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STREET-CAR SPOTTERS.

How Street Railway Companies Keep Tab ou Their Employes.

In the police court the other day, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, a young man g ving an assumed name was arrested on a charge of violating the sidewalk ordinance. He was fined the costs, as it was learned during the hearing that he is employed by two or three of the street railway companies here as a "spotter." The hatred displayed by street-car conductors and drivers for these monitors in their affairs needs little provocation, and as a rule the operators of the cars get to know their men in time, and are certainly well posted regarding their

The "spotter" who appeared in the police court carried a bunch of the blanks fur-nished by the street railway companies for hisuse, and their make-up is ingenious as regards details. The spaces to be filled in the blank report call for the day of the week, month and year, and the exact time of the day at which a car is boarded. The direction in which a car is going and the name of the cross street where the car is met, together with the number of the conductor and register, is also demanded. Then follows the details regarding the number of fares recorded and a space for the "spotter" to tell of any nickels that may be "knocked down." The report goes further, and asks for answers to such questions as these: "Was the conductor polite! Was the conductor careless! Was he watchful as to assisting ladies and children on and off the car? Was he engaged in loud talk with any one on the carf Was the driver careful with his team?"

Simple reference to the term "spotter" is sufficient to bring on a storm of indignation from any or all of the employes of street railways. "Every time I hear of one of those fellows," said a St. Clair street driver, "I am reminded of what Superintendent Bowers, of this road, who is now dead, said of that badge of dishonesty, the bell punch, when it was first introduced. He refused to brand his conductors with them, and declared that the man who was not smart enough to beat them was not ca-pable of running a car. I could point out spotters," any number of them, who are laughed at by the men of this road. I re member when the work was mostly donby women. One of them would get on the car, open a book, and pretend to be reading it, while she turned over a leaf to corre spond with each of the passengers. This was the poorest game of all, but the scheme resorted to now are just as bad. If a mai is disposed to be dishonest and is not : fool he need never be caught. No man or earth can get on a crowded car, as they al are at some periods of the day, and keep ar account of all the passengers. The conductor, who is bound to go through the crowd and collect fares, has to keep him and County Warrants Bought at Par. eyes open, and at that often misses one of

POWER OF CUSTOM.

Differences and Likenesses of Fashions in Different Countries.

That different manners and notions pre vall in different parts of the globe is, o course, known to us all, says the New Yor Mail and Express. In some parts of the world the lips are brought together in tokes of love and affection, in others the tips of the noses. In some places to uncover the head is a mark of respect, in others to keep i covered. Among some nations black clothe are worn as a sign of mourning, among oth ers white. In some lands the dead are buried horizontally, in others they are buried upright. In Western countries sick of goods at our store! We carry a full line General Banking Business, feed, crockery, gins ware, et. gars, tobacco and confectionery. are sick, but in China and other Oriental countries, physicians are paid by their client: so long as the latter enjoy good health. It Paris, domestic servants are encouraged to marry, as they are observed to be more settled and more attentive to their duty than when bachelors. In London, such marriages are discouraged, as rendering servthan to those of their master's.

In Paris certain funds are established for the poor, the yearly produce of which ad mits but a hunted number. In London a parish is taxed in proportion to the number of its poor, and every person who is pleased to be idle is entitled to a maintenance. Ir Paris the poor are always contented with their pittance. In London they are so in solent that scarce one of the u will conde-scend to cat brown bread. The latter city has accordingly a much larger number of idle and profligate wretches than the former.

In Paris, if the bills of mortality can be relied upon, the births and burials are nearly equal. In London the burials exceed the births by no less than five thousand

Great is the power of local custom, and if we take any of the principal events of life, such as death and marriage, we find the ceremonies connected with them differing most curiously in different lands; but greater still is the power of fashion, and the human family is rapidly and cheerfully submitting to its tyrannical sway; thus we find Oriental peoples eagerly adopting Western habits. In dress and manners the Chinese, Japanese, Hindoos and Turks are surely getting Europeanized, and to-day the Oriental youth, discarding his national garb, looks upon patent leather boots, tall hats and frock coats as marks of progress and civilization.

One Hundred Years Ago.

Fortunately there were no sewing ma-chines then, except the busy fingers of ladies, who gave less time to personal adornment than now. The earliest invention to facilitate the process of sewing was that of Weisenthall in 1755. In his ma chine the needle was pointed at both ends and had an eye in the middle, so that it could be passed through the cloth both ways. Alsop's machine came next, in 1770, in which the shuttle was used; then followed the loop machine of Dunean, in 1804 In the United States Granough, in 1842, took out a patent for a "machine to sew a straight seam," but Howe's, in 1846, was the first practical machine. The feature of Howe's machine was the needle with the eye in the point and the interlocking the threads by means of a shuttle. But the inventor could not have filled an order for a dezen of his machines for \$500 apiece. It is doubtful if the sewing-machine has be come a labor-saving machine, for, instead of using it to save time, it has increased the amount of sewing done a thousand fold. While the sewing machine was in-troduced only about forty years ago, the sale of them now is nearly, if not quite, 750,000 a year, and more than thirty companies are engaged in their manufacture. Their cost has been greatly reduced since We have taken a new name but Their cost has been greatly reduced since will continue to serve our petrons with the best the market affords, give them a cordial welcome to the flame. Terms them. During the life of these patents a reasonable, tive us a call and we will do machine costing the manufacturer from 215 to \$17 sold for from 190 to \$100, and now the fact from 140 to 150. sells for from \$40 to \$50.

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WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY. The Proper Way of Cleaning, Brushing and Dressing the Hair.

A rich mass of hair that when uncoiled can easily be sat upon by the fortunate possessor is a beauty of itself, yet, strange to say, it has less to do with producing the effect of beauty than almost any other attribute. Complexion, eyes, nose, mouth, all count for more in the general sum-

It is strange, too, writes Ella Rodman Church in Harper's Bazar, to note how trequently this gift is found where there is an entire absence of all other personal at-traction; and among German wemen of the working class, who are exceptionally plain, great masses of thick braids often cover the entire back of the head. A German prescription for promoting the growth of the hair is to wash it thoroughly once a week with the yelk of an egg well rubbed in among the partings, and afterward to rinse it off with cold soft water. A thorough drying and vigorous brushing complete the operation, which is one that working-women would scarcely take the time to indulge in.

This formula has been improved by the addition of balf a tea-cup of ammonia, a table-spoonful each of oil of bergamot and melted toiletts soap (pure white Castile or palm), a teaspoonful of powdered borax, and a quart of rain-water, to be thoroughly mixed and kept in a covered jar for a monthly washing of the scalp. This is often enough for purposes of cleanliness, and better for the hair, as frequent wash-

ing injures the young growth.

The egg should first be beaten to make it blend and rub in better; and before washing it is well to braid long hair in several braids, as this precaution keeps it from tangling. Braids and scalp should be thoroughly dried with a coarse towel, and the process assisted by sitting for an hour

or so in the sun or by a fire. Perfect cleanliness and patient brushing are recommended as the best restoratives for the thinning and breaking of the hair which is sure to follow the excessive use of pomades, many of which are highly in jurious, and the piling up of hair on one head which grew on another. Much of the hair of commerce has been taken from the dead, and it heats and irritates the heads to which it is transferred. This, with the use of applications containing chemicals, has a most disastrous tendency, and many of the victims "have a crown where the hair straggles thinly over a painfully blushing skin, and partings that assume in their frightened eyes, as they look in the glass, the proportions of the gates of Gaza, or have a stubble of short wiry coarse growth, inclined to bristle up, and giving an infinity of trouble to keep in decent order."

Some toilette tables fairly bristle with bottles, boxes and jars containing "dressings" innumerable for the unfortunate locks, which thrive best, if one did but mowit, without any dressing whatever but that administered by a well-made, mod-erately stiff brush, varied by an occasional application of the hands. The latter gives a satiny gioss; and a country lady, whose hair always had a particularly neat, shining appearance, was once detected in the act of outting her finger in her mouth for an extra touch to the front locks.

People who never indulge in an actual washing of the head, "for fear of taking do not besitate to wet the hair frequently with bay-rum and other applica-tions, although this is a surer way of taking cold than a brisk washing of the entire head and an equally brisk drying. The atter, too, is far more cleansing and invigrating, and with proper precautions there s no danger of any ill effects.

Gentle and regular friction is the best of onics to induce a healthy condition of the calp and to restore the natural beauty of he hair when it has been jost through inurious treatment. A little ammonia in the water used for cleansing acts as a mild stimulant, also a homosopathic amount of incture of cantharides. Brisk rubbing of the scalp with a raw onion, and after this a touch of honey, is said to work wonders; but all remedies are useless without regular and persevering brushing-fifty strokes night and morning, beginning at the very roots and going through the entire length of the hair.

Cutting the ends of the hair once a month is often recommended, but it is of little avail unless each hair is taken separately. as scarcely any two are of the same length This is a task that requires two or three hours in the execution, and it is said to pay if persevered in. Children's hair should not be cut unless it is thin, as the first silken growth is never restored; and with the Breton women, who have magnificent hair, it is always allowed to grow from in-

The color of hair has much to do with its beauty, and as a general thing the golden blonde is the most popular. Fortunate is she on whom nature has lavished these shining tresses, which give the possessor such a peculiarly youthful appearance. Many have been the attempts to imitate them with art, but such attempts are sure to terminate disastrously. Occasionally the lovely color is retained even beyond middle age, but ordinarily it is as evanescent as the youth it represents, and the golden-haired girl of sixteen frequently becomes the brown-haired matron of thirty.

Miss Goldilocks has unconsciously lifted her red-haired sisters out of their Cindercila asnes, or those of them whose har is on the russet rather than the orange tint, "the color of perfectly ripe corn," for the reason that hair of this peculiar shade comes next in beauty to the true chevelure dorce. It is not only beautiful, but distin guished looking. "Enter a room in day-light," says a writer on the tollette, "where there are women without bonnets or hats, and if there be one of them with bright, un-mistakable red hair she will stand out from the rest with a never-failing prominer which, if she be a pretty woman-and red-haired women have often great beauty of feature and very often lovely complexions -is of the greatest advantage to her, actually speaking."

An approach to the desirable tint may be obtained by using a preparation com-pounded of half a pint of rose water and three ounces of clean powdered gum-arabic, mixed and strained, after which one drop of aniline red should be added to give it a rosy tinge. This is also recommended to make the hair curl easily.

The worst hair-which is usually in streaks or patches of color-can be vastly improved by avoiding every thing like a stiff or conventional arrangement, whatever the fashion may be. Such hair should be loose and fluffy, in large waves and care-less twists-not untidy, but picturesque. This causes the light to strike it in such a way that the inequalities of color are not

The ugly fashion of combing the hair from the neck to the very top of the head spoiis the effect of the prettiest hair, and is becoming only to a small, perfectly shaped head. The bare apertures at the backs of bonnets afford an excellent opportunity for the study of phrenology, and the many un-desirable "bumps" thus exposed to view might never have been suspected but for the unnatural withdrawal of their proper

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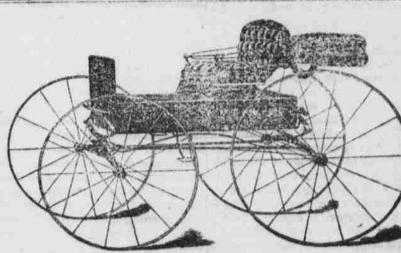
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