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Report of the Board of Inquiry of the derailment of train No. 10, near mile post 349, at 7:30 a. m., December 29, is out. It says:

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209 and ten cars, Conductor Wissler, Engineer Ferguson, derailed engine trailer, engine tender and ten cars between Haines and Baker. Accident occurred within automatic block district. No personal injuries. Estimated damage to equipment and engine \$400, and to track \$300.

We, the board of inquiry, after examining into the condition of the power, equipment and track on the ground and after listening to the testimony of the trainmen, engineers and baggagemen in charge of the derailed train and that of the roadmaster and section foreman in charge of the track where the derailment occurred, find:

The derailment was the result of the rolling and swinging motion on the part of the locomotive, sufficient to spread the rails, first to one side and then on the other at intervals of thirty-five feet and for a distance of approximately 450 feet before rails spread sufficiently to cause derailment. No individual responsibility.

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## REBUKE BY SARCASM.

About the Poorest Place to Use It is in the Classroom.

In a well known Boston school there was a boy conspicuously dull at his Latin. He was a straightforward fellow and a gentleman by birth and breeding, but he was a bungler at syntax.

One morning he had tangled himself in a simple phrase. The teacher asked a question that should have cleared him. But the poor lad did not know the answer.

Then the teacher leaned back in his chair, rolled his gray eyes to the ceiling and said for all the class to hear, "I have been told that it is a hard thing to stuff a wildcat with butter, particularly if you have to do it with a hot awl, but that is child's play compared with putting Latin in a boy like this."

Of course the laugh came, but as the boys laughed they despised the teacher.

"Sarcasm," said Carlyle, "is the language of the devil." Be that as it may, it has turned many a schoolroom into a place of torment.

A boy may be too dull to be in school, but while allowed to be there he can never be dull enough to justify a knife thrust from one whose first duty is to help and cheer him.—Boston Herald.

## OYSTERS AND DYSPEPTICS.

When the Bivalves May and When They Should Not Be Eaten.

It is popularly supposed that the oyster digests himself in the human stomach owing to the great size of the liver, which is crushed as mastication begins and is thought to digest the mollusk itself. As the oyster, moreover, contains some 10 per cent of extremely assimilable protein, together with phosphorized fats and glycogen, it has always been freely administered to convalescents, while dyspeptic bon vivants have never hesitated to eat it abundantly.

Dr. Pron expresses the opinion that the oyster may be allowed, therefore, to those dyspeptics whose gastric functions are deficient, in anorexia, gastric atony, ulcer and incipient cancer, and to convalescents from acute disease, as it is likely to improve the appetite and to excite the stomach to increased motor and chemical activity.

But to the large number of dyspeptics whose stomachs are hyperacid or hypersensitive Dr. Pron would forbid the oyster as well as all other stimulating foods. In many of these dyspeptics the gastric secretion is already sufficient, and it is unnecessary and unwise to increase it.—New York Press.

## Made the Judge Perspire.

Sir John Charles Day, the English judge who earned the title of the "hooligan's terror," died at the age of eighty-two. In the nineteen years Sir John was a judge of the high court—from 1882 to 1901—he was noted for his gift of solemn humor and for his drastic flogging sentences. In fourteen years he sentenced 137 criminals to 3,700 strokes of the cat. Once he said to a gang of Liverpool ruffians: "I am not going to give you men long terms of imprisonment, but when you go in you get twenty lashes of the cat; when you have been in nine months you get twenty lashes of the cat; before you come out you get twenty lashes of the cat. And then you can show what you have got to your friends." He was perhaps the only English judge who ever did "hard labor." While on a visit to a prison he tried the treadmill, but when he asked to be set free the guard pretended not to hear his request. The judge was perspiring freely by the time he was permitted to abandon his experiment.

## Spread of the English Language.

The English language is the richest, most virile and most powerful of all the languages now to be found among men. The men who conceived and made good this nation were Englishmen, and of course they spoke the only language they knew anything about, the language of their ancestors, the English language. The great Dr. Dollinger said of this language that: "to it is assigned in the coming age the intellectual supremacy that in ancient times belonged to the Greeks and afterward to the Romans." In 1700 English was the language of 9,000,000 people. Today it is the language of 175,000,000, and by the end of the century it will be the language of 300,000,000 people.—New York American.

## Tactful.

"Miss De Vere," said the lady who was entertaining the popular actress, "would you mind telling me what your real name is?"

"My real name? Oh, yes. It is Tabbs—Sylvia Tabbs. But I hope you will not introduce me to your guests by it."

"Oh, no; you needn't be afraid. I'm just as much ashamed of it as you are."—Chicago Record Herald.

## Pin Money.

It was the bride's first request for money. "I must have some pin money," said she.

"Certainly," said the bridegroom. "Here's a quarter. That ought to buy five or six papers of pins."—Washington Herald.

## Slow, but Not Sure.

"Your daughter is not engaged to young Johnson yet, then? I suppose it is a case of slow and sure?"

"Well, yes—he is slow, and she is not at all sure."

## BOLIVIA'S SACRED LAKE.

Over a Billion in Treasure Said to Be Sunk in Its Muddy Bed.

Legend has it that for more than 500 years the lake of Guativila, at an elevation of 10,000 feet in Bolivia, has not only been held sacred to the gods of the Indian tribes, but into its waters the natives, with solemn ceremony, used to cast their gold and silver ornaments, gems and other valuables as an offering to propitiate the evil spirits. It has been estimated that in this manner treasure to the amount of \$1,500,000,000 found its way to the bottom of the lake.

Many attempts were made to recover the treasure. The first was by the Spaniards 250 years ago. They tried to drain off the waters of the lake, but their engineering skill was not equal to the task. When they had drawn off all but ten feet of the water they were compelled to give up their project and take to dredging instead. They did succeed in recovering a small part of the treasure in this way.

The most modern attempt was made twenty years ago by a company of Columbians and Englishmen. By digging a tunnel 1,100 feet long down the side of the mountain they succeeded in draining the lake, but then they found to their dismay, instead of a clear bottom, twenty-five feet of mud covering the treasure. In all this company spent \$75,000 and recovered but \$10,000 worth of gold and jewels before they, too, abandoned the search.—Argonaut.

## A VERSATILE MONARCH.

Peter the Great of Russia Was a Real Jack of All Trades.

All historians agree that Peter the Great of Russia was a man of various accomplishments. After he became emperor he worked as a shipbuilder in Amsterdam. His object was to study the construction of ships that the information gained as an ordinary workman might aid him in establishing a first class navy in his own country. He also studied anatomy and seemed to delight in dissecting human bodies. He is said to have acted as executioner on several occasions, one being when, after the siege of Narva, certain soldiers disobeyed orders, whereupon he sentenced them to death and killed them himself. He was also wont to dog criminals with his own hands.

He practiced as a surgeon in his own country, where he was accustomed to perform amputations as well as to bleed persons and draw teeth. In his pockets he usually carried a case of surgical instruments. His versatility is indicated by the relics preserved in Peter's museum, St. Petersburg, where there are ship models, a chandelier and other iron articles and ivory figures, all his own construction. In the same place there is at present on exhibition a wax model of the great emperor wearing a pair of shoes and a wig made by himself.—London Standard.

## Willing to Oblige.

Brilliant sunshine made the garden party enjoyable. The garden really was a garden, and though most of the guests clustered on the lawn, one or two wiser people sauntered around the rose bordered paths.

Two of these were seated in a quiet part of the garden enjoying the scent of the flowers and the solitude. They were engaged. Presently a mutual friend sauntered down the path and noticed them.

"You two seem to be enjoying yourselves over here all alone," said he.

"We are," said the girl and, being a girl, managed to look pleased to see him. "Won't you join us?"

"Sorry, I can't," answered the friend, "not being a clergyman. But I'll go and find one if you say so."—New York Mail.

## Couldn't Afford to Run.

When Jacob M. Dickinson, formerly secretary of war, as a member of the Alaskan boundary tribunal was called upon suddenly to make his argument because Sir Edward Carson had concluded his remarks one day ahead of time he began by telling a story: "So far from feeling any sense of confidence," he said to the president of the court, "I am in a position very deeply to sympathize with the feeling of the Confederate soldier who, when the battle line was sweeping forward in the last fearful charge at Chickamauga and a rabbit jumped up and ran through to the rear, cried out: 'Run, cottontail! If I did not have any more character at stake than you have I would run too.'"

## Remembered It.

"What," said a teacher to a boy with a slow memory, who had tried in vain to tell the name of the schoolmaster; "can't you remember your master's name?"

"N-no, sir."

"My name is Brown, blockhead?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, now see if you can repeat it. What is my name?"

"Brown Blockhead, sir."—Exchange.

## Youth and Age.

Boys leave the farm perhaps because they want to see more of the world than 100 acres, though when most men are fifty years old they'd be quite willing to trade the world for 100 acres.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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