

SHE LOST HER HEAD.

She Thought It Would Pe Cut Off if She Staid, So She Fled.

This girl thinks that trainmen are just horrid. One of them nearly scared her into a fit the other day. She was going down to the levee ferry landing to go over to East St. Louis to visit a friend, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. It was her first trip and she had heard awful stories of how murder was committed several times a day down on the levee, whose denizens she had been told thought less of cutting a throat than of wringing a chicken's head off. She was nervous and scared as she penetrated the city's purlieus. A freight train was being switched down there and a loud voiced switchman was giving instruction to another of his craft. Switchmen have a language all their own, which is incomprehensible to the plain everyday non-railroading citizen. Among other things they call a train "her" and "she," just as a sailor refers to a ship, and just as she neared the switchman this is what he yelled: "Head her off, Jim, cut her in two and send the head end up here." She fled from the murderous villain and postponed her voyage across the

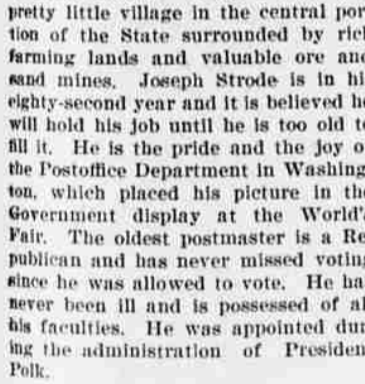


FLED FROM THE VILLIAN.
raging Mississippi. Meantime the other switchman obeyed orders. He cut the train in two and sent the head end back.

THE OLDEST POSTMASTER.

He Is Joseph Strode and Was Appointed by President Polk.

Joseph Strode, of Milfin County, Pa., is the oldest postmaster in the United States. That is to say, the oldest in continuous service, for Mr. Strode has held his position of master of the mails at Strode's Mills since 1845, despite changes of administrations, political upheavals, war and rumors of war. Strode's Mills is a pretty little village in the central portion of the State surrounded by rich farming lands and valuable ore and sand mines. Joseph Strode is in his eighty-second year and it is believed he will hold his job until he is too old to fill it. He is the pride and the joy of the Postoffice Department in Washington, which placed his picture in the Government display at the World's Fair. The oldest postmaster is a Republican and has never missed voting since he was allowed to vote. He has never been ill and is possessed of all his faculties. He was appointed during the administration of President Polk.



Victoria's Gold Plate.

The gold plate at Windsor castle consists of about 10,000 pieces. It is kept in the gold pantry, which is an iron room situated on the ground floor under the royal apartments. The clerk of the pantry gives it out in iron boxes and receives a receipt for it. It is carried by special train, under escort of a guard of soldiers, and delivered to the butler at Buckingham palace. He gives a receipt for it and is responsible for it while it remains at the palace. The same formalities are observed in taking it back, and all persons concerned are glad when it is once more restored to the safekeeping of the gold pantry. The total value of the plate in this department is nearly £2,000,000. A great deal of it dates from the reign of George IV., but among the antiquities are some pieces which were taken from the Armada.

Rule of Paganini's Violin.

A leader of the social world of her day and generation invited Paganini to a dinner at which other men and women, distinguished in art, were to be present. She had expected that he would play before them during the evening, and when the great musician arrived, to her chagrin she discovered that he had not brought his instrument. "Oh, Signor!" she exclaimed, reproachfully, "you have not brought your violin." "No, madame," Paganini answered, "my violin never dines out."

Turned His Hair Gray.

A SAN FRANCISCO DRUMMER'S CLOSE CALL.

George R. Hendrickson, a Well-known Traveling Man, Describes a Never-to-be-forgotten Experience—Thought He Was Going to be Launched Into Eternity.

From the Chronicle, San Francisco, Cal.

George R. Hendrickson, of 506 Market street, San Francisco, Cal., is one of the best known commercial travelers on the Pacific coast. Mr. Hendrickson has grown gray in the service but his frosted hair and patriarchal beard are due more to an experience he had about three years ago, than to age.

"There was not much to hope for," said the old-time traveler when relating his experience yesterday, "and I never expected to take an order again. It is not a pleasant thing to contemplate, when walking along the street, to be seized with a sinking spell and think you are about to be launched into eternity. That was the condition of my existence for about six months. The doctors told me that I was suffering from nervous prostration. Well I guess I was. I had had an attack of the grippe, and my complaint was the result of that disease. I consulted the best physicians in the town and took their medicine, but I grew no better. My stomach went back on me and I suffered all the ills that accompany nervous disorders.

"While under the care of the doctors I never knew what peace of mind was. The least sound coming unexpectedly threw me into a cold sweat, and caused chills to run up and down my back. I was subject to vertigo and every time I had an attack I feared that I would drop to the sidewalk a corpse. I began to think I would be better off if dead, when I came across Dr. Williams' Pink Pills down in Los Gatos. I have studied medicine and recognized the value of the pills very readily. I threw my last bottle of medicine over the bridge at Los Gatos and began to take the pills. At once my condition began to improve. I got relief from the start and I determined to give the pills all the chance in the world. I went home and stayed there for three months, at the end of which time I was a new man, my health being completely restored."

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Delicious Snails of Provence.

The Provencal snails, which feed in a gourmet fashion upon vine leaves, are peculiarly delicious, and there was a murmur of delight from our company as the four women brought to the table four big dishes full of them; and for a while there was only the sound of eager munching, mixed with the clatter on china of the empty shells. To extract them we had the strong thorns, three or four inches long, of the wild acacia; and on these the little brown morsels were carried to the avid mouths and eaten with a bit of bread sopped in the sauce; and then the shell was subjected to a vigorous sucking, that not a drop of the sauce lingering within it should be lost.—Century.

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Bits of Things.

The love that serves not is selfishness. How many things can you think of for which to be thankful during the past year?

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak, and the deaf hear and understand.—Bovee.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Gal. 5: 14.

A London paper recently offered a prize for the best definition of "friend." This is the prize definition: "The first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

In the co-operative age the abnormal, unhealthy and destructive growth of large cities will be done away with. They are excrescences on the social life, and have been the festering cause of the decay and downfall of empires and republics, from Solomon's time to the present. Man's first home was in a garden, close to nature, and nowhere else can he attain his best moral or intellectual development. In the co-operative age the great factories and storehouses of commerce will be taken out of the pressure of the great cities and placed where all workers by hand or brain shall have an acre or two of God's earth for home and garden.—S. H. Comings.

Don't Worry.

There is but one way out of the difficulty. It is impossible to avoid all the causes for worry, for there is no day that does not bring its share, but the trouble lies in the fact that so many yield weakly to the depressions to which nearly everyone is liable, and do not make any effort to rise superior to their trials. Worry is not always the accompaniment of great troubles; it more frequently arises from petty cares, the constant jar and fret of which in time wears out the life. These can surely be put aside if one has the will to do so, and this is most easily done by substituting in their places thoughts of other and better things, which will take the mind out of self and selfish affairs and turn it in other channels.

Her Fernies.

Mrs. Hatfield—I can't stand dishonesty and I think this speculating is just as dishonest as gambling. By the way, I see that Mrs. Hendrix has another beautiful ring. I wonder how her husband can afford to buy her so many diamonds?

Mr. Hatfield—He runs a bucket shop. Mrs. Hatfield (after a long silence)—John, I wonder if you couldn't get into that business?—Cleveland Leader.

BADLY HIPPED.

Is it hardly a compliment to say that anyone is "hipped," but anyone is pretty badly hipped who suffers with sciatica. It is in the hip that the excruciating pain takes hold and tortures. It is just there where St. Jacobs Oil, with its soothing penetration, has done some of its most remarkable work of cure. Those who suffer thus, therefore, need not despair of cure when this great remedy for pain can be had so readily, and as it is known as a sure cure, be sure to get it and insure speedy and perfect riddance of the intense misery. There are cases of confirmed crippling from this malady which this great remedy has effectually cured and restored the sufferer to a sound condition.

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MILLIONS OF COOK BOOKS GIVEN AWAY.

There is one large house in this country that has taken business on its turn and means to ride on the rising tide. Alive to the signs of better times and to the best interests of the people, they are now circulating among families a valuable publication known as THE CHARLES A. VOGELER COMPANY'S COOKERY BOOK AND BOOK OF CONFORT AND HEALTH, which contains very choice information on the subject of cooking. Receipts for the preparation of good, substantial and dainty dishes, prepared especially for it by a leading authority, will be found in its pages. Much care has been taken in its preparation and distribution, with the hope that it will be just the thing needed for housekeepers, and just the thing needed also for the care of the health and household. As a Cookery Book it will be invaluable to keep on hand for reference.

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tion, and at the same time we find hosts of people still willing to be led astray by the hundred and one nostrums which irresponsible traders try to foist upon them on the pretext that these preparations are "as good as Paine's celery compound" (but really because they make a big profit on such preparations), it is time for every one who detests fraud to warn his neighbors, and take the warning himself, that when he goes to get a bottle of Paine's celery compound he must not be wheedled into taking some other remedy.

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