EUGENE CITY.....OREGON Dealers in cast fron have had the cast fron nerve to form a trust.

The hat trust should be promptly met with opposition which is prepared to make itself felt.

Those who are attracted by the name "trust" will find that it does not mean the extension of credit.

The people living between Cairo and the pyramids may as well begin to look into the fender question right away.

At the rate the Frenchmen are press ing things they may get their ditch across the isthmus finished before ours is begun.

A Western man who saw double was cured through an X-ray operation, but most men so afflicted find it easier to just sober up.

Think of it! Trolley cars between Cairo and the pyramids will soon be running. This will furnish great fun for the young fellahs.

"Disarmament" is a tune no foreign Government cares to play as a solo, and it stands no chance of being accepted by the concert of Europe.

One of the things which the general introduction of the automobile carriage will necessitate is the introduction of a less unwieldy name to describe it. "Am I too old?" asked a widow, 44

refined, unencumbered, worth \$80,000,

in a personal in one of the New York papers. Of course not, madam. Think The rapid formation of trusts in all the necessities and luxuries of life

shows "the white man's burden" isn't confined to the islands of the seas by any means. That man must have a wonderful love for flowers and a wonderful re-

gard for his wife who pays \$30,000 for

the exclusive right to propagate a flower which was named after her. Now that the customs officials are so strict, the young man who wants to bring a young woman a box of gloves from Paris may well be excused for

hesitating between love and duty. If Keely had had a good thing in the form of an invention he would probably have starved or sold it for a trifle. It is deplorable but true that gold bricks find a readler market than gen-

uine goods. With an income of \$15,000 a year and a self-supporting wife, Patti's new husband can well afford to remain complaisant, even if the public will insist on ignoring the fact that she is the Baroness Cederstrom.

Truth is as strange as horse play, it seems. Thousands of people have laughed at seeing the late "Old Hoss' Hoey, in the farce comedy act of running away with a red-hot stove. But Mrs. Fidler, who lives in a New York tenement house, reports to the metropolitan sleuth hounds that the other day while she was out some one broke her room and stole her cook stove, on which a pot of potatoes was boiling

Words of French origin now used in the German army are the subject of an imperial cabinet order. German words are to be substituted for them by the Emperor's command. Political sanitation in the German Empire thus deals with the French microbe in one of its many manifestations. Microbes, however, are slippery things, and have an unpleasant way of escaping ordinances and officials. Despite the order, French words will be sure to cross the border and threaten the Emperor's peace.

The Vassar students who took ar elective in the form of work to gladden children in New York hospitals showed that the higher education of women is not a training away from the practical. The members of the Young Women's Christian Association of the institution dressed two hundred dolls to be given to the poor children who were sick and crippled, and the joy of afflicted little ones was what children in the well-todo families might think entirely disproportionate. An East Side cripple whispered: "Do you s'pose heaven's any where near as nice as this? 'Cause if 'tis I'd like to go."

"Treasury of Remedies for the Mind" is the inscription in the library at Alexandria, Egypt. Well-chosen libraries are more than remedies; they are preventives of moral and intellectual disease. Andrew Carnegle, when a boy, was invited with other working boys to spend his Saturday evenings in the private library of a rich man. They were even allowed to take books home with them. Realizing the good work this man was doing, young Carnegie resolved that if ever be were able, he would establish free libraries for working people. This resolve he has carried out in three cities and towns of Pennsylvania, one in Iowa, and nine in his native Scotland; and he now offers to give one to Washington. "And if I live," be adds, "there will be more." Such royal gifts are not within the power of many; but who has not a few books which might light the fires of aspiration in some impoverished young

Boston has recently distinguished itself for the second time by opening to traffic the largest railroad station in the world. The work was begun in July. 1807, and has cost about \$14,000,000. To gain the space more than 200 buildings, some of them handsome business structures, were torn down. The main building, shed and yards immediately connected cover thirty-five acres of land, and the roof of the shed alone covers fourteen and a half acres. The platforms will accommodate 100,000 persons at one time without crowding. and 28,000 persons can take seats at one time in the cars in the train shed. In the main building are fifteen miles of tracks and thirty miles of rails, and in

cars can be placed at one time. The station has 344 clearing and 354 fouling witches, and thirty-two full-size express trains can receive or discharge passengers at the same time. This monster station is the first one in the world to provide for suburban surface motive power, such as electricity or compress. ed air, and this provision caused the most difficult work in laying out the great train shed. On the front of the station are a granite eagle carved from a twenty-ton stone, and a clock with a dial fourteen feet in diameer.

Orators have many devices for emmake rapid gestures. There is another grass. method which is adopted by some of livery is slackened in speed, and each word is slowly and distinctly uttered. and making a final appeal for dispas- gale." to weigh deliberately every word. Mr. miles from the ranch. Chamberlain is now the best debater "By the long-horned spoons?" said "Quick! quick, I say! no, you can't orators have adopted the same manner. were darting up. Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, Wenvoices and spoke deliberately when ger leastwise for us." they wished to impress a thought or to produce a strong effect.

and make up one-fifth of the entire population. This is one of several inconsiderable number, some 960 families, are distributed through the country in the colonies which have been founded and subsidized by Europeans. Of these colonies there are twenty-two, ten having been founded by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, representing the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the othciation, and the Odessa Company, hossback?" Among the suggestive and charactermenting in dairy farming and ten before her. planting. Still another takes special predatory tribe attacked a Jewish colony, drove the settlers away, destroyed afeerd, be you?" their gardens and crops, and partly destroved a road they had built to make checks. connections with another colony. But all things considered, the prospects are bright for a revival of industry in Palestine, of which there is good evidence in the fact that an English company has begun to construct a railroad which will extend from the sea at Haifa

lee to Damascus and on to Bagdad. A Convincing Retort.

through the heart of Samaria and Gall-

When the envoys of M. de Rothschild paid the war contributions of Paris at the close of the stege, an alleged coun-life; but he can outrun a cyclone. Ef terfelt 25-thaler bill slipped in among you have ter hit him give it to him redthe 200,000,000 francs that were brought to Versailles. The quick eye of the Prussian official at once detect-Rothschild's people insisted that it was genuine and must be accepted, other-

ent. sald: "Herr Director, accept the A great war about nothing more tangtble than a castle in Spain has just been concluded between two great powers; and I can't afford just on the heel of it to turn around and declare war on the house of Rothschild, the sixth great European power, on account of a false 25-thaler note." "Your excellency is right," returned one of Rothschild's agent, with a smile, particularly as the note, whether good or

Young Ikenstein-Ven I esked old Swindlebaum for his daughter he ordered me to leave der house. Rosenhelmer-Ish dot so? How did he get on to der fact dot you intended to take der house as vell as der girl?-Judge.

bad, was made in Prussia."

At a sick bed, and at a funeral, wom the train abed 404 ordinary passenger | en are always superior to men.

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American stump speakers, when they by a sharp, startling rattle, a sound of it was the Russian peasant woman,

"Hit appears to me," Jim was saythe best speakers. The voice is low- ing, "that that air wind don't bode any ered instead of being raised. The de- good to the settlers round these parts."

"Why so, Jim?" "Guess you hain't ever ben on one retain mastery of his emotions. Mr. out hyar that's more feared than the to death?" Gladstone's deepest tones were always Old Nick himself-one on 'em's a peral- Alice caught the child from the reserved for his finest passages when rie fire and another's a perarie with the he was summing up a great argument wind a-blowin' a forty-mile-an-hour saddle as best she could. The woman

sionate judgment. These were the They rode on again in silence. Agnes

portant. Instead of warming up to his bizness for us, sure's you're a foot you here to die!" work, he seems to cool off. His voice high! Git up there?" he yelled to the The woman's stolid nature was deepens in tone; his manner becomes horses, and, giving one of them a sting- aroused at last by the animal fear of deliberate in its earnestness; he seems ing blow with his whip, they sprang danger, and while the heat grew more to be holding himself back; but every into a run. Across the level plain shone intense every minute, she clambered word vibrates with intensity of con- a light, the light at the ranch head- up behind Alice. viction or feeling. He does not use his quarters nearly a mile away. To the hands at such moments. He stands left of it a dull, reddish glow had come fire. He had not moved since he erect and motionless an impressive up and, now and then, at the horizon reached the spot; he seemed like some figure with a calm face and flashing line, where the darker part of the sky beautiful statue, his body motionless, eyes. Some of the greatest American was lost in the prairie, sharp flames

"Don't be skeered," Jim ejaculated, dell Phillips, Henry Ward Beecher and as he whipped the horses into a yet George William Curtis lowered their more furious pace; "there ain't no dan- He paid no attention. She spoke

Alice was a self-possessed city girl 40,000, against 14,000 twenty years ago. pale.

teresting facts concerning them that cumstances: "don't you be skeered." are reported by G. Bie Ravndal, United He had seized the reins between his States consul at Blerut. In Jerusalem firm, strong teeth, and now with one alone there are 22,000 Jews, the recent hand, now with the other, now with immigrants from Europe and America both, he was whipping the horses into being called Aschkenazim, to distin- still greater speed. "Hate-ter-lick a guish them from their oriental breth- team-like this"-as the wag-n bounced ren, who are called Sephardists. A and tumbled and rattled along; "hate ter do hit-but hit-can't be helpedwhen there's life-depends-on it."

A few moments more and the horses dashed up to the big ranch headquarters house. Jim threw the lines to the ground and seizing Alice by the waist, Jumped out with her.

"Sorry to be so imperlite, but there ers by the Jewish Colonization Asso ain't any time to wait-kin you ride

Barely waiting for an affirmative anand are cultivating the soil extensive | saddle on a beautiful horse, and before ly. One of them has put in 1,500,000 Alice had time to recover from her surand mulberry trees. Another is experi- brother's establishment, the horse was

"You say you kin ride; wa'al here's whether the Zionists succeed or not in five generations; there ain't nothin' but grass-grown plain. establishing a new Judean government a perairie fire kin ketch him. Jump they are helping in the development of him, Miss Waring, ride straight toward the country, which is but a shadow of the fire yonder; thar ain't no danger its former self. They have even com- now till you git ter Mule Crick. Jest municated some of their energy to the over the crick a quarter of a mile or so old Jewish residents, who "are no thar's a Russian woman an her six longer content with studying the Tal- weeks' old baby. She's all alone, for mud and living on charity, but are I saw her husband in town when we waking to the fact, as the Hebrew left. They hain't backfired an inch, would put it, that to till the ground is and you've got to git the woman and worship of God." The principal diffi- her baby over the crick. See? I'd go culties with which the immigrants myself, but the wind is shifted and have to contend are such as are inevit- this hull ranch'll be in danger afore pult. able under Turkish dominion. The long. You'll pass your brother and a taxes are very heavy and the officials parcel o' men backfirin' along the line; are, of course, corrupt. There is dan- don't stop for any explanations, but ger, besides, from the Bedouins. One ride fer the crick an' ride as if Old Harry was on yer track! You been't The blood had come back to the pale

"You say there's little danger of my

losing my life, Jim?"

"Not a bit-of you only git that woman across the crick in time; but don't wait-jump quick, fer the Lord's sake, or you'll be too late,"

With a rude toss he threw her into saddle as if she had been a child, and handed her the reins. As he did so he thrust a short, cruel rawhide into her band.

"Don't hit him with that unless you have to-he's never been licked in his

It is long, sometimes, before a horse and its rider become acquainted with ed it and the bill was thrown out. one another; but it seemed but a few seconds to Alice before she and the noble animal were old friends. Jim was wise they would return to Paris with right. Prince Hal could run; and after all their rolls of notes and sacks of the first few tremendous jumps and coin. Prince Bismarck, who was pres- Alice had steadled herself in the saddle the thrilling excitement stirred her bill. I will myself make up the deficit, blood like an intoxicant, and she realized that Jim had told the truth; it promised to be the race of her life. "Je-ho-sa-phat!" exclaimed a man

who was plowing a fire furrow along the edge of the ranch where the men were at work. "Mr. Waring, look, will you! Look at Prince Hal?" Mr. Waring had not more than time

to look up before he saw his choicest mount pass by him like the wind, a girl with hair flying behind her on his back, the horse going at a pace that not his fastest Kentucky ancester ever matched.

On the borse went as if he, too, knew of the life-saving mission of the hour. The foam came from his teeth, and his flanks were white. Alice leaned forward in the saddle, as she urged him on, and stroked his neck.

A moment more and they were at the creek, a shallow stream. Beyond, Alice | wonders what drew suck a fool crowd.

T was rapidly growing dusk on could see a low house silhouetted the wide prairie, and the stars were against a great red bank of flame. The just beginning to show like glitter- fire was coming. Already she could ing diamond points. Just the sugges- feel the intense heat. A leap and a tion of the autumn was in the cool bound; they were over the stream and phasizing the important points in their night air. The stillness as Jim and on again with still swifter flight. It speeches. One of the most familiar ex- Miss Waring drove along over the si- was a matter of seconds now until the pedients is a quickening of the delivery. lent plain was broken now and then low sod house was reached. In front

wish to be most effective, raise their once heard never to be forgotten, the frantically trying to save some of her voices, fling out their voices as if they danger signal of the deadly rattle- household goods by dragging them were burning coals, and frequently snake coiled up in the long, brown with one hand further from the course of the fire, while in one arm she clutched the baby, around which she had thrown a wet shawl to protect it from the heat.

"Why didn't you run?" cried Alice, as she jumped from the horse; "don't There is intensity without heat. The of our Dakoty perairies afore, Miss you see, the fire is almost on you? You orator exhibits self-control, and makes Waring, or you wouldn't have asked can't save your things; run for the an impression by his evident effort to such a question. There's two things creek! Run, I say, or you'll be burned

woman's arms and sprang up into the stood as if stupefied, the red glow from the coming flames lighting up her stolld passages which he invariably prepared Waring had come from the far great face. The fire was coming on faster in advance with painstaking care, but city to visit her brother on his Western now; they could hear the roar and when he delivered them, his manner ranch. Jim, the man-of-all-work, was crackle as it swept through the long, was stately in dignity, and he seemed driving her out from the station, fifteen man-high grass of the swale beyond the fence.

and platform orator in England. He Jim suddenly, rising in his seat and run fast enough now to get to the adopts a similar expedient when he stopping the horses with a tremendous creek; jump behind me, quick! quick! considers a passage particularly im- jerk, "look over there, will you? Thar's or we shall all be burned. I can't leave

Prince Hal's face was toward the

his ears sharp erect, his nostrils distended; the awful fascination of the fire was upon him.

Alice pulled at the bit to turn him. sharply, but he only moved uneastly; he would not stir from the spot, Swiftwith a generous stock of old-fashloned er than an electric shock came the common sense; but she was startled at thought to her mind that horses in The Jews in Palestine now number Jim's actions and her face had grown burning buildings would stay and die in the flames before they would be led "Everything's all right," said Jim, as out. It would be impossible to reach reassuring as he could under the cir- the creek on foot; in half a minute



ON A LIFE-SAVING MISSION.

more the flames would be on them istic names applied to them are the "Ja- swer from the girl, who was passion- Snatching the wet shawl from the baby cob Memorial," the "First to Zion," the ately fond of riding, and who modestly with one hand, and swinging the child "Hope of Israel," the "Head Corner owned the gold medal for superior backward to its mother with the other, Stone," and the "Door of Hope." They horsewomanship in her city riding all have their schools and synagogues club, Jim ran to the barn, flung a man's head. With the sight of the fire shut out he quivered, turned as the bit gave him a sharp twist, and, just as the vines and 25,000 olive, almond, orange prise at this novel introduction to her flames were leaping over the sheds hard by the house, he sprang away.

It was a race for life now-for three lives; for the wind had increased to a pride in its agricultural school, in the best chance to show hit you ever gale, and there is nothing more terrible which 100 or more pupils are taught had in your life. That's the best hoss in this would than such a relentless gardening. The consul says that in McLeod County-racin' blood for ocean of flame as was rolling over the

Alice thought of Jim's parting advice:

"He's never been licked in his life. but if you have ter, give it to him rede

With a sharp cry, urging the horse on under his heavy burden, she struck a few months should be kept through him with all her strength on the quiv- out the entire year. It is said that ering flank, not once, but many times, He jumped as if stung by a rattlesnake. are now in the habit of taking a house and seizing the bit in his teeth, sprang, when possible rather than living in a away as if shot from some mighty cata-

Alice had lost all control of him now, She could neither guide nor check nor urge him. The blood of a noble ancestry, the blood of a racer was on fire in his veius. Down the short hill, over the brook, up the further side, on over the plain like some wild spirit of the night he ran. A cheer that you could have heard a mile, and that, mayhap. was heard clear up to the stars of heaven, rang out as Prince Hal, white with foam, flew by the crowd of men.

"Wa'al, of you ain't the plucklest gall" said Jim, as he helped Alice from the saddle; "an' you ain't agoin' ter faint, nutber; I kin tell it by your eye. Didn't I tell you he could outrun a cyclone? But there had ter be somebody a top o' him who knew how ter ride."-Independent.

An Ezg Trick.

Mr. Wardner exhibited a paper in which was an article on the Klondiker and a portrait showing a Frenchy looking man with a big diamond in his shirt front, swell cut of clothes and a stovepipe hat the Prince of Wales would have been proud to wear. Mr. Wardner laughed as he looked at the picture again and related some anecdotes of "Swiftwater Bill," the man who had struck "\$5,000 to the square foot on "Bill" had the second best bed-rock." claim on the Yukon, and was so selfimportant on his return that he kept a private secretary through whom the reporters had to interview him. He married the sister of Gussie La More, a vaudeville dancer who danced in a tent in Dawson, "Swiftwater Bill" paid her attention, but got mad at the dancer and married her sister. The dancer was very fond of eggs while in Dawson, and after their quarrel "Bill" bought up every egg there was in the place, paying \$1 apiece for them to the number of about 400, and then ate his meals near her so as to enjoy her annoyance at not being able to have her egg orders filled. While he was eating his fill of eggs in a tantalizing way she had to be content with bacon at \$25 an order,-Milwaukee Sentinel.

After a man sees it himself he always

MICHIGAN'S BEE WIZARD.

Quaint Characters of the State.

One of the quaint characters of Saginaw, Mich., is "Uncle Bill" McMurphy, the bee wizard, who has netted a snug little fortune gathering wild honey from the woods of Saginaw County. For upward of forty years this strange old man has roamed the forests and wild lands of the valley, spending the golden autumn days in the solitude of the woods and wild flowers spying upon the secret hiding place of the bees' hard-earned treasure. The trade of a bee hunter seems a very peculiar one, almost an irksome task, but Mr. McMurphy has plied it until he has reduced it to a science, and each season's work generally averages him from 1,200 to 1,500 pounds of strained honey. Some years he has done even better than this and prepared for market over a ton of the saccharine product. By an actual record of each year's yield for the past forty years, which ended on Nov. 15 last, Mr. McMurphy had gathered a trifle over twenty-six tons of wild honey.

When the bee-hunting operations be gin in the fall it is with great difficulty that the hunter succeeds in attracting



the busy insects from the rich wild flowers to the bee box, a small wooden structure arranged in compartments, with tiny glass windows-which is in truth a snare or trap. This trap is balted with a sweet, highly scented mixture, which contains a drug that partially stupefies the bees and renders the labor of following them to the "bee tree" less difficult. After the insects have once tasted the alluring mixture in the box they lose all appetite for the sweets of the wild flowers, and after loading up on the mixture in the box fly sluggishly to their tree, where they discharge their load and return directly to the box, bringing other bees with them. When the hunter has the bees working on the box it takes but a short time to locate the tree where the honey is being stored up. As a bee leaves the box he watches the direction of his flight. If the bee tree is a mile or so away upon leaving the box the bee rises perpendicularly to a height of forty feet, then heads directly for his tree, but if the tree is but a few rods away from the box the bee leaves the snare leisurely, in a diagonal manner, but directly toward his tree, for invariably the bees fly to the storehouse of their money "as the crow flies." The hunter watches their flight, then takes his box and follows upon their trail him to the base of the honeybee tree.

FURNISHED HOUSES. Are Rented by the Fashionables for

the Short Term Session.

Now that it has become the habit of

New-Yorkers to remain out of the city

for longer periods than they formerly

did, the furnished house has become a much more important element in the real estate business. This same ten dency has been noted in London, where it is no longer considered necessary to the maintenance of one's position that a house which is to be occupied for only Americans who go there for the season hotel at a greater expense and with less certainty of comfort. The convenlence of the furnished house max be a very great one to the tenant, but it is a highly profitable form of enterprise to the landlords, who, in addition to the advance in price paid for the use of furniture, are in the habit of receiving for a few months the same price that would be paid for a whole year, The prices demanded for furnished houses are very high, and they are dangerous speculations only when they are not taken by the beginning of every winter season, which is commonly supposed to be from about the middle of November to the 1st of December. After this later date the rent asked for the furnished house declines steadily and the profits of the landlord are diminished. This loss is less in the case

able has increased in spite of the risks. New York Sun.

Two Irish Stor.es. One day, hearing a knock at the door, a mistress asked her Irish servant who it was that called.

of those who are in the habit of occu-

as a general rule the percentage of loss

is likely to be considerable when the

house is not rented promptly. The de-

mand for such house has been so great

in recent years that the number avail-

"It was a gintleman, ma'am, looking for the wrong house," was the reply. A workman repairing the roof of one of the highest buildings in Dublin lost his footing and fell. Striking a telegraph line in his fall, he managed to grasp it. "Hang on for your West shouted a fellow workman. Some of the spectators rushed off to get a mattress on which he could drop. But the workman, after holding on for a few seconds longer, suddenly cried out: "Sthand from under!" dropped and lay senseless in the street. He was brought to the hospital, and on recovery was asked why he did not hang on longer. "Shure, I was afraid the wire wud brake," he feebly replied.

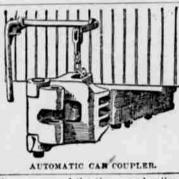
Mrs. Murphy-The swate little ba bles! Mrs. Dugan-They do be that, an' ut's twins they are. Mrs. Murphy -Yez don't say! An' are the both av thim yours? Judge.

BOON TO BRAKEMEN. to act, experiments were made, March

"Uncie Bill" McMurphy, One of the SAFETY APPLIANCES ON RAIL-ROAD CARS.

> Interstate Commerce Law Has Compelled the Great Trunk Lines to Equip Freight Cars and Engines with New Enfety Couplings and Guards.

> With the beginning of the new year there was signalized the execution of a law that gives to railway employes a vastly superior degree of safety and protection than they have hitherto enjoyed. A visit to the various railroad repair shops during the last month of 1808 would have witnessed unusual bustle and preparation, for many interstate lines were striving to complete the equipment of their freight rolling stock, with security appliances required by legislation. These efforts indicate



the progress of the times, and railway employes and the general public alike

at the lowest possible minimum. Fifteen years ago the man who deing switches, cut out cars, recouple ents. and risk all the possibilities of fatal | The new drawhead in a freight car accident which no care nor skill could is fashioned much like the wrist and overcome. He was exposed to all kinds curved hand of a man. The wrist is of weather. It might rain so hard that the bar of the drawhead, which goes he could not see the lights fifty feet under the platform and holds the head away. It might so sleet that his lofty firmly in place. The head itself has perch was slippery as glass. A slide sufficient radial movement to admit of

3, 1893, the law was passed that put a new system into operation, and with the present year uniformity of action with the various roads has gone into effect. This measure throws all the known safeguards around all classes of railroad employes, especially those who handle the commerce of the country. By its restrictions no rolling stock can be used that is not equipped with air brakes and automatic conplings. No man need now go behind a moving engine and make a coupling The fact that the great lines could not all at once equip their engines and cars is the reason why six years have been given to gradually perfect arrangements. A violation of this law by an average road running 20,000 cars would cost a couple of millions, the fine for each violation being \$100 Still, some roads are not yet entirely ready, and Congress is being petition ed to extend the time for five years additional in some instances where the adoption of the new devices will have to be slow and gradual.

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The total equipment, locomotives and cars, last June, was 1,333,509. Of this number but 448,854 were fitted with train brakes, and 545,583 with automatic couplers. The increase during the year 1808 was 27,339. In 1861, out of every 152 trainment employed one was killed, and only 181 passengers suffered similar fate, or one out of 2.827,474. This indicates the terrible risks assailing a railroad employe before safety appliances were adopted, As has been said, the chief cause of delay in forcing these improvements was the lack of uniformity. Some have been intensely interested in the cars have their drawheads well up on investigation and adoption of appli- the platform, others drop under. Leg. ances that place risk to life and limb islation has established a popular plane. It has not taken long to sift the devices down to one that possesses voted himself to a career on the hurri- the requisites of universal interlockcane deck of a freight car took his life ing couplers that unite automatically in his own hands. He was forced to go by impact. The master car builders. in between moving cars, take out cou- in convention, have formulated specipling plus and put them in with his fications that preserve the essentials naked hands. On the road the brake- of plane above the tracks, conformaman was also switchman-he had to tion of knuckles and grip, and size of maintain his position on top of the car the automatic drawhead. This syswhile in motion, set brakes when sig- tem, when followed out, admits of the nalled, take the ground and make fly- adoption of any one of a hundred pat-



MAKING A COUPLING ON A STORMY NIGHT.

of the foot meant an inquest. These its being opened and closed at will. men were hardy, brave, daring. They There are two portions of the knuckle. deemed it a disgrace to betray fear, and One can be represented by the thumb, they did many really reckless things and the other by the curved fingers. almost uncalled for, to show bravado, The fingers of this knuckle never until the accidents and dismember- straighten, but they will move radicments became so numerous that they ally on the wrist axis, thus permitting began to cast about for means of re-

ducing the danger. The air brake, the automatic coupler and the closed platform were the first moves in this direction, but were adopted rather to protect the passenger than the employe. Further, as originally used, they were faulty. Prompt stops were difficult, rear-end collisions-because of the impetus of the enginewere frequent. Clamps to tie the driving wheels were a step ahead in the way of improvement. All this, how-Then came the turn of the freight



BRAKEMAN'S HAND CRUSHED,

with air breaks, but the old way of risking a crushed hand in coupling with link and pln still continued. Great skill was shown by experts in manipulating these so as to fall always at the right tilt. Superintendents finally made each man carry a short club to help in this work. It operated well and reduced the risk, and here was the start of the automatic coupling for freight cars.

With the passage of the interstate commerce law, the matter of the protection for employes was taken up in earnest. The industrial unions agitated the subject, and forced the roads

the drawhead to be opened for the dropping of the opposite fist. The brakeman turns a lever in opening the coupler, and is not compelled to put more than half of one arm in between the cars.

ARABIAN WOMEN.

Some of Them Never Leave Their Homes After Their Marriage.

Many an Arab lady never leaves her home from the time she is married unever, applied solely to passenger trains. til she is carried out to be buried. A woman of the middle class is allowed more liberty, and occasionally goes out for walks, accompanied, as a rule, by a servant. The poor creature is enveloped in masses of white drapery, which make her look like a walking bundle, and in front of her face she arranges a large black scarf, embroidered with blue, red and white flowers. It falls low in front, and even by holding up the ends she cannot see more than a foot or two of the road before her. Servants and other women of the lower classes wear pieces of black crepon wound tightly round their faces, leaving just a slit for their eyes to peep through, and they are equally muffled up in white draperles. Seen from a distance they might be men with masks or tkick black boards, as in Arab countries It is by se means easy to tell a man frem a weman at first sight. The older and uglier a woman is the more prudish she seems to be about covering up her face, which, after all, is rather considerate on her part. Even the greater number of negresses wear the yashmak, but the Bedouin women never do. Indeed, in the interior there is one Arab tribe whose men wear vells and whose women go about with their faces uncovered. These are probably the "new women" of Arabia.

"Uncle Beasley, are you going to heaven?" asked the little boy. "I s'pose I'll have to, some day or other," answer-

ed the old man.-Cincinnati Enquirer. The hen that refuses to lay should be interred in a pot ple.