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Trains run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH				GOING SOUTH.		
Exp'ss Pass. Mix. No. 5	STATIONS			Mix. No. 2	Pass. Exp'ss No. 4	Exp'ss No. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	Detroit	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
4 05	6 55	7 15	H & M	9 25	11 50	
4 12	7 02	7 22	Mich. Cen.	9 18		
8 50	5 15	8 15	PONTIAC	8 05	10 11	4 00
8 45	5 29	8 30	Clarkston	7 50	10 22	3 52
8 30	5 30	8 3	Cole	7 35	10 15	3 40
8 20				7 30	10 00	3 30
11 50	6 00	8 55	Oxford	7 10	10 05	1 50
12 05	6 10	9 05	Shorp	6 55	9 50	1 32
11 25	6 16	9 1	Leonard	6 46	9 46	1 22
11 55	6 30	9 2	Dryden	6 30	9 32	12 55
12 30	6 46	9 44	milay City	6 10	9 02	12 35
12 50	7 01	9 56	Imlay	5 46	9 07	11 55
1 13	7 07	10 03	Kings Mills	5 40	8 57	11 40
1 55	7 24	10 16	So. Branch	5 18	8 45	11 20
2 50	7 40	10 29	Cliff'd	4 56	8 30	10 59
3 25	7 54	10 50	Kingston	4 36	8 15	9 55
3 40	8 04	10 56	Wilmot	4 21	8 05	9 40
4 04	8 12	11 07	Deford	4 14	7 59	9 15
5 15	8 28	11 23	Cass City	4 00	7 47	8 55
5 45	8 41	11 43	Gagetown	4 00	7 42	8 40
6 05	8 51	11 55	Owendale	3 48	7 20	7 35
6 15	8 56	12 00	Dwyer	3 38	7 15	7 25
6 35	9 10	12 15	Pigeon	3 05	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 15	12 21	Bethel	2 55	6 55	6 50
7 00	9 25	12 35	Caseville	2 45	6 45	6 15
P.M.	P.M.	P.M.		Lv.	A.M.	A.M.

GOING NORTH. Mixed Train No. 7.		GOING SOUTH. Mixed Train No. 8
Stations	a. m	Stations	a. m
Pontiac	5 40	Pontiac	6 30
Eames	5 34	Eames	6 34
Cole	5 44	Cole	6 25
Oxford	5 00	Oxford	6 10

All trains daily except Sunday.
Trains No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 daily except Sunday.
Trains No. 5 will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Train No. 6, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
* Flag Stations, where trains stop only at signals.
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Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m., and hourly until 11:00 p. m.

Cars leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 6:30 a. m., and every half hour thereafter until 8:00 p. m., and hourly until 12 o'clock midnight.

First car leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m.; 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m. and hourly until 11:00 p. m. Last car waits for the theaters.

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The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, and for this purpose no medicine has received more universal approval than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Do not waste valuable time in experimenting with untried remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended, but give this medicine as yet a sign of life.

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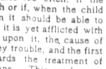
Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.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PHILOSOPHICAL.

Once a fisherman, always a liar.

A lazy man is always trying to work other people.

Luck is a combination of an opportunity and the man.

It is easier to brag of one's future than it is to boast of one's past.

When money is tight the pawnbroker is apt to take the pledge.

Stealing a march is not larceny any more than firing a servant is arson.

Though the wind is invisible the same cannot be said of a sight draft.

Horses are like eggs. It is impossible to tell what's in them until they are broken.

Talk is cheap, but when a young man is in love he naturally thinks the chief talker a little dear.

Naturally the man who leads a crooked life is liable to keep both feet in the straight and narrow path.

If the average woman knew what her neighbors say of her she would probably talk about them worse than ever.

The millennium will be at hand when people instead of asking what a man is worth can find out by looking at his tax receipts.

RELIGIOUS MUSINGS.

Faith alone lifts the fog of the future.

We are bidden to take, not to make our cross.

Revenge is sweet—but only in the mouth of a fool.

Variety is the spice of life, and vice is the cayenne pepper.

He who does nothing for others does nothing for himself.

To some people, "I" is the largest letter in the alphabet of life.

Many men consent to be shut out of heaven that they may stand in with this world.

The twinges of conscience are like an aching tooth, very annoying, but

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

"THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN."

Conditions in Saxony That Call Loudly for Reform.

The cry of the children still goes up in Germany. The chamber of commerce in Plauen has issued a remarkable report.

In Saxony, it states, of 604,600 school children, no fewer than 137,831, or 23 per cent, are employed in trade. More than half of these children—namely, 74,503—are employed in the textile industry.

In some industries even children under 10 years of age are employed, the majority of whom are puny, delicate, little old men and women, sitting all day in a vitiated atmosphere for a few pence, and never knowing what it is to play and be children.

They do not obtain proper food, for their parents are so poor that they can only afford to give them bread and potatoes. A petition will shortly be laid before the reichstag praying for legislation on the matter.—London Express.

FORMED TO PROTECT WOMEN.

New York Law Firm That Will Seek No Clients Among Men.

Countess von Kiebusch, the daughter of Count von Kiebusch of Dresden,

COUNTESS VON KIEBUSCH

Germany, and formerly wife of Harlan P. Lloyd of Cincinnati, from whom she secured a divorce, has been studying law in New York for several years, and has announced her intention of forming a partnership with Mrs. Olive Scott Gabriel, daughter of Judge Scott of Oregon, and opening a law office in New York which will have only women clients. "We will take any case of any woman who has become entangled in the law," said the countess, "and this whether or not the woman has money of pay our fees. I believe, and so does Mrs. Gabriel, that women are handicapped before the law, and we will bend all our efforts toward gaining justice for them. We desire no men at our clients. Let men argue for men; we will try to protect women's rights."

HIGH IN HIS PROFESSION.

The Late John J. Dickey Mourned by Telegraph Men of America.

John J. Dickey, who died at Omaha last week, was one of the most capable

JOHN J. DICKEY

telegraph men in America. His official position was that of superintendent of the fifth district, central division of the Western Union Telegraph company, in which function he disclosed remarkable powers of organization. Mr. Dickey was a native of Rushville, Ill., and learned the rudiments of the telegraph art at Ottawa. He was one of the first to recognize the value of the telephone as a commercial instrument and did much to establish the first telephonic exchange in Omaha. His funeral was attended by representatives of all the large telegraph offices of the Western Union.

Farm Land in Manitoba.

A large part of the Peace and Athabasca valleys is good farming land, and alluvial lands, even to the delta of the Mackenzie, are fertile in the hot, short summer. Agriculture, stock raising and other industries might be followed, but there are so many localities yet unoccupied that are more favorably situated that it will be a long time before they will be thickly peopled. In climate and capabilities much of this region might be compared to Finland.

Would Establish Chinese Hospital.

Dr. How-Chang, who says he was graduated from institutions of learning bearing all kinds of odd-sounding names, wants to be licensed to practice in the state of New York. He also desires to establish a hospital in Chinatown for the exclusive treatment of his race in New York and the east.

Fruit Rotting in California.

Tons of fruit are rotting in California orchards from lack of help to gather it.

JUST A MAN AND A WOMAN.

By EDWARD E. WEBB.

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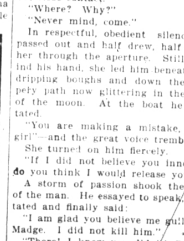


Applied the edge of the file to the man's chains.

energy, as though his powerful frame were forcing utterance against his will, he exclaimed:

"Madge, I killed Lieutenant Beverly!"

"Jim, I knew you did."

Both were white to the lips and the wide lustrous eyes of the girl were on him with an intensity that rivaled the brightest star above.

"I know what he said about me and I love you for what you have done Jim."

"But—you were to have married him."

"Yes."

"Then you can forgive me?"

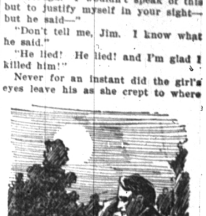
"That question is answered."

"I couldn't tolerate the things he said about you, Madge. He boasted and talked of the time you were in St. Louis at school and he went there on a furlough. I wouldn't speak of this but to justify myself in your sight—but he said—"

"Don't tell me, Jim. I know what he said."

"He lied! And I'm glad I killed him!"

Never for an instant did the girl's eyes leave his as she crept to where



"I'm not going back home, Jim." he sat and put her arms about his neck.

"Kiss me, Jim."

After a moment she said sorrowfully: "I was engaged to him when I was but sixteen—before I knew you, Jim. But I love you too much to lie to you. What he said was true!"

The man smiled tenderly as he caressed the wind blown tresses and kissed the white lips.

"That was why I killed him, Madge," he said.

The girl sobbed and her arms tightened around his neck.

"I'm not going back home, Jim. I'm going with you!"

THINKS DOLLIVER A HOODOO.

Congressman Hopkins Has Bad Luck Through Iowa Statesman.

Congressman A. J. Hopkins of Illinois says that Senator Dolliver of Iowa is a hoodoo. A year ago when the congressman was starting to Washington to attend the opening of congress he met Dolliver in Chicago. The senator at once brought his persuasive powers into play and induced Mr. Hopkins to share Dolliver's stateroom to Washington. The train was wrecked, and although neither the senator nor the congressman was injured they arrived too late to hear the chaplain make the opening prayer. This year when Mr. Hopkins reached Chicago from Aurora on his way to Washington whom should he meet but Senator Dolliver. "Come, ride with me to Washington," said Dolliver to Hopkins in his most alluring tones. "No," said the Illinois senator-to-be resolutely. "I am going as I planned." Dolliver hated the prospect of a lonesome twenty-four hour ride and he argued accordingly. The upshot of it was that he won Mr. Hopkins over and they started together to the capital. Just west of Pittsburg the train was wrecked. Mr. Hopkins' head was jammed so hard against his berth that he thought his neck was broken. A special train was hitched up and the senator and the congressman were landed in Washington in time to participate in the doings of the first day of the session. Nevertheless Mr. Hopkins asserts that Dolliver is a hoodoo.

All Through Billiards.

This queer incident comes from Paris. While playing at billiards one evening recently in his house in Paris M. Reichart hit a ball so hard that it bounded from the table and out of an open window, falling through the glass roof of a drawing room in the next house and smashing a valuable Sevres vase. The crash so alarmed an Angora cat sleeping on the table close by that the animal sprang up and knocked over a lamp, which set fire to some tapestry and necessitated the calling out of the brigade. M. Reichart was engaged to the niece of the invalid lady occupying the house in which the damage was caused. The commotion, however, had so disastrous effect on the old lady's nerves that she died shortly afterwards. On learning the indirect cause of her aunt's death the young lady refused to marry M. Reichart, and the heirs are now suing him for the damage gone.

The World Becoming Smaller.

The world is indeed becoming smaller. First, exploration made all men acquainted with all others. Then steam navigation vastly facilitated and expedited travel and transportation. Then the telegraph made, for purposes of exchange of thought, all nations next door neighbors. Finally, or latest, for we know not what yet may come to pass, the growth of industries and commerce has caused all nations to reach out in every direction, so that to-day whatever concerns one does in a measure concern all. The Atlantic ocean is mathematically as wide and deep as ever. But for purposes of travel and transportation its width is now measured in days instead of weeks, while for purposes of communication it has been practically annihilated. New York and London are closer together to-day than New York and Brooklyn were within the memory of men now living and not yet grown