

Not Unenviable.
Mrs. Cadabout—That Mrs. Hard-head next door doesn't seem to have many friends.
Hostess (wearily)—No; I wonder how she manages it?—Judy.

A West Indian Hurricane
Recently traveled up the coast at will, and acted in an entirely different manner from any other storm. Sometimes dyspepsia acts the same way. It refuses to yield to treatment which has cured similar cases. Then Hostetter's Stomach Bitters should be taken. It has cured stomach trouble for half a century.

A train running from New York to Boston made over 80 miles an hour recently.

In France advertising posters must bear revenue stamps varying in value according to size of the poster.

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In cases of scrofula, salt rheum, dyspepsia, nervousness, catarrh, rheumatism, eruptions, etc., the circumstances may be altered by purifying and enriching the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the great remedy for all ages and both sexes. Be sure to get Hood's, because



An Oddity in Railroad.

"The craze for fast time on railways is taking a new feature," observed a prominent railroad official to a Star writer recently. "It is the shortening of lines and reconstruction of surveys in order to make a given line as straight as possible between two points. It is, in fact, a scheme to make time by saving distance. A railway without a curve or a cutting is, of course, a splendid thing from an engineering standpoint, but it is a very tedious affair to the passenger. To thoroughly realize how extremely monotonous a long journey on a railway without a curve or cutting is, one must travel on the road from Buenos Ayres to the Andes. That railroad beats all known records for having 200 miles of tracks almost on a line, such as mathematicians describe as the shortest distance between any two points. No one who has not seen this remarkable stretch of road, straight in front and behind as far as the eye can reach, even when aided by a field glass, can grasp what it means or what an amount of wearisome monotony it involves and entails."—Washington Star.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande line, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

The Betrothal Kiss.

First Boarder—Did you hear the report of the engagement of our landlady's daughter?

Second Boarder—I should say I did. I was sitting in the next room at the time, and it was a pretty loud report, let me tell you.—Richmond Dispatch.

Bostonians' Manners Abroad.

Faddy—The Halcums are very discreet. Duddy—In what way? Faddy—They never smile when they are in public together. They are afraid people will think they are not married. They both of them have a scandal about all things.—Boston Transcript.

The largest mass of pure salt in the world lies under the Province of Galicia, Hungary. It is known to be 550 miles long, 20 broad and 250 feet in thickness.



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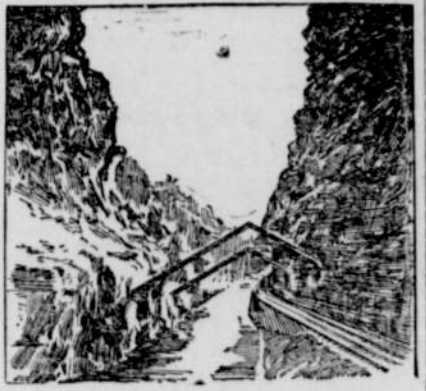
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REMARKABLE BRIDGE.

Hangs from Girders in the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas.

One of the most ingenious bridges ever constructed is that known as the "hanging bridge," in the Royal gorge of the Arkansas. It forms part of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad; and the difficulty the engineer had to face was this—that the bed of the great canyon, the sides of which rise almost perpendicular to a height of 1,800 feet, was already fully occupied by a river, whereas he wanted it to contain a railway, the canyon, of course, forming a



THE ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE.

natural cutting through the mountain. Consequently, the railway had to be laid on and along the river, not merely across it.

It will be seen by the illustration that the river runs side by side and under the railway, and the bridge on which the lines are laid is suspended by rods from the girders, or arch-braces, which span the chasm above. The bridge therefore literally hangs. It can be readily understood that the fixing of these great girders in a position so inaccessible, with rapid water below, and no foothold on either side, was an engineering feat of no slight difficulty.

RECOVERED COOK'S BIG TOE.

It Had Been Swallowed by a Hungry Dog, but Is Still Useful.

A little group had been spinning yarns in the rotunda of the Waiton for an hour or more when a bronze-visaged, middle-aged man joined the party. Several of the group recognized him as the captain of one of the big tramp steamers which ply between Philadelphia and foreign ports, and a place in the circle was at once made for him.

"We've been killing time telling stories," someone explained. "Suppose you turn in your contribution."

The captain thought a moment and then smiled.

"I was thinking of something that happened on my last voyage," he finally said. "We had on board as a cook a big colored fellow, whose principal companion was a little yellow cur dog. One day while the cook was preparing some beef for dinner he let the heavy cleaver with which he was doing the chopping slip from his grasp.

"It fell to the floor with a thud and the cook emitted a howl of anguish that was heard all over the ship. The cleaver had struck one of his bare feet and sliced the big toe off as neatly as a surgeon could have done it. Here was a chance for the yellow dog and he seized it. Making a dive for the severed toe he swallowed it in one gulp and then made a bee-line for the deck.

"This was more than the cook, crazed with pain, could stand, and he hurled the cleaver at the dog. His aim proved true and his curship passed out of existence then and there. At this juncture the ship's doctor came up to find out what all the row was about. When he learned the truth he laughed.

"I'll fix that for you," he exclaimed to the cook, "wait till I get my instrument case."

"Within five minutes he had held a post-mortem on the dog and recovered the lost toe. Washing it with antiseptics he skillfully stitched it back in place again and the cook hobbled back to his quarters minus his dog, but with as many toes as he had ever had. That's about the only story I recall, just now, gentlemen. It has the merit of being true, however, and if you don't believe it come down to the ship any time and I'll show you the cleaver. The cook has quit the sea and I don't know his present address."

But everybody signified a willingness to accept the captain's word unsupported by further evidence and the next man on the story-telling list started in.—Philadelphia Inquirer.



MALAY GOAT ANTELOPE.

The serow is one of the shiest and wariest of hill frequenting animals and is found only upon the loftiest and most inaccessible cliffs. So keen are its senses that it is almost impossible of approach.

British-Americans in Boston. There are in Boston 44,207 persons born in British America, including Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Followed Her Doctor's Advice

Mrs. G. W. Palmer, of Jonesville, Va., said: "Two years ago I was afflicted with stomach and bowel trouble. My case puzzled the doctors. I subsisted only on the lightest kind of diet. My stomach would not retain solid food. The pain in my stomach and bowels was so intense that I cannot describe it. I continued to grow worse. I lost 48 pounds, my nerves were completely shattered, and I was very weak. Dr. C. W. Jacobs, of Richmond, advised me to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I began to use the pills, and the first effect was the restoration of my appetite, and the quieting of my shattered nervous system. I began to regain my lost strength, and in one month after commencing to take the pills I was able to do my household work. I have gained 30 pounds and to-day am in good health."

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are never sold by the dozen or hundred, but always in packages. At all druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 50 cents per box, 6 boxes \$2.50.

Not Always.
Bertha—"It's a curious expression, 'she went in bathing.' Why is it not enough to say, 'she went bathing?'"
Bobby—"Sure enough. When a girl goes bathing she doesn't usually go in."
—Boston Transcript.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

At Tacoma tinmiths and men skilled in regular tin and sheet iron work are hard to get and are getting \$2.50 a day.

At Dawson City eggs cost 50 cents a dozen.

The number of mining firms using coal-cutting machines in 1898 in the United States was 36 per cent greater than in 1897, and the gain in Pennsylvania was about 50 per cent.

Men buried in an avalanche of snow hear distinctly every word uttered by those who are seeking for them, while their most strenuous shouts fail to penetrate even a few feet of snow.

While in Washington women are in disfavor as government employes, they are in increasing number in the British civil service.

Jonas W. Thompson, of Pine Plains, N. Y., found a black snake milking one of his heifers. He struck the reptile with a stick, and it attacked him, sinking its fangs in his leg. Thompson finally killed the snake, but it is thought that his leg will have to be amputated.

A War-Time Mistake.

In a Missouri court recently a rather novel case came up for decision. During the civil war a certain Northern soldier went into the service, leaving a young wife at home. In due time the news reached him that his bride had died and when the war ended he did not return to his old home, but settled out West. He married again, and with his second wife accumulated a large amount of property in Pratt county. Not long ago he learned that his first wife had not died, but, supposing him to have been killed, had married another man. This man died, leaving her a widow. When the Pratt county man learned these facts he brought suit for divorce, and the woman in the East heard of it and went out and fought the case, asserting a claim to part of the Pratt county man's property. However, after the lawyers had made a great fight before him, the judge granted the divorce and left the Pratt county man free to marry the woman who has been living with him for many years as his wife.—N. Y. Tribune.

Conscripts in Cologne produced symptoms of heart disease by taking pills recommended for that purpose by local doctors. Several of the physicians have been arrested.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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The Compania General of Manila, the largest cigar making concern in the world, employs 10,000 hands, and turns out every year 80,000,000 cigars, 40,000,000 cigarettes and nearly 3,000 tons of cut tobacco.

Hereafter bells that can be heard a distance of 500 feet must be attached to all private scavenger wagons in Chicago, and these bells must be rung continuously while the wagons are in service, which may be between sunset and sunrise.

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Arcola, Ill., with a population of less than 3,000, leads the world in the broom-corn industry.

The machine shops of the Northern Pacific railroad are compelled to run half a day overtime every other night in some departments in order to catch up. All the engines of the railroad company are in service.

There are 850,000 men in the world who gain a livelihood chiefly by fishing, making an annual catch of \$225 worth of fish for each man. The fisheries of the United States supply 800,000 pounds annually, and those of Europe 1,800,000 pounds.

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