved incapable of explaining the phenomenon.

About the only conclusion left is that the stomach does gradually actually eat itself up, but that it is being constantly rebuilt. However, as this experiment is hard to perform and as no results have so far been announced in this direction, we are left in a state of absolute ignorance, and all we can do is to be devoutly thankful to Providence that our stomachs do not digest themselves except in the ordinary course of human events.—Lawrence Hodges in New York Tribune.

Aerial Warships in Tourney.

Plans are under way looking toward the holding of a tournament in Chicago next fall for warships of the air. Tentative arrangements have been outlined for bringing "war fliers" together for exhibitions of maneuvering and bomb dropping. It is proposed that a miniature "fort" be constructed for the aviators to "bombard," and a prize of \$5,000 for the aviator dropping the most bombs into this "fort" has been suggested.

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CURE FOR LOSS OF MEMORY.

Case of an American Woman Married Abroad and an Accent.
"Nothing disgusts me more," said a woman who goes abroad every summer, "than to meet in Europe Americans who seem to be ashamed of their own language. I have often come across them, but a woman I met in Carlsbad last year took the palm."
"She was introduced to me as the Countess Komoffsky or some name that sounded like that. She married a Russian or a Pole about three years before, and so far as I can gather she had hardly been any nearer Europe than a New York table d'hote before that time. She looked American, but her English was all broken into bits. She did not even say 'the,' but pronounced it 'ze.' She had great difficulty in recollecting phrases, and the result at times was a lot of French."
"Next morning I was breakfasting in

the Kaiserpark with a party of shawli wrapped Americans who had drunk the requisite number of glasses from the Sprudel or the Marktbrunnen and had walked out according to prescription. One of those at the table was a New York physician who is none the less popular because he is frank in speech almost to brutality and will not stand for affectation. The countess came along and was invited to join the party. The doctor, it turned out, had known her since she was a child.
"Somebody asked her a question, and she started to reply with that accent of hers. I saw the doctor fidget. Then she made another remark in half French. The doctor said something that sounded like a swear. Then he blurted out:
"For heaven's sake, Maria Smith, you don't mean to say that three years in Europe have made you forget your native tongue?"
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