

ODDS AND ENDS.

RAN A RACE WITH DEATH.

Narrow Margin by Which a Man on a Railway Bridge Won.

A high trestle bridge more than a quarter of a mile long, supporting the single track of the Nickel Plate railroad, spans the valley of Grand river, east of Palmyra, O. The bridge is little wider than the distance between the rails, and the ties are placed eight or ten inches apart, the space between being open to the river below.

THE MILL RUNS ITSELF.

Economical Way of Doing Business on a Connecticut River.

Joe McCormick of the International Pulp company tells a delicious story of paper making in Connecticut, which shows that operating a mill is not such a serious matter as these big proprietors would have us believe.

"I say," he called out to the nearest one when he got within hearing, "who runs this mill?"

"Well, who's the owner?" "Why, I am, to be sure?" "Do you mean to say that the mill runs itself?"

Rather curiously Roxane in "Cyrano de Bergerac" belongs to the modern type which dates from the days of the Hotel de Rambouillet and has always had its votaries in France.

A Race With the Sun. The London Daily Mail says if an aerial machine were capable of traveling at any rate up to 1,000 miles an hour a traveler in it, starting westward from London at a speed of 500 miles an hour, would arrest the progress of time.

"The young man who gets cheated," said the corn fed philosopher, "thinks the other fellow wonderfully smart, but the elderly person who goes up against it admits himself to be a fool."

When old bachelors kiss babies, the babies don't like it any better than do the old bachelors.—Chicago Record.

A Persian Romance.

A Persian plaque in the South Kensington museum, London, bears by means of clever relief and brilliant color a romantic tale, part legend and part history.

At all events, it is declared to be an incident in the life of Baharam V of the Sassanian dynasty. Baharam, according to legend and plaque, was a wonderful archer.

Indeed, as the penalty for her plain speaking, she was sent out into the mountains to perish, but instead found shelter in a village. Here she lodged in an upper room ascended by 20 steps and, having bought a calf, carried it up and down every day.

You can always trust the American woman to take care of herself.

The friends of a girl who lives in Eighteenth street are telling these days of an adventure which befell her one afternoon within the fortnight.

"Waiting for somebody?" The girl turned to look at him. "Guess you've forgotten me," he went on with growing familiarity.

"Oh, I remember now," she said. "It was at Colonel Blank's. You are Colonel Blank's butler, of course. No, I don't know of anybody who wants a butler. Have you tried the employment agencies?"

Tallow Candles as Medicine. In France the peasant still sticks to medicines calculated to turn the average doctor's hair gray with horror.

The Wrong Day. The heartless landlord has come to evict the widow with 13 children, many of whom are teething.

Not His Destination. A steamer was stopped in the mouth of the river owing to a dense sea fog. An old lady inquired of the captain the cause of the delay.

Happiness. Human happiness, according to the most received notions, seems to consist of three ingredients, action, pleasure and indulgence.

Habit. Habit hath so vast a prevalence over the human mind that there is scarcely anything too strange or too strong to be asserted of it.

Russian families, when moving to a new home, kill the fire on the hearth with coal brought from the old residence.

It is strange, but true, that today will be yesterday tomorrow.—Chicago News.

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How She Won Over the Judge. A woman resident of Detroit relates an interesting tale of Kansas justice.

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