

A PLUCKY MAIL CARRIER.

An Arizona Girl Whose Route Lies Through a Desolate Region.

Miss Sarah M. Burks, a jolly, sturdy and brave little woman about 25 years old, carries the United States mail over the Star route from St. Johns to Jimtown, Ariz., twice a week. The distance is fifty-two miles, and it requires a good deal of stoutheartedness, a liberal supply of self-confidence and a dash of love of adventure for any one to make the trip.

Miss Burks' mail route leads through as wild and desolate a region as one can well imagine. Rocky, barren, mountainous, bleak and blasted are weak adjectives of description. What tiny streams there are are poisoned with alkali. Navajo Indians, and occasionally an Apache, who has left the reservation, are somewhat plentiful in that region, but white men very seldom go there, and then only to get the gold, silver and copper which have been liberally strewn throughout the blighting, fierce region. Nothing in the way of vegetation can grow there.

Along the western border of this desolate, uncanny wilderness Sarah Burks rides twice a week. Generally she is



MISS SARAH M. BURKS.

alone, and if she has a companion he is either a miner, a commercial traveler or a territorial lawyer who has rented a horse from Miss Burks' father, and she is to collect payment for the same and see to its care. She says she is a fatalist, and no matter how much danger may environ, she will not come to her death until the appointed hour. She is always armed, and when a mere child she was the crack shot of the mining camp at Harqua Hala. She rode the route first in 1898, when her father, who was a mail carrier, was taken ill. He has never recovered, and the plucky daughter has filled his place ever since.

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RAIL IN A TRIANGULAR BASE.

separately, with grooves on the under side, and can be made of high-grade steel, while the base, which may be of inferior metal, is made triangular, as stated, and as shown in the cut. After the base is laid on the ties the head is slid in its place, its outwardly bent flanges fitting into the grooves of the railhead.

The advantage of this is in avoiding the wear and tear at rail joints. Another feature is that after the head has become worn on one side it can easily be taken off and turned without removing the triangular support. It is also stated that the interior of the rail may be utilized as a conduit to contain telephone or telegraph wires, thus avoiding the stringing of them on poles at the side of the road.

Cheerful Novels.

In a recent article in the Independent Margaret Deland makes a strong plea for the cheerful novel: "For my part," she says, "I find as I grow older I want the novels I read to end well. A story, let us say, of Siberian convict life might be told with truth so far as facts go and with art in its telling, and yet leave the reader miserable and unhappy. See clear, think straight, understand facts, as they lie, good and bad, in the wide setting of eternity—but believe! believe! believe! Believe in the integrity of the moral purpose of the universe—believe in God and in little children—believe in the goodness of the world!"

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"Not hard for me to believe in God; that Jesus is the Son of God; I feel different in my heart. My old fashioned heart was different. I feel all earthly things. I try to do right, and pray God. I want to be swift in God's way."

Such were the words of a converted Indian on joining a Christian church.

Kill or Cure.

Mistress—What is this strange smell in the kitchen?

Colored Servant—I've jes' makin' a love potion for dat niggah dat promised to marry me, an' now he's tryin' to back out.

"Are you sure the potion is a good one? Are you sure it won't hurt him?"

"I don't keer if it kills him if it don't act de way it oughter."—N. Y. Journal.

Rich—Yet Starving.

Doctors frequently have very wealthy patients who are starving. They have money to buy food, but their stomachs have not the strength to digest it. It lies there a heavy fermented mass, the sole cause of dyspepsia, nervousness, and biliousness. The surest remedy to cure a weak stomach is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

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Babies at a Premium.

Mail advices from Madagascar state that the French authorities are collecting a tax of 15 francs on every unmarried male native over 25 years of age, and of 7 1/2 francs on every native woman over 21 years of age who has not a child, legitimate or illegitimate. Many natives borrow children when the tax collector arrives and return them to their parents as soon as the tax collector has gone on.—Dalziel.

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An Instance.

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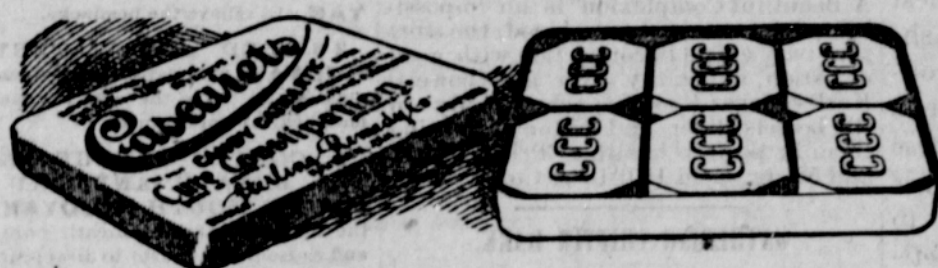
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