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## THE AMERICAN RAILWAY SYSTEM.

In looking over a late map of the United States, one is astonished at the immense and intricate network of railways that now traverse the country in every direction. It may be viewed as a vast system of the arteries and veins of national commercial life, the city of Chicago being the great heart-center of the corporation. The amazement of the spectator is increased by the reflection that this prodigious creation is the work of less than fifty years.

The first railway track in America was laid on the slope of Beacon Hill, in Boston, in the year 1807. It was constructed by Silas Whitney, for the purpose of conveying sand and gravel from the hill-top to Charles street, which was then being filled and graded. It consisted of parallel tracks carrying two sets of cars connected by a rope which passed around a stationary pulley at the top of the hill, so that the load of gravel on one train would in its descent haul up the empty cars on the other track by the force of gravitation. It was a very simple contrivance, but was the first of its kind in this country, and contained the undeveloped germ of the future railway system. It was simply a self-operating tramway on an inclined plane; and while we of the present may be disposed to smile at the simplicity of the apparatus, we are bound to recognize old Silas Whitney as an important inventor and discoverer. Eighteen years after that a similar road was constructed at Nashua in New Hampshire and a third one was built a few years later at Quincy, Massachusetts, for the transportation of granite from the quarries, to be used in the construction of the Bunker Hill monument. This road was six miles long propelling power being as many yoke of oxen as were necessary to move the cars. The next projected railroad or tramway, was to run from Boston to Albany, but the project was abandoned under the general belief that the cost of the work would be more than the value of the whole commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In 1830 the Baltimore and Harper's Ferry road was begun, and during that year thirteen miles were completed and put in operation, the cars being propelled by horse-power. In the same year the Carbonade and Honesdale railway in Pennsylvania was begun, and was completed in due time. This company claimed to have used the first locomotive ever placed on rails in the United States, but the claim is disputed by the Baltimore and Harper's Ferry company. It is not essential to know which claimant of that honor was in the right, but the fact is undisputed that with the year 1830 began the great railway era which has overrun the whole country with metallic network, joined ocean to ocean, united the Southern gulf with the Northern lakes, and is now about to pervade the ancient dominion of the Montezumas.

If a spectator from another world, or from a long-gone age, and endowed with a supernatural vision, could stand on the summit of Pike's Peak and scan the American continent from shore to shore, "from the center all round to the sea," what a wondrous drama he would behold! What squadrons of iron cavalry charging in every direction; smoking along the plain, vaulting over the rivers, plunging into the desert, scaling the mountains, and halting only, in baffled rage, upon the forbidding marge

of the everlasting and terrible sea! If all this wide-spread labor and capital had been concentrated in the structure of a single pyramid, after the manner of Egyptian ambition, the Falls of St. Anthony might laugh to scorn the boastful cataracts of the Nile.

It is not our purpose now to present a statistical history of railway building, but merely to recall some impressions that occurred during a recent journey overland, and to convey to our far western readers some idea of the prodigious magnitude and expansion of national railroad enterprise within a very few years. We have seen the small beginnings and rapid advancement of the mighty system, but it will remain for writers of other and far distant ages to tell of its culmination and decline on the approach of superior inventions yet unthought of in the human mind. One hundred years ago, he who had foretold the flight of a steam-car at a velocity of sixty miles an hour, would have been walled up as a madman. He who had been found sitting amid wires and jars upon the cliffs of Dover, pretending to talk with the inhabitants of the New World by means of the lightnings of heaven, would have been destroyed as an impious blasphemer; yet, we now read with entire credulity of the construction of a monstrous engine to run a hundred miles an hour, and human thought is transmitted every day through the dark solitudes of the ocean's caves and around the circumference of the globe. In the presence of these almost miraculous events, are we prepared to say with confidence that within another century the inventive genius of mankind will not have found out the secret of the eagle's flight, and that ships of the air will not have anchored in the mysterious and so long forbidden latitudes of the Poles? Nay, more than that; are we quite sure that the trackless way of a disembodied soul may not yet be traced to its resting place, since invention and discovery have already so distinctly declared that the human mind is a part of God?

These are the world-builders, these mighty railway men—Tom Scott, Stanford, Huntington, Dillon, Villard, and others of lesser distinction. To other generations it will matter nothing whether they became rich through their foresight and enterprise, or whether they were viewed as monopolists by such of their contemporaries as had not the courage or the ability to forestall any of their great undertakings. They will be judged by posterity by the magnitude and utility of their works; by what they shall have contributed to the advancement of civilization, the peopling of waste places, the founding of cities, the expansion of their country's productive domain.—*Oakland Times.*

## Foreign Reliance Upon America.

America is rapidly becoming the food-producing country for the rest of the world. Agriculture has ceased to be remunerative in Great Britain and the reliance upon this country by the continent is becoming greater every year. The energies of the people of those countries are devoted to commerce, manufactures and the fine arts. This is placing a new phase upon the affairs of the world. There are many who believe that our own prosperity will be the highest if we are content to devote the national energy to the exportation of cotton and the cereals, and receive in exchange the results of the pauperized labor of the rest of the world. The serious results of

a general failure of the crops in America or the outbreak of a war which would prevent production or export, are engaging the attention of European statesmen. We should suppose that this reliance upon America for cotton and the cereals would be the strongest possible guarantee for the preservation of the peace of the world. The London Times reviews the statistics of England and the United States, and at the conclusion of a carefully prepared dissertation, remarks as follows: "The next few years at the recent rate of progress must witness in this way a great change in the international position of the United States. In another respect, also, the change will be a serious one. The whole of Western Europe, as well as the United Kingdom, is becoming more and more dependent on the United States for cotton and food, the increase in the imports from the United States being at least equal to the annual increase of population as regards food, while the world is as dependent on the United States for its whole supply of cotton as it was in 1860. In the next ten years what will happen will undoubtedly be, on the one hand, a great increase of the dependency of Western Europe, and principally the United Kingdom, on the United States for a necessary supply of food and raw material, and, on the other hand, an increased difficulty in the United States itself in finding an adequate outlet for those productions of which it has lately had so large a surplus to dispose of. As regards this last point, it is plain that if the United States in recent years has overtaken with its surplus the increase of population in Western Europe, then, as it has now a much larger population to start with than it had ten years ago, and the rate of increase is the same, or even greater, it will probably in the next ten years have a still more formidable surplus relative to the increase of population in Western Europe to dispose of. In other words, then, an increase of the severity of American competition with European agriculture is certain, and Western Europe will also be more and more exposed to serious consequences if any climatic accident should happen to the United States harvest, or if there should be a political and social convulsion like that which caused the cotton famine. Whether it is wise in the nations of Western Europe to encourage or permit this dependency on a single foreign country appears to be a question remote enough from the habits of thought of our public men, but which may force itself on their attention at any moment in the most unexpected fashion."

## THE PLEASANT ONE.

Five little cigarettes in a wrapper fine:  
A small boy samples them, and then there are none.  
Nine little cigarettes quicker one by one:  
Get their work in on the youth, then there are none.  
Four leavened doctors sitting round the bed:  
Each with a different shade to his forehead.  
Three big diseases waiting to destroy,  
All bearing Latin names as long as the ley.  
Two undertakers, gratitude in eye:  
Bow low to the doctors as they pass 'em by.  
One little funeral to the graveyard bare,  
One little smoldering log—one angel more.

## SWISS-BERNAINA.

A little boy with a knee-ball bat  
(Sore is the joint of the left-hand thumb);  
A stone he shies at a brindle cat  
(But the voice of the sobbing sea is dumb);  
For thee, my love, will my strong right arm  
(Horse is the man with a liver pad)  
Plough up the stamps on a Western farm  
(And solid I'll get with your grizzled slab).  
Oh, the red, red rays I feel, you see,  
(Christmas is coming, my sweet, my sweet)  
Maud S will trot in two-seven yet  
(Or my name be in red-headed orange Pet).

## Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, at once get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, it will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

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**Furnished Rooms to Let**  
At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.  
**Notice.**  
Just received per steamer Columbia, a fine lot of eastern oysters, which will be served up in first class style at Rosewood, Occident block.

**Take Notice.**  
On after this date an additional 10 cents per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood not accompanied by the cash, at Gray's wood yard, July 1st, 1881.

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**Notice to the Ladies.**  
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**Masquerade Suits.**  
Any one desirous of procuring a suit for the Masquerade Ball on the 24th inst., can be supplied by leaving their order at Mrs. S. F. McKean's. All orders should be in by the 21st inst.

**Notice.**  
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