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—Railway Advocate.

A Dude's Modus Operandi.

"It is not the thing for a young man who wishes to cut a figure with his employers to live in a boarding-house, but it is the cheapest way of getting along, if you know how to work the racket," said a broker's clerk last evening.

He explained that he expected to get into "society" and marry an actress. His capital consisted of a good address and check.

"Appearances count for everything," he said. "The young man who pleaded poverty will meet with little favor, while the man who keeps up a show of prosperity and has plenty of 'go' will find friends. My salary is only \$1,200 a year, yet people think my income five times that amount, consequently I am sought after. The great scheme is to make an impression. I live where there are no other boarders and have a small bedroom. The family do not know their neighbors and no one knows of my economy there. I invite no one to call on me. Every evening when not otherwise engaged I go in evening dress. Now, this helps wonderfully. I can saunter about the big hotels for an hour or so at an expense of a quarter. The chances are that I will meet my employers. They will keep a sharp lookout for some time on my accounts; and, finding them all correct, come to the conclusion that I have means of my own. By and by I am invited to dinner and I get acquainted with the ladies of the family. My promotion to an important position follows. Then, again, I make friends with rich young fellows about town. This costs little and often leads to great things. The fact that I dress well and spend nothing makes them think I am rich. Then, again, it is a good thing to be seen riding in a coupe occasionally. This should be done when one is sure that he will be observed by people of account. Dine conspicuously at first-class restaurants at least once a month. Above all, never be familiar with menials; hold up your head, and even if it be your last dollar in the world, don't hesitate to let it go for the sake of appearances." *New York Telegram.*

"Young man," he said, solemnly, "do you know we are liable to be called at any time?" "Yes, sir," responded the young man, "we are liable to, of course; but I made three men lay down on a pair of deuces last night."

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Paralyzed at the Throttle.

"These fast trains have played the mischief with engineers," said a railroad man yesterday. "It is a fact that almost daily you hear of one of these royal knights of the lever suffering from a paralytic stroke. The rapid time made puts every engineer on such a strain that it is only a question of a few months until the nervous system collapses. I remember seeing the statement sometime ago, and I do not doubt its truth, that there is a train running from St. Paul to Stillwater, on the Omaha, that is called the hospital train, for every man who runs with it has either had a stroke of paralysis or has been injured in some way or another. But in this day and age, when everything goes at lightning speed, on railroads and in business alike, I suppose little heed is given to these poor fellows who drop by the wayside, in reality victims of the greed of their fellow-men." *Chicago Tribune.*

Fancy Cook Books.

Some young ladies who have attended cooking schools during the winter have collections of their favorite receipts. The little books, made by their own hands and illustrated in water color, are quite unique. The cover of one has a picture of still life, apples, nuts, raisins, and a glass of wine, while another has the portrait of a dainty cook, with sleeves rolled above the dimpled elbows and tumbled curls peeping out from beneath a lace-frilled cap. In one book the picture that illustrates salads is a lobster and lettuce leaves beside a pot of mustard and a bottle of pepper, with a teaspoon lying near filled with salt. Slices of lemon and curled lettuce leaves form a border in and out of which receipts are written in rhyme. The picture of a salmon in another book is a genuine work of art. Curious little designs accompany each receipt, and the pretty affair shows so much skill one naturally wonders if the same hands can produce a real appetizing dish of escalloped oysters or an old-fashioned apple pie.

Mrs. Blunt—I can't abide that Smith woman; I believe I actually hate her. Mr. Goode—But, my dear Mrs. Blunt, you ought not to feel so. Doesn't the Bible tell us to love our enemies? "O, yes, it is all very well to say love your enemies; but how can one love them when one's enemies happen to be one's dearest friends." *Boston Transcript.*

Moses Meyers, of Athens, Ga., has received a novel gift from over the seas. The gift consisted of about six ounces of white sand in a linen bag, and was sent all the way from Palestine. It is said to be the belief of certain Hebrews that this sand, if placed under the head of a corpse insures the return of the spirit to Jerusalem.

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Having an old fern case, with sides and top all glass, we filled the bottom with earth, placing a few sticks firmly in the soil, so that the spiders would have some projections to secure their webs to. The first spider we placed in the case was a very fine specimen, marked on the top of the abdomen. We took her from an old laurel tree in which there were several young ones. The first day she remained crawling about on the ground, but on looking next morning we found a perfect web, spun horizontally across the case, about half way up; and on magnifying the ends of the web that were fastened to the glass—which was very smooth—we discovered the spider had frayed out the ends of the weblines, and had fastened them to the glass by means of a gummy substance, thus giving it a greater power of adhesion than by trusting to a single cord. We placed a small house-fly in the case, where it soon became entangled in the web, the spider immediately rushing down, seizing and killing it. She then carried it to the top of the glass, and in four minutes had sucked all the moisture out of it. She then wrapped it loosely round with web, leaving only one line to it, by which she carefully lowered it for about two inches through a space in the net; then, cutting the line with her hind feet, she let it fall to the ground.

After this we placed four flies in the case, three of which were speedily caught. The spider having evidently eaten enough, she disposed of these flies in a different manner from the first. Running to each in turn, she turned the fly rapidly round and round with her front legs; at the same time two distinct webs kept winding round the fly from the spinnerets, until it was incased in such a bag of web that the fly could not be seen. She then hung them in different parts of the web, eating two of them the same night. Thinking the flies so wrapped up would be air-tight, we detached one from the web, leaving it exposed to the air for three days. Although the weather was very hot we found on carefully opening the case that the dead fly was quite fresh, and, when smashed between the fingers, was in a perfectly juicy condition. This clearly shows their wonderful instinct in preserving food for future meals.

One day we placed in the case a large meat fly, which immediately flew through the web, tearing it in a destructive manner. The spider at once came down and repaired it, and in a few minutes the fly was once more in the web, struggling hard. This time the spider came within about half an inch of the fly, made a strong cord fast to three of the outside lines of the net, and then running quickly over the back of the fly she made the cord fast on the other side. On this cord we noticed tiny beads hanging, of a clear-looking substance, which, as the fly struggled, adhered to its wings, impeding its movements. Leaving the fly for nearly two minutes, by which time he was nearly exhausted, the spider once more drew near, and quickly had him by the back. Swaying her body from side to side, at the same time she soon bound him with three cords, which she guided about over the fly with her hind feet in a wonderfully rapid manner. She then pierced him on the side of the trunk, from which place she did not again loose until the fly was dead. Making a slight repast, she bound the remains securely in the web for future meals. *Chambers's Journal.*

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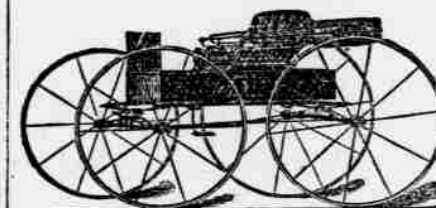
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