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BROKE IT GENTLY.

The Reason the Brakeman Quit Railroad For Awhile.

Danny Wilgath was a brakeman One day while his train was on a side track at a town in Ohio another train that was doing some switching on the same track suddenly bumped into the engine on the rear platform of which Danny was standing and he was severely bruised.

"Why, Danny," she exclaimed, "what is the matter? What has happened to you?"

"Why, I wrote and told you, mother," he answered with a grin.

"No, son, you didn't. All you wrote was that you were going to quit rail roading for a while, that you had found something else to do and that it was an indoor job. You didn't say a word about getting hurt or anything of that kind."

"I surely did, mother. I told you what happened to me."

"You surely didn't!"

"How did I say I came to be staying in that town?"

"You said you happened to be caught there between trains."

"Well, I was."—Youth's Companion.

OUR MILLIONAIRES.

American Money Kings From a German Point of View.

In a satirical article entitled "The Natural History of American Millionaires" a writer in the Berliner Tageblatt says: "They all came to New York, Chicago or Philadelphia with one shirt and with one cent in the pocket of the only other garment. All served as bootblacks, errand boys or even in more humble positions and in the second week had saved enough to buy a waistcoat. After one month they appeared before their respective employers clad in new clothes and told them with imposing self confidence that the organization of their business was defective and required reorganization. A year later the boy has become a partner, in two years he has outstripped the former boss in wealth, and a year later he has grown smart enough to kill off the benefactor of other days. All American millionaires arise at 3 in the morning, eat and drink almost nothing, cease their work at midnight and allow only those to live whom they think are good enough to invite. Every dollar king founds a university, an opera, a museum or a picture gallery. Life becomes a burden to them when there are no more competitors in their branch worthy of destruction. Then they lie down and die of ennui."

Almost Heavenly.

"That is Saturn you see now," explains the astronomer, while the visitor to the observatory peers through the telescope at the mysterious orb with its rings and with its moons showing as little points of light.

"It's away off, isn't it?" asks the visitor.

"Oh, yes, Saturn is so far off that it requires thirty of our years to make the circuit around the sun."

"Thirty years!"

"Yes."

"My! Saturn must be pretty close to heaven."

"I couldn't say as to that."

"I should call it almost heavenly not to have to buy spring dresses and hats for my wife and daughters not more than once in thirty years."

For fear the visitor would have something to say about the summer engagements on Saturn being responsible for the rings, the astronomer quickly pointed the telescope toward Jupiter.—Chicago Post.

Doing a Man's Work.

The Widow Skinner has been twice bereaved, and she was telling me about her two husbands over a cup of tea.

"Boggs was the first," she said drowsily, "a ornery hound wot used to get drunk and come home and lambaste me all over the place. Arter, Boggs died I married Skinner. He was a good for nothin' ornery critter wot wot turned up rail, and I'd lam him till he couldn't see."

She chuckled with quiet amusement.

"Well," said a listener, "the last was better than the first, at least."

But the widow shook her head.

"No, 'twasn't," she said. "I'd kinder got used to Boggs' little ways, and in Skinner's case I never cottoned to the idea of doin' a man's work about the house."—Exchange.

Drifted Into It.

"Yes, I've managed to get into debt pretty deeply," said Kayrliss.

"Indeed," remarked Wise. "I gave you credit for more sense than you seem to have."

"H'm! The trouble was that my tailor gave me credit for more dollars than I seem to have," said Kayrliss.—Catholic Standard and Times.

The C Street Millinery store will be open about the first of September with a new and complete line of up-to-date goods. A first-class trimmer will be in charge.

PROBE ALASKA COAL LANDS

Hearings Soon in Seattle and Other Cities on Alleged Frauds.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Much interest is manifested here by interior department officials in reports from Denver that a hearing in Seattle, next month, will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska. They declined in the absence of Secretary Hallinger and General Land Commissioner Dennet to discuss the nature of the report.

It is learned that upwards of 700 entries on coal lands in Alaska, involving about 112,000 acres containing valuable veins, have been suspended by the department during the last three years. Estimating that these entries are worth at least \$2000 per acre on a basis of 1 cent per ton, these coal lands would be worth \$200,000,000.

Hearings will be held in other cities in the West in addition to Seattle, but just what ones was not disclosed.

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College Presidents Meet in Portland.

Portland, Or., Aug. 16.—Agricultural college presidents of nearly every state in the Union are on hand in Portland today, on the occasion of the 14th annual meeting of the American Association of Farmers' Institute Workers.

Millionaire Must Serve Sentence.

San Rafael, Cal., Aug. 16.—Millionaire William B. Bradbury, sentenced to serve a term in San Quentin for perjury, must remain in the Marin County jail until the termination of a 30 days' reprieve granted him recently by Governor Gillett.

Disagreeable at Home

Lots of men and women who are agreeable with others get "cranky" at home. It's not disposition, it's the liver. If you find in yourself that you feel cross around the house, little things worry you, just buy a bottle of Ballard's Herbine and put your liver in shape. You and everybody around you will feel better for it. Price 50c per bottle at Williams Drug Co.

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Gorgeous Shriners' Pageant.

Seattle, Aug. 17.—In the most magnificent pageant ever seen in the west, 25,000 Masons from all parts of the Pacific Coast will parade the grounds of the A.-Y.-P. on Shriners' day, Wednesday, August 25. Over a half-million dollars' worth of costumes alone will be used in the procession. Camels, elephants and a whole menagerie of animals of various kinds will be used in the parade.

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Bryan Day at A.-Y.-P. Fair.

Seattle, Aug. 18.—Wm. J. Bryan, having announced his intention of visiting the exposition during the closing week, exercises may be arranged for the celebration of Bryan day, with excursions all over the Northwest.

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Nothing to Offer.

"Have you," asked the judge of a recently convicted man, "anything to offer the court before sentence is passed?"

"No, your honor," replied the prisoner. "My lawyer took my last farthing."—London Mail.

Wise Poets.

"Do poets ever write poems in their letters to their sweethearts?" asked the sweet young thing.

"No," replied the near famous bard. "We've got more sense than to queer the game in that manner."—Milwaukee Journal.

LEGALLY A CORPSE.

Therefore He Could Not Possibly Have Been Murdered.

It was the custom in the good old days in Great Britain and Ireland to hang condemned men for half an hour and then hand them over to their friends. A man named Mahoney was hanged in this way. At the end of half an hour his body was given to his friends, who put him in a coffin they had brought with them and galloped off with him on a cart. But before they were out of sight of the gallows authorities the corpse in the exuberance of his joy sat up in the coffin and shouted, "Hooroo!" A "pal," terrified lest this exhibition of vitality should cause the executioner to come after them, hit the hanged man playfully on the head with his stick, remarking, "Kape quiet, ye spalpeen." The silencing was so effectual that the victim of it never woke again, but was well and truly "waked" that same evening.

There was no doubt that the blow on the head killed him. The facts came to the knowledge of the authorities, and a justice was appealed to for a warrant for the culprit's arrest on a charge of murder, but the justice refused it, explaining that as the man was dead, having been hanged for half an hour and given up to his friends legally a corpse, it was impossible that he could have been murdered.—London Tit-Bits.

THE AFRICAN MARKET.

Prices That Wild Animals Bring in the Interior.

The prices of wild animals naturally fluctuate with the demand. An excessive supply of rhinoceroses would soon reduce the market value. Five for sale at any time in the world would glut the market, for one cannot sell a rhinoceros every day. The maintenance of wild animals is costly and they soon eat their value in food, so that every day they are on the hunter's or the dealer's hands he is losing money.

After the animals are captured they have to be transported to the coast. This adds greatly to the cost. Delivered at Nairobi or Fort Florence, which are inland and practically on the African hunting field, a baby rhinoceros of the prehensile lipped species will bring from \$375 to \$500, a giraffe from \$250 to \$500 and a baby hippopotamus from \$250 to \$450. Elephants and most of the large antelope from \$125 to \$200, elephants from \$375 to \$875. Lions and leopards, with the exception of the black species of the latter, from \$100 to \$425, according to size and condition. The gorilla and the square muzzled (or so called white) rhinoceros can be sold at auction by telegraph. Their value might run from \$5,000 to \$30,000, according to the bidding.—Hampton's Magazine.

Washington's Plague Spots

In the low marshy bottoms of the Potomac, the breeding ground of malarial germs. These germs cause chills, fever and ague, biliousness, jaundice, lassitude, weakness and general debility and bring suffering or death to thousands yearly. But Electric Bitters never fails to destroy them and cure malaria troubles. "They are the best all-round tonic and cure for malaria I ever used," writes R. M. James, of Louellen, S.C. They cure Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Blood Troubles and will prevent Typhoid. Try them, 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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