

ATOP THE FREIGHT TRAIN.

Walking the Cars a Hair Raising Experience For a Novice.

There came over me as I sat in the caboose that evening a wild desire to ride with the engineer in the cab. Planning to slip ahead along the half mile or so of train at the first stop, I made known my desire to our conductor over that part of the run.

"They'll be glad to see you," he told me. "You won't have any trouble getting there. It's a mild evening." He swung open the window of the lookout and called to his rear brakeman, "Jimmie, run along with this here party." Jimmie pulled me through the window of the lookout before I clearly realized the entire plan.

It was a slippery path over the roofs of sixty cars to the big engine that was pulling us, and the wind that swept in from the shores of the ice-bound lake, along which the tracks ran for many miles, snapped sharply over those car roofs. Jimmie hung on to his lantern with one hand, to his conveyer with the other. Long miles over those slippery car roofs had taught him to regard it as no very serious business.

"This ain't nothin'," was his assurance. "It sometimes gets nasty when we get down to zero an' a blizzard comes a-rippin' from off over the lake. Sometimes you have to get down an' crawl on all fours. It wouldn't be much fun to be swept off the tops of those cars."

There was no disputing that, nor that the three lengthwise planks at the gable of the car roofs were not wide promenades. You jump from one to another to cross from car to car, and a man has got to have something of a gymnastic training and some circus as well as railroad blood in his veins to do it many times without dropping into one of the hideous dark abysses between them.

A hand out of the dark slapped me in the face. "Drop," said Jimmie, and, fearing possibly that I might not obey, he pulled me flat down upon the car roof.

"That was a 'telltale,'" he explained, and before I could ask further we were in a short reach of a tunnel, and I understood. We were whirled through that tunnel like a package in a tube, and if we had raised our arms we could have touched the flying roof of the bore. The smoke lay heavy in the place. It filled our eyes and nostrils.

"Not real nice," said Jimmie cheerily. "But no danger in the holes, save now and then an icicle gets a crack at your nut. You see, there ain't much use in arguin' the matter after that 'telltale' strikes you."—Edward Hungerford in Harper's.

PARIS RAGPICKERS.

An Occupation That is Passed Along From Father to Son.

The ragpickers of Paris are born to their work, the occupation being passed from father to son for generations. Each ragpicker family has its own district, which is inherited by the children and grandchildren.

In spite of all the progress made in modern and elegant Paris barrels of waste are piled up on the streets in front of many buildings on beautiful boulevards in the early morning hours, and it is the privilege and in fact the mission of the ragpickers to examine this refuse.

They have use for everything, and but little is left after they have passed, their thoroughness being one reason why the system is still allowed. Every scrap of paper has its market; rags are gathered for paper manufacturers; shoes go back to leather dealers.

Old sardine and preserved meat tins are used for making playthings, old bones produce gelatin and glue, lemons and orange peels are greatly sought after and sold at the rate of a cent a pound to perfume and sirup manufacturers, old metals are highly prized, cigar stubs go to tobacco factories, and even stale vegetables are carted away.

The quarters of the ragpickers of Paris are just outside the confines of the city—sections carefully avoided by most people who do not belong to the guild. Every member of the family, from the oldest to the three-year-old, takes part in the sorting of the spoils, and it often happens that members of a family die either from poisoning from stale food or from a cut from one of the tins.—Popular Mechanics.

"A Nine Days' Wonder."

The memorable reign of Lady Jane Grey is said to have given rise to the phrase "A nine days' wonder." Lady Jane was proclaimed queen of England July 10, 1553, four days after the death of Edward VI. After the lapse of a period of nine days, on July 19, she relinquished her title to the crown, thus terminating her reign in the short space of a week and a half. A noted English historian says, "Thus we come to the end of the diary of that short and troubled reign that from its length is said to have given rise to the now (1620) popular phrase, 'A nine days' wonder.'"

A Social War.

"See here, old man, every time my wife orders a gown your wife orders two gowns."

"Yes?"

"Whereupon my wife goes your wife one better."

"Well?"

"Can't we arbitrate this matter?"—Pittsburg Post.

That Kind of a Flower.

Ella—That red headed girl is always on the go, but she is the flower of the family, Stella—A sort of "Crimson Rambler."—New York Press.

A Cruel Jest.

Samuel Rogers, the poet, resided with Lady Holland and amused himself by exasperating her fears of illness and death. During the cholera epidemic Lady Holland was a prey to indescribable terrors. She could think of nothing but precautionary measures and on one occasion was describing to Rogers all that she had done. She enumerated the remedies she had placed in the next room—the baths, the apparatus for fumigation, the blankets, the mustard plasters, the drugs of every sort.

"You have forgotten the only thing that would be of any use," observed Mr. Rogers.

"And what is that?"

"A coffin," replied the poet.

Lady Holland fainted.—"Memoirs of the Duchesse de Dino."

A Terrifying Smoke.

The Mexican peon smokes cigarettes made of the dried leaves of the merrihuana weed. One of the peculiar effects of merrihuana smoking is to distort the bigness of all animals, making them of enormous size and horrible shape. The smoker is filled with a horrible fear, something like the horrors brought on by delirium tremens. A kitten or a puppy to his distorted vision appears as some terrible creature. A common sight in Mexico is to see a swarthy "greaser," armed to the teeth, flee in terror from a small dog, while he would fearlessly attack any man with his knife or his machete.—New York World.

How Old Spiders Live.

Old spiders, which have neither web nor the materials to make one, often hunt about to find out the webs of other spiders, younger and weaker than themselves, with whom they venture battle. The invader generally succeeds, and the younger spider is driven out to make a new web, and the old spider remains in possession until a stronger spider invades the web and drives it out. When this dispossessed spider seldom ventures another attack, but tries to subsist upon the few insects that may fall accidentally into its clutches and eventually dies of hunger.

Insolent.

"Why are you so insolent?" demanded the stern parent. "You don't see me letting the grass grow under my feet."

"No," replied the son. "If you had let some grass grow under your feet you wouldn't be so near having it grow over your head."—Philadelphia Record.

An Optimist.

"Pa, what's an optimist?"

"A man who has four children and continues to think the price of living is no more than it's worth."—Exchange.

Perhaps It Is.

"If you want a thing well done"—

"Get an expert to do it for you. Ain't that more sense than what you were going to say?"—Cleveland Leader.

What we suffer springs generally from what we have done.—Aristophanes.



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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Desire St. Dennis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that I, as administrator of the estate of Desire St. Dennis, deceased, with the will annexed, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at two o'clock in the afternoon of April 9th, 1910, at the front door of the Court House of Umatilla County, Oregon, in the City of Pendleton, in that County, the following real property belonging to said estate, to-wit: Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 4, and the West half of the Northeast quarter, the North half of the Southeast quarter, and the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, all in Township 3 North, Range 35 East of Willamette Meridian in said County, all sales subject to confirmation by said County Court.

This sale is made pursuant to order of the above named Court made and entered March 9th, 1910.

Dated March 10th, 1910.

B. B. Richards,
As Administrator etc.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that we have been appointed executors of the last will of Thomas J. Kirk, deceased, by order of the above entitled Court and have duly qualified; all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, to us at the First National Bank of Athena, in Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, within six months from this date.

Dated February 11, 1910.

Edward Kooztz,
Marion Jack,
Executors.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of John McIntyre, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that Hugh McIntyre, executor of the last will and testament of John McIntyre, deceased, has filed his final account with the Clerk of the above entitled court and that the county judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday the 21st day of March A. D. 1910, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. as the time and the county courthouse at Pendleton as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account will be heard and the settlement there of made. This notice will appear in the Athena Press from Friday the 18th day of February A. D. 1910, to Friday the 18th day of March A. D. 1910.

Hugh McIntyre, executor.
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