

**Mother Goose.**  
The most popular children's book ever written was "Mother Goose's Melodies." Mrs. Goose, or Mother Goose, as she was familiarly called, was a mother-in-law of Thomas Fleet, a Boston printer early in the century. When his first child was born his mother-in-law devoted all her attention to the baby and, it is said, greatly annoyed Fleet by her persistent and not particularly musical chanting of the old English ditties she had heard in her childhood. The idea occurred to Fleet of writing down these songs and publishing them in book form. The oldest extant copy bears the date of 1719. The price marked on the title page was "two coppers." This account of the origin of Mother Goose is discredited by some critics, who declare that in 1697 Perrault published "Contes de ma Mere l'Oye," or "Stories of Mother Goose." The name Mother Goose was familiar in French folklore, being used by writers of this literature over a century before the time of Perrault.

**The Status of a Meteorite.**  
A meteorite fell on a Vermont farm in 1896. It was a valuable meteorite, and the landlord at once stepped up and claimed it. "All minerals and metals on the land belong to me," he said. "That's in the lease."  
But the tenant demurred. "This meteorite," he said, "wasn't on the farm, you must remember, when the lease was drawn up."

The landlord perceived the justice of that claim. He thought a moment. Then he said decisively, "I claim her as my game."  
But the tenant was ready for him. "She's got neither wings nor feathers," he said. "Therefore, as ground game, she's mine."

They continued their argument, and in the heat of it a revenue officer, arriving with a truck, proceeded to put the meteorite aboard. "I claim her for the government," he said, "as an article introduced into the country without payment of duty."

**A Hotel Experience.**  
One fashionable hotel on Fifth avenue refuses to give any receipt for jewelry deposited in its safe or hold itself responsible for a greater amount than \$250. Its explanation of this rule is based on an experience which seems extreme enough. Two guests of the hotel kept their valuables and money in the safe. They left them there when they went abroad, sometimes to stay for six months. Once the wife came back alone and drew out all the money and valuables. As she had often done so before the clerks gave the box to her as a matter of course. It was not until her husband had returned and wanted the same valuables that the hotel knew of their divorce. The husband brought suit and recovered all he claimed. Since that result of its confidence in its guests the hotel has limited its responsibility to \$250.—New York Sun.

**A Cholera Belt.**  
"The cholera belt," said a pale Anglo-Indian, "is not an imaginary girdle, like your pie belt, but a real girdle, which every foreign resident of India wears day and night. In winter the belt is made of heavy wool. In the summer it is made of light wool. It is never taken off. Even when you are sleeping in a temperature of 105 degrees, tossing and moaning and perspiring, despite the punkah that fans you from above, you still keep on your cholera belt, no matter what else you shed. Every Anglo-Indian has a couple of dozen cholera belts. They are said to prevent cholera, and I have no doubt they do so. At any rate, I never heard of any wearer of a cholera belt whom cholera ever seized upon."

**The Light That Failed.**  
It was by an accident that Mr. Kipling got his famous title, "The Light That Failed." He had almost decided to call the novel "The Failure," although he was dissatisfied with this. One evening as he was sitting in his study reading by lamplight the light went suddenly down—almost failed, in fact. In a second Kipling jumped up, exclaiming excitedly, "By Jove, I've got it!" Pointing to the lamp, he said, "The Light That Failed."—London Standard.

**The Man Fish.**  
Mathew Buchinger, mentioned in old English wonder books as the "man fish," was the most remarkable monstrosity of his time. He had neither hands, arms, feet nor legs. From his shoulders grew two snake-like excrescences, and along his back there were several rows of scales. He had the lidless eyes characteristic of the fish species and a queer pucker mouth and no ears.

**The Two Garricks.**  
George Garrick, brother of the celebrated David, was the latter's most devoted slave and laborious pack horse. On coming behind the scene he usually inquired, "Has David wanted me?" It being asked once how George came to die so soon after the demise of his famous brother, a wag replied, "David wanted him."

**Love and Dyspepsia.**  
Young Wife (sobbing)—I am afraid, Karl, you have forgotten what the Herr Pastor said so beautifully at our wedding—how love believes anything, suffers anything—Young Husband—Oh, no; I haven't, but I didn't hear him say that love can eat anything—Flegende Blatter.

**Self Made Man.**  
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|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| x 7:00 a m       | x 6:30 a m         |             |
| x 8:30 a m       | x 8:00 a m         |             |
| 10:00 a m        | xx 9:00 a m        |             |
| 11:30 a m        | 11:00 a m          | 10:45 a m   |
| 1:30 p m         | 12:30 p m          | 12:15 p m   |
| 3:00 p m         | 2:30 p m           | 2:15 p m    |
| 5:00 p m         | 4:25 p m           | 4:15 p m    |
| 6:30 p m         | 5:55 p m           | 5:45 p m    |
| 8:00 p m         | 7:30 p m           |             |
| 9:30 p m         | 9:00 p m           |             |
| 11:00 p m        | 10:30 p m          |             |

x Daily except Sunday.  
xx Sundays this car will leave Wrightsville at 10:00 a. m. instead of at 9:00 a. m.  
Cars leaving Wilmington at 7 a. m., 8:30 A. m., 8:00 p. m. and 9:30 p. m. will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

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**NORTHBOUND.**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| No. 48                          | No. 49    |
| Lv. Wilmington . . . 9:00 a m   | 6:35 p m  |
| Ar. Goldsboro . . . 11:25 p m   | 9:32 p m  |
| Ar. Rocky Mount . . 1:45 p m    | 1:15 p m  |
| Ar. Weldon . . . . . 5:05 p m   | 3:32 p m  |
| Ar. Norfolk . . . . . 6:05 p m  | 4:35 p m  |
| Ar. Wilson . . . . . 1:07 p m   | 10:25 p m |
| Ar. Weldon . . . . . 5:05 p m   | 2:32 a m  |
| Ar. Petersburg . . . 7:12 p m   | 4:27 a m  |
| Ar. Richmond . . . . 8:00 p m   | 5:10 a m  |
| Ar. Washington . . . 11:40 p m  | 8:50 a m  |
| Ar. Baltimore . . . . 1:43 a m  | 10:13 a m |
| Ar. Philadelphia . . . 4:25 a m | 12:27 a m |
| Ar. New York . . . . . 7:20 a m | 3:00 a m  |

**SOUTHBOUND**

|                                 |           |
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| No. 41                          | No. 42    |
| Lv. New York . . . . 9:25 a m   | 9:25 p m  |
| Ar. Philadelphia . . . 1:15 p m | 12:01 a m |
| Ar. Baltimore . . . . 2:12 p m  | 2:32 a m  |
| Ar. Washington . . . 3:21 p m   | 3:45 a m  |
| Ar. Norfolk . . . . . 7:25 p m  | 8:20 a m  |
| Lv. Richmond . . . . 8:05 p m   | 8:25 a m  |
| Ar. Petersburg . . . 9:25 p m   | 9:12 a m  |
| Ar. Weldon . . . . . 9:53 p m   | 11:35 a m |
| Ar. Rocky Mount . . . 10:53 p m | 1:00 p m  |
| Ar. Wilson . . . . . 11:40 p m  | 2:15 p m  |
| Ar. Goldsboro . . . . 6:58 a m  | 8:12 p m  |
| Ar. Wilmington . . . 10:20 a m  | 6:10 p m  |

**BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH SOUTHBOUND**

| Daily                          | Daily    | Daily   |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Lv. Wilm'ton . . . . 5:40 am   | 12:35 pm | 6:35 pm |
| Ar. Florence . . . . 9:35 am   | 7:30 pm  | 4:15 pm |
| Ar. Columbia . . . . 12:45 pm  | 11:10 pm | 1:00 am |
| Ar. Charleston . . . . 1:40 pm | 11:37 pm | 7:05 am |
| Ar. Savannah . . . . 6:45 pm   | 2:55 am  | 9:30 am |
| Ar. Jacksonville . . . 8:40 am | 4:40 am  | 2:10 pm |
| Ar. Tampa . . . . . 7:10 pm    | 10:07 am |         |

**BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.**

| West Bound                      | East Bound             |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Daily                           | Daily                  |
| Lv. Wilmington . . . 9:10 am    | Ar. Sanford 8:18 pm    |
| Lv. Fayetteville . . . 12:35 pm | Ar. Wilmington 4:55 pm |
| Lv. Sanford . . . . . 3:10 pm   | Ar. Wilmington 1:55 pm |

**BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.**

| N. Bound                     | South Bound         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Daily ex Sun                 | Daily               |
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