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Even Railway Time Tables May Make
Interesting Reading.

Studying Kipling finds both pleasure
and profit in reading the dictionary,
and this habit largely accounts for his
wonderful knowledge of words, his
rich vocabulary and his newness in the
use of words. He does not confine him-
self to the ordinary dictionary. He
likes to look at a slang edition or a dic-
tionary of a dialect.

There is a certain noble lord who
loves nothing better than turning over
the pages of Bradshaw, springing out all
the ways to anywhere, all the branch
lines and noting the railway stations
with queer names. He is an adept in
all railway lore and is often referred to
by his brother peers when a moot point
is raised about the iron roads of the
world, for his knowledge extends from
Charing Cross to New York via Yoko-
hama.

But probably the queerest literary
hobby was a certain doctor's predilec-
tion for reading an old file of the *Lon-*
don Times. He said it made him bet-
ter contented with things at present to
see how things were muddled up twenty
years ago. He found politicians just
as quarrelsome and the comments just
as caustic, and yet he concluded:
"Here we are, much as usual!"—*Lon-*
don Answers.

HIS FATE A MYSTERY.

No One Knows Just How the Youngest
of the "Signers" Died.

By a strange trick of fate Thomas
Lynch, the youngest "signer" of the
Declaration of Independence, was also
the first one of these men to die.

Lynch was born in Prince George
parish, S. C., Aug. 5, 1740. He was
only twenty-six when the congress de-
clared the independence of the col-

OH THE MEN

Western Swimmers Goggle at A. A. U.
Importance

By H. C. Hamilton, United Press Staff
Correspondent

New York, Dec. 22.—Goggles that
have gone from one end of the United
States Pacific Coast to the other
were started recently when the Ama-
teur Athletic Union, meeting in New
York, decided to keep women swim-
mers from competing with the male
of the species, and as a side-issue de-
creed that there must be a change in
the garb worn by the lady-fish.

The A. A. U. highbrows ordained
to this effect: "All women contest-
ants in swimming events must wear
bathing suits of a black texture that
covers their bodies from shoulder to
toe."

The goggle is still giggling, or it was
at very recent reports. The mermaids
absolutely refused to get excited over
the advice and announced that hence-
forth, just the same as heretofore,
they will follow their own inclina-
tions and wear the popular one-piece
kind of Annette Kellerman décolleté
suits.

Several of these sprites declared
with a grin tucked in here and there
that to insist on women wearing
stockings in swimming events is the
funniest thing they ever heard sug-
gested.

"I'd like to take some of those men,
hang long stockings on them and then
make them swim races in rough wa-
ter," one remarked.

The women are united in declaring
that the stockings quickly become wa-
ter backs, retarding the swimmer and
making it almost impossible to race.

Another remarked:
"No girl would be able to achieve
good time in a suit such as the offi-
cials prescribe. The knee and foot
must be free. Neither man nor wo-
man in the water feels at home with
any fabric clogging the feet and legs.
If the costume is insisted upon, it will
simply put an end to women racing.
But I do not expect western officials
to agree to such narrow-minded and
unnecessary regulations."

One woman well-known as a swim-
mer wants to know why the A. A. U.
officials didn't suggest that the wo-
men wear hats and shoes, too.

nies. Ill health compelled him to leave
congress soon afterward, and near the
close of 1770 he embarked on a vessel,
intending to go to Europe for the ben-
efit of his health.

The ship on which he sailed was
never heard of afterward, and the
fate of the youngest of the "signers"
remains a mystery. It is supposed, of
course, that the ship sank and that
Lynch and all on board were drowned,
but there were rumors that it was
blown out of its course in a storm and
wrecked on a lonely island of the West
Indies and that some of the passengers
and crew were saved.
Thomas Lynch was educated in Eng-

land and was the son of a wealthy
South Carolina planter.—New York
World.

The Trade Winds.

The constancy of trade winds is due
to the permanence of the conditions
which rule them. As the heated air at
the equator ascends surface winds set
in from north and south and, uniting,
ascend in their turn and flow off in
opposite directions. As the velocity of
the earth's revolution from east to
west is much greater at the equator
than at the poles, wind blowing along
its surface to the equator is constantly
arriving at places which have a higher
velocity than itself; hence it is retard-
ed and must lag behind, and under the
influence of two opposing forces it is
compelled to take an intermediate di-
rection, so that what was originally a
north wind is deflected and flows
southwest, while what started as a
south wind becomes northwest. From
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A Prophecy That Failed.

The old Emperor William used to
tell a story against himself which well
serves to illustrate "that most grati-
tuous form of error, prophecy." When
the emperor was only king of Prussia
he saw one day among his troops an
untidy looking lieutenant. "Who is
that man?" he asked. "An officer," he
was told, "who has just left the Danish
service and joined the Prussian."
"That man will never get on in the
army," said the monarch, and he used
to add in telling the story, "The man
was Molke, and my judgment of him
gives you the measure of my insight."

Bluffs Sometimes Win.

The Chinese tell a story about a
tiger that was led by a monkey to a
field where a fat mule was grazing.
The tiger, who had never seen a mule
before, licked his chops. But the mule
looked up languidly at the monkey and
said:

"Friend monkey, heretofore you have
always brought me two tigers. How
is it you bring me only one today?"
The bluff was so excellent that the
tiger made off as fast as he could go.

The Elephant.

East Indians believe that the ele-
phant lives 300 years. Instances are
on record of these huge animals hav-
ing been in captivity for 130 years,
their ages being unknown when they
were taken from the jungle in a wild
state.

Ambitious.

"Are your men ambitious?"
"Oh, very. Every man around the
place is willing to do anybody's work
but his own."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

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do little things faithfully is a great
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