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ASLEEP ON THE CARS.

That is provoking!" The explanation escaped my lips in spite of the fact that I was traveling alone.

Yet not alone. For in the seat with me sat a pretty young traveling companion, one whom I had not seen before and who must have come in and occupied the place while I had dozed off.

Yes, I had been five minutes asleep. And in that brief interval there had happened something which caused me to exclaim in the way I did.

When I lay back my head in the fast-forwarding train, to think a moment, I held in my hand a photograph. It was in a cabinet envelope, and, strange to say, I had not yet looked at it.

I leaned forward in the seat and tried to search the also past my traveling companion, then I looked under the seat. It was there.

"It must have fallen out of the window," I said to myself.

"That young lady murmured: 'Have you lost anything?'"

"Yes," I said, "to make the matter more embarrassing, it was the picture of a young and beautiful girl, the finest of her sex."

"You play my curiosity," said my companion.

"Well, mine was piqued also," said I. "Not only my stupid fashion of an falling asleep, but a railroad train, I am afraid it will never be gratified unless I am fortunate enough to see the original owner today."

"How interesting," said the pretty girl leaning toward me.

Seeing that she was in a mood to allow me a chance traveling companion to converse with her, I said: "It is too utterly provoking! Here I hesitated. 'Tell me about it,' said she.

"Well," said I, "as you probably live in the East, and as there is no probability of my ever seeing the people or even of knowing, as far as you are concerned, who they are, I will tell you about it. I think I can do so without impropriety."

"A little fast," she said, "but so far, and all the world loves a lover."

At this the pretty girl looked intensely eager, and I prepared myself to tell the story of the lost photograph.

"I can begin," said I, "by reading you a letter."

Taking from my pocket a letter in a man's writing, I read aloud this paragraph:

"She is a beauty, Ned, and no mistake. I am wild for you to come East and meet her. I am sure you will find her as good as new and as good as the girl you met in Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, etc., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of the N. P. Ry., who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, arranged in columns for their convenience rather than to put off this very important business until they reach Puget Sound. There is no doubt that there will be a very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states and a very heavy business from the Pacific coast states to the Nome district next spring."

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Called for What He Didn't Want.

A New Jersey burglar who was caught and thrashed by his intended victim yelled "Police!" He probably wouldn't have done it, comments the Chicago Times-Herald, if he had thought more of the danger of bringing an officer upon the scene.

Truly Terrible.

"Yes," said the mother, "the suicide of Mrs. Drestok is a terrible affair. Why, she did it the very day I sent my bill in, and people will think the bill has something to do with it, and it will ruin me."—Tit-Bits.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in New York city are making a strong effort to save the famous Hamilton House, 143 Broadway, at the corner of 14th street. The house was once the home of the original 13 platted by Alexander Hamilton to commemorate the 13 original states. It is likely that the city will buy the lot and have it neatly fenced in. If they cannot raise enough money to buy the place the trees will be cut down and a block will be built thereon. We Americans do not pay enough attention to the preservation of such historical valuables.

James Eads Howe, of St. Louis, who has given his fortune of \$1,000,000 to the poor, says he was influenced to do this by the incident of the rich young man related in the tenth chapter of St. Mark's gospel. Mr. Howe is a grandson of James P. Eads, the famous engineer who built the great Mississippi bridge at St. Louis.

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The governor of Oklahoma in his annual report, filed in Washington, says that the time is not ripe for the statehood of Oklahoma, and he recommends that it would be best to wait a while. He believes that the best plan is to join Oklahoma and the Indian territory and make one state of them. Such a state, he says, would be a pride and gratification to its people and to the people of the nation.

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"I saw you kissing my daughter. I don't like it, sir." "Then you don't know what's good, sir."—Life.

"What's the difference between football and war?" "Football is war with only a human object in view.—Ex.

Teacher (angrily)—Why don't you answer my question, Bobby? His brother Tommy (answering for him)—Because, sir, we got a peppermint in his speech.—Tit-Bits.

Miss Thrift-Smith (severely)—A man should never call on a girl after drinking. Jack Swift (cheerfully)—That's a fact. Many a man has become engaged in just that way.—Puck.

Faddy—You call money "stamps." Don't you? Duddy—And money is currency. Faddy—That's right when you speak of an elastic currency you refer to rubber stamps.—Boston Transcript.

Didn't move him? "Well, did the boss give you a raise?" "No." "Not even when you told him you had grown gray in his service?" "No. Gave me the name of a good hair-dye."—Puck.

Mr. Snell—What are you crying for, Elsie? His little daughter—I've just read that the diamond mines may be exhausted in seven years, and it's eight before my coming out.—Jewelers Weekly.

"From what I hear, Mr. Earnestly, 'Coming from a grass country,' says the 'Coming from a grass country' on the subject 'where the breeders think nothing of working a horse hard thirty to forty miles a day with sixteen stone on his back, a class of animals has grown up which, while it has the constitution and stamina wanting in the Australian, has also the weight and bone which are lacking in the Arab and which would be essential if our cavalry on foreign service were called upon to meet on equal terms cavalry mounted on European bred animals."—San Francisco Chronicle.

LAW AS INTERPRETED.

A surety who has been obliged to pay the obligation is left in Pace vs. Pace (Va.), 44 L. R. 458, to have the right to sue the obligor for the amount of the insolvent estate of his co-surety and receive dividends upon the entire debt until reimbursed that half of the common burden which belonged to the co-surety.

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A deed to a son of the grantor and "his own brothers and sisters," is held in Morris vs. Caudle (Ill.), 44 L. R. 488, to give no interest to a child born a short time after the execution of the deed. And, although the deed was not recorded until after the death of the grantor, it is held to give no interest to either the child or those claiming under him.

Permitting a shivered pane of glass to remain in a window above a street where pedestrians are frequently passing, when there is an apparent danger to the public, is held in Clayton vs. Henderson (Ky.), 44 L. R. 474, that the city is liable, notwithstanding the fact that it is erected within a mile of the city, in violation of a statute which expressly makes the officers liable, without declaring that the city is liable.

"So our friend is going to leave politics." "He is," answered Senator Polk, "if he knows what's good for him." "It is too bad to lose him; he was such an accomplished wire-puller." "Yes," but not his own.—Ex.

"Oh, Tom!" exclaimed the bride of six months, "what do you think? Mother says she wants her body carried." "She does, eh?" said the husband; "well, tell her to get ready, and you'll be over in ten minutes."—Ex.

"What did Noah live on when the flood had subsided and his provisions in the ark were exhausted?" asked a Washington Sunday school teacher of her class. "I know," squeaked a little boy, "but he got his own food." "Well, what?" inquired the teacher. "Dry land."

His Beauty Departed: Wife rushing toward shop window—Oh, look here! Husband—Well, I declare! There is one of the tete-a-tete lamps you were after. It is the same as the one I bought you last week. Wife—No, it isn't. Husband—Well, it is the same as the one I bought you last week. Wife—No, it isn't. Husband—Well, it is the same as the one I bought you last week.

Objects to Football Hair.

Phileas F. Lounsbury, ex-governor of Connecticut and president of the Merchants' Exchange National bank in New York, is a Yankee of the old school. Some time ago an advertisement was inserted in New York papers that the bank wanted a clerk. Several applicants presented themselves and were ushered into the private office where sat the doughty president in characteristic attitude, his feet perched on the desk and a big perfect between his whiskered lips. The cashier had decided on him when Mr. Lounsbury stopped him with a gesture and inquired a few words to him and the clerk, who did not hired. Later it developed that the reason for the president's action was his antipathy to the applicant's hair, which was of the football variety and parted in the middle. After this disclosure it was noticed that the offering of several of the bank dandies underwent a change and the hairdresser did an immense business.

Cossacks as Horse Trainers.

A few months ago a Russian veterinary surgeon was sent into the Ural district by the Government to buy horses for the army. He had been selected by his superiors because he was famous as a shrewd and sharp horse trader, who never had been beaten in horse trade. But he returned from his experience with the Ural Cossacks; a chastened condition of mind, for he had cheated his superiors.

Conversion of a Bull Fighter.

Guerrita of Cordova, the most popular of Spanish bull fighters, has experienced religion and withdrawn from the bull ring. He visited the shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar at Saragossa and became convinced that bull fighting was wicked. He went home, cut off the long lock of hair that marks his terror. The other members of his band followed his example.

The Unfaithful Creed.

"Uncle Christopher, what was the primitive church?"

"Well, it was a church which valued its poor members as much as it did its rich ones."—Indiana Journal.

Some men never get done being mad about Christmas.

HORSES FOR ARMY SERVICE.

They Must Be Strong, for They Have Heavy Loads to Carry.

The study of the question of remounts for English cavalry on Indian and colonial service has brought out the unexpected result that of all the breeds of horses supplied to the British cavalry in India the Australian chargers are the best fitted for the conditions of the life. They are difficult to acclimatize and, though fairly satisfactory in cantonment and on peace duties, they have proved rapidly under hard-ship of a campaign and can scarcely stand even a month's outing during the heavy maneuvers in cold weather. The experiment of mounting the cavalry on Arabs was tried some time ago, but their comparatively small size and high make was considered unsuitable for the heavy maneuvers in cold weather. The experiment of mounting the cavalry on Arabs was tried some time ago, but their comparatively small size and high make was considered unsuitable for the heavy maneuvers in cold weather.

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The freshness of eggs is carefully graded in this country, but our distinctions are surpassed in delicacy by those long since given among the British residents of India.

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Speak and write good English.

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Take it to the proper place in the bank to get it cashed.

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Tell the number of bushels of wheat in your largest bin and their value at current rates.

Tell something about the great authors and statesmen of the present day.

German Bicycle Trade.

A new sign has been added to the German railway time tables—a picture of a bicycle indicating which express trains carry wheels.

It is a swift age; children think their parents are crazy, and parents think their children are crazy.

Science AND Invention

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A Cat as a Fire-Alarm.

Had it not been for the mewing of a pet cat for two or more hours early the other morning the Kisthardt home would probably have been burned to the ground while members of the family were asleep, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Several pieces of the floor fell from the kitchen stove to the floor and ignited the carpet. The flames spread slowly, but harassed the cat to the extent that it made itself heard. Members of the family were awakened, and coming downstairs they found the kitchen in smoke. Had the fire spread to the parlor, where some dynamite was stored, the house must have been blown up.

New Cable Lines.

France is dependent upon England for the news of the Transvaal war, because the cables are under their control, and she is ready to spend a vast sum of money to free herself. This is like many people who have dyspepsia, spend a fortune seeking relief in the most expensive of remedies, and when the cure comes they find it is a simple matter.

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