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A WRECKING TRAIN.

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"Accident to train No. 16, engine 46, Engineer A. Jones, Conductor L. Watson."

It is a dispatch like the above that the superintendent of a railroad reads most. He may have provided a most careful system of signals, may have perfectly trustworthy trainmen and competent switchmen; yet, despite all this, smash-ups will occur, trains will collide, tracks will be blocked and traffic stopped sometimes for hours over his busiest line.

It is to prevent the stoppage of business that every railroad keeps on hand several wrecking trains which are ready at a moment's notice to go to any part of the system, clear away wrecks, temporarily repair tracks and to put engines and cars in sufficient good order to reach the repair shops.

The moment a wreck occurs the telegraph operator at the nearest station sends a dispatch like the one above, followed by numbered answers to the following questions, which are copied on a blank at the superintendent's office:

- 1. Place of accident? 2. What caused it? 3. Were any persons injured? If so, what persons and to what extent? 4. Is main track obstructed? 5. Is the track or roadbed much damaged? 6. Is a side track near the obstruction which can be used to pass trains around? 7. Will section force be sufficient to clear obstruction? If not, how much greater force is wanted? 8. How long will it take to clear the track so trains can pass? 9. Is engine off the track or damaged? What position is engine in? 10. How many cars are broken or off the track? 11. How many cars are wanted, and what kind, to transfer freight in? 12. How many car trucks are needed? 13. Remarks of any nature concerning the accident.

This is made out in full and signed by the conductor.

HOW AN ACCIDENT IS REPORTED.

Supposing it was a freight train that was wrecked. It is bound west, and on account of a broken rail the train was thrown from the track, and several box cars and "flats" were piled up on both tracks. The conductor would fill out the blank, and when received by the superintendent would read something like the following: Engine 46—Engineer, Jones; conductor, Watson; 1, near Brownville; 2, broken rail; 3, none; 4, yes; 5, yes; 6, no; 7, wrecking train; 8, five or six hours; 9, yes, slightly; 10, seven; 11, five; 12, four; 13, approach on southbound track.

As soon as this dispatch arrives at the office a spare engine is attached to the wrecking train, a gang of men are hastily put aboard, the conductor gives the signal and the train speeds away to the scene of the disaster.

The train is made up of three cars, the first a flat car with a small and powerful derrick and a few spare car trucks. Next behind comes a box car well loaded with blocking, which is of value as temporary foundation for cars whose trucks have been smashed or torn from under them. In the same car is an ample supply of large and small hawsers, chains and canvas covers to protect perishable freight from rain and snow.

The tool car is last, and this indeed is a most interesting one. Some are divided into two or three rooms by partitions running from side to side at different points in the interior. In the center compartment of a three room tool car, where the wreckers remain when in transit, is a cooking stove and all utensils connected with a range, and hard by is a small pantry in which is stored a big supply of canned meats, coffee and utensils to prepare a hearty meal. Adjoining is the foreman's room with desk and all material for writing and the keeping of reports, telegraph machines, batteries and electrical supplies.

The latter supply comes in handy at the wreck. Wires are carried up from the car top to one of the railroad wires, connected, and the force is in communication with the whole railroad system.

Her Views.

Charlie B—is a board of trade man. His wife has ideas of her own. A few days ago she told Charlie at dinner: "Reciprocity is a great thing." "When did you find that out?" asked Charlie. "A lady stepped on my dress today and never offered a word of apology." "Of course not," chuckled Charlie. "But she smiled." "Oh!" "Then I smiled. You see that smile produced a smile in return." "A man would have smiled, too, under the circumstances," remarked Charlie. "That was reciprocity," said Mrs. Charlie, ignoring the remark. "Almost as satisfactory as if you had slapped each other." And she answered in a dreamy voice: "Almost."—Detroit Free Press.

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B. OF L. E.—Meets every Sunday afternoon in the K. of P. Hall.

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T. Sidney Cooper, the English animal painter, says that he often made valuable studies in Cumberland at places where Scotch drovers halted with their cattle for the night. On such occasions he often had a chance to see illustrations of an animal's intelligence as well as of its physical perfection.

One day when there was a pouring rain a man consented to sit for me at the inn where I was staying. He brought his collie with him and both of them were dripping wet, so he put off his plaid and laid it on the floor by the dog.

I made a very successful sketch of the man, but before I had finished it the dog grew fidgety with the wet plaid, and his master said, "Tak' it awa' mon; tak' it awa'!"

The dog took the end of it between his teeth and dragged it out of the room. After I had finished the drover's portrait I asked him if he thought his dog would lie quiet for a time, as I wished to sketch him.

"Oh, he's a canny creature, sir! He knows a mony things, does that dog, sir. But come awa' mon; the gentleman wants to mak' your picture."

So we returned to my room, and the handsome collie sat for his portrait.—Chicago News.

Mrs. Astor's Lingerie.

The cedar chests in the Astor mansion which contain the superb underwear of the queenly Mrs. Astor are perfect household ornaments in themselves, with deep engraved gold lockers with the initial "A" wrought in finest carving upon its surface. Inside the chest, neatly folded in webs of choicest linen, are the dainty garments of society's queen. Each web, as they leave the ironing sheet, they are laid within the chests to await the bidding of the owner. Every article of this superb wardrobe is stitched by hand, and no materials but the purest and finest of linens and cambrics are used. They are all elaborately trimmed with lovely point and duchesse laces, and the initial "A" is daintily embroidered on every article.

In the same orderly manner Mrs. Astor arranges her footwear, which is equally as exquisite; only the cedar chests have apartments molded in which each slipper and boot fits perfectly and keeps its shape.

By the way, Mrs. Astor has a very pretty foot for an old lady. Her ankles are small and shapely and her toes are extremely narrow. Her daughters, Mrs. Coleman Drayton and Mrs. Orme Wilson, have neither of them such pretty feet, and they are eternally envying their mother her beautiful feet and adornments.—New York Cor. Pittsburg Dispatch.

Charles Dickens and the Dog.

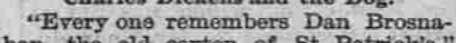
"Every one remembers Dan Brognahan, the old sexton of St. Patrick's," said Mr. H. A. Preston. "Dan had a little dog, a homely cur, with the most plebeian blood in his veins, but a remarkably clever animal. He would follow the sexton everywhere, and the only way to restrain him was behind closed doors. One night about twenty-three years ago Charles Dickens gave a reading in Carroll hall. Dan was on hand to look after the hall, rigged in a dress coat out of deference to the great occasion. He had forgotten the dog, but the dog was on hand.

"In one of his readings the great novelist came to this passage, "'Bow-wow-wow,' barked the little dog." He gave it a realistic rendering, and almost with his words came a responsive and lifelike echo, "Bow-wow-wow." There stood Dan's little yellow cur, directly in front of Chief Justice Chase, and before the great men of the nation, mocking their guest. Dan dragged the dog out, terribly mortified, but Dickens said it was one of the finest compliments he ever received."—Washington Post.

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