

ONLY ONE TRAIN BOY

SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS CLASS IN ALASKA.

Candy Butcher on the Klondike Limited Does Not Need to Dig Gold—Enormous Prices Given or Everything He Has to Sell.

The old query as to whether or not you would like to be the iceman will be rapidly forgotten as soon as song writers and balladists learn about the train boy in Alaska. There is a train boy in Alaska. Just one. Or rather there was a few weeks ago, but by this time he may be somewhere in the Mediterranean on his private yacht blowing rings from his 50-cent cigars, and sweating at his \$5,000-a-year sailing master because he cannot whistle up a breeze.

Think of being the only train boy on a railroad that brings miners with thousands of dollars' worth of gold out of the greatest mining camp in the world. There is only one railroad to Alaska—that is the White Pass and Yukon Railroad. On that railroad there is a train called the Klondike Limited.

The Klondike Limited! Isn't the sound of that name enough to make a common candy butcher on the run between Peoria and Lafayette, Ind., stick his head into his basket of salted peanuts and strangle himself to death? For there is a trainboy on the Klondike Limited. On the Klondike Limited, that brings prospectors and miners and adventurers weighted down with golden nuggets back to the States civilization, and the girls they left behind them, there is a candy butcher. And all these prospectors and miners and adventurers on this Klondike Limited are bubbling over with joy that the days of their exile are over, and that soon they will be back to their boyhood homes again. Think of turning loose a candy butcher in such a crowd as that. To quote another popular song, "It seems like a shame to take the money."

The trainboy on the Klondike Limited, like his brothers on the Kenosha local, deals in peanuts, candy, books, papers, and magazines. But more than that, he sells shirts and collars and bright red neckties. He also has a full line of plug tobacco and cigars of the finest cabbage selected leaf. The trainboy does not like to sell cigars. He only gets 50 cents apiece for them, and they cost him 75 cents a hundred. He sells the cigars to show he's a good fellow. He didn't originally deal in shirts and haberdashery, but he found that the miners returning to civilization yearn madly for a "billed" shirt. So after he had sold the shirt off his back, together with his collar and red necktie for \$100 he decided to carry a stock of shirts and ties.

There are stringent restrictions in Alaska in regard to selling whisky, and so the trainboy doesn't sell it. He gives it away, and lets the man tip him for his trouble in pulling the cork. If the man were to give him a nugget any smaller than the size of the cork the trainboy would haughtily refuse to let him buy any more cigars, and would charge him at least \$5 for a two months' old newspaper, which he ordinarily gives away for only \$1.50.

Then the trainboy sells playing cards, and the passengers are always wanting a game. He puts up the table, too, hands around the matches, and, of course, a large and substantial "kitty" is maintained on one side of the table for the sole support of the obliging trainboy. If anybody was to put a quarter or a silver half dollar into the "kitty" the trainboy wouldn't be angry. He uses those things to pay storekeepers for fresh goods for his next run.

A Seattle newspaper man interviewed the trainboy on the last trip from Alaska. Quoth the trainboy: "Am I it? Am I? Say, ain't I a naughty boy? I know it's wrong to take the money, but I need it in my business, and, besides, as soon as I get enough I'll buy the railroad and give some other good deserving boy a chance to fasten on to a little honest money. But \$1 for a sack of peanuts. Say, that's a penitentiary offense in Illinois. But I need the money."—Chicago Tribune.



Honey dew has been a subject of recent investigations which show it to be a sugary substance obtained from the juice of the trees—such as a sycamore, ash and lime—on which it is found. The statement that honey dew is sometimes produced by other insects than aphides seems to be ill-founded, as reports indicate that the insects noticed are prisoners that have been caught by the sticky honey dew.

The sun's heat raises from the earth every minute thirty-seven billion tons of water, or say a weight equal to six times that of the Great Pyramid. Such heat could only be produced on earth by burning eight million cubic miles of

coal per second—that is to say, a nice little block two hundred miles long, two hundred miles high and two hundred miles broad, weighing twelve thousand millions of tons.

The bones of three mastodons have been discovered in Death Valley, California, and their discoverer, a miner, has taken out a claim for the purpose of excavating them. Another indication of the popular appreciation of the money value of the remains of prehistoric animals is the fact that a mining claim has been filed in Southern California to cover the excavation of a fossil whale of the Pliocene epoch.

An electric railway is to be constructed between Liverpool and Manchester, intended especially for the swift transportation of passengers. It is said that the system adopted will be that of the single elevated rail, the cars being suspended from the rail. The projectors talk of sending trains from one city to the other, a distance of about twenty-nine miles, in fifteen minutes, or at the rate of 115 miles an hour.

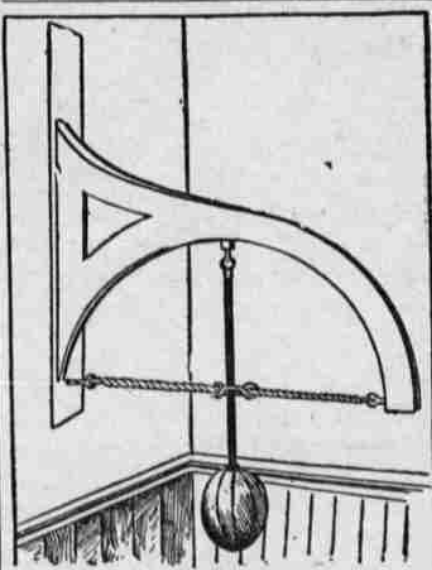
The search for convenient ways of transportation by which the products of the Sudan may reach the outer world has called attention to a remarkable phenomenon of vegetable life on some of the head waters and tributaries of the Nile. This consists of enormous growths of papyrus and other plants, completely covering the streams and forming carpets of vegetation two or three feet thick, beneath which flows the water. Navigation by small boats is, of course, entirely interrupted by this obstruction, which is in places supplemented by vines and clinging plants which arch the streams from bank to bank. Heavy floods occasionally sweep away the accumulations of plants, but they are quickly reformed.

Several years ago, members of the Geological Survey suggested that in former times the Tennessee River, instead of joining the Ohio, as at present, flowed into the Gulf of Mexico through the channels of the Coosa and Alabama Rivers. This conclusion has recently been corroborated in a singular manner by Charles T. Simpson, of the Smithsonian Institution. The original suggestion was based on the appearances of the land, but Mr. Simpson's confirmation depends upon the distribution of a particular form of fresh-water mussel which, although it is peculiar to the Tennessee River, is also found in the Coosa and the Alabama. As these creatures cannot traverse the land, the inference is that formerly the waters of the Tennessee flowed southward into the streams above named.

PUNCHING-BAG SUPPORT.

Improved Mounting Designed by a New Yorker.

One of the objections to the punching bag as a method of exercise in gymnasiums has hitherto been the racket occasioned by the bag striking against the overhead shield after each blow, and there is also danger of dislocating the frame when the ball is violently moved. To eliminate these objections



MOUNTING FOR A PUNCHING BAG.

and provide an improved mounting for the bag George McFadden, of New York City, has designed the apparatus illustrated in the accompanying cut. A semi-circular arm is attached to the side wall or suspended from the ceiling, and at the center of the arch is swiveled a vertical rod, to the lower end of which the bag is securely attached. To prevent undue motion of the bag when struck the inventor provides a pair of flexible rubber bands, which are twisted and attached to the opposite ends of the arch, the rod which supports the ball being passed between the twists. The use of these bands gives a quick return and renders the exercise almost entirely noiseless by preventing the ball from striking the overhead portion of the support.

He Had a Good Reason.

"I notice you never criticize your wife's cooking," remarked the young benedict.

"No," replied the man of experience, "I have learned better. You see, when you criticize your wife's cooking, she is always trying to demonstrate that your criticisms are unjust, while if you say nothing about it, she has no object in going into the kitchen, and consequently leaves matters entirely to the cook."—Chicago Post.

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New Irrigation Ditch.

A plan is being discussed by which the greater part of Canyon Hill, Idaho, will be susceptible to irrigation. A ditch will be dug from the Caldwell canal to the top of the hill.

Large Contract for Sawlogs.

Callahan & Boyle have contracted with the Nelson Sawmill company, of Nelson, B. C., to furnish 4,000,000 feet of sawlogs.

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Death Statistics of Washington.

Forty sudden deaths occurred in Spokane county, Wash., during 1900. Of these 22 were due to accident, 10 were suicides, five were caused by sudden attacks of heart disease and apoplexy, two were supposed crimes and one was a legal hanging.

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Idaho Mine Bonded.

The Evergreen-Eureka Gold Mining Company has bonded its property at Camp Dewey, Idaho, to a Salt Lake company. The company agrees to pay \$125,000 for the property, which includes the Evergreen, Eureka and McArthur claims.

Chinese Funeral Rites.

The friends of the dead in China beg permission to burn quaint pasteboard images of men and cattle, shaped in crinkled paper, on the spot where the dead lie. The ceremony is a mark of respect and is believed also to act as a sedative on the departed spirits.

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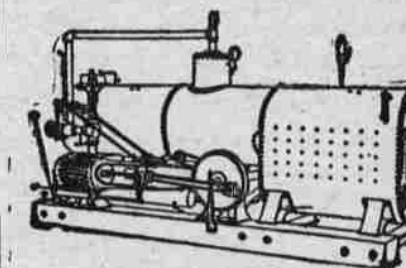
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