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### TRAINS COLLIDE FOR FUN.

Promoters of Actual Collision Amuse Forty Thousand Spectators on the Brighton Track, Near New York.

New York Herald, 5th. Forty thousand persons waited impatiently three hours yesterday afternoon to see two steam engines in a head-on collision, when running at about forty miles an hour, in the Brighton Beach track. The engines were smashed into a mass of twisted iron, and thousands of persons joined in a rush, at times amounting almost to a panic, through water and mire, to get pieces of the wreckage as souvenirs.

Grand stands and lawns were crowded at 3 o'clock, the time announced for the collision. After waiting two hours in a boiling sun and shut off from any breeze, the thousands became ill-natured and demanded that they be shown the collision. A vaudeville entertainment, which could be seen by only a few, did not satisfy. Then the management announced that the delay was to permit the crowd from Sheephead Bay race track to arrive, and the collision did not take place until 6 o'clock.

Through the center of the race track, across bog and mire, a railroad track nearly half a mile in length was built. The two engines were eighty tons each, but of an old type. In their new paint they looked fit to draw a modern express as they puffed and panted back and forth across the track many times during the afternoon to keep up interest. They were built for a New Jersey railroad and for several years had been used in freight yards.

With tracks thickly sanded so the wheels would not slip, the engines were started from either end of the railroad. Roy Matthews and Edward J. Dwyer, who have been in two similar collisions in the west, were the drivers.

Throwing wide the throttles and whistles, the drivers started the engines and, after they had gone fifty feet, together with the firemen, jumped from their cabs. They landed in mud and were uninjured.

Gaining speed at every second the engines leaped forward toward each other, and the great crowd rose to its feet. There was a roar when the engines met, each reared half its length in the air and there was a shower of sparks, followed by a rush of steam that in a second enveloped the wreck. For fully a minute the bells on the engines rang, and the noise of escaping steam was heard a quarter of a mile away in the grand stands. It was fully three minutes before the steam cleared so that any part of the wreck could be seen.

Almost before the engines had turned over in ruins came the rush of men and women from the race track and grand stands to the scene of the wreck. They ran through the mud and water, in places half way to their knees, to get near the engines. White dresses were trailed through the

mud and men fought in the rush.

Mounted policemen hurried to the wreck to drive back the crowd for fear of an accident in the steam, but were powerless. While the steam was rushing from the engines in clouds men and women clambered over the engines, into the ruined cabs and over the heated boilers. Half a ton of coal that was scattered over the tracks was carried away for souvenirs. The engines have been sold as scrap iron and will be blown to pieces with dynamite.

### Going Visiting.

Daily Ind. News. Sit down, the next time you plan to go a visiting and make out a list of the every day necessary things you mean to take with you. Then, before you lock your trunk, run over the list, and see if you've forgotten any of them.

No matter how dearly your hostess may love you, a visitor who is continually borrowing all sorts and conditions of things, from pins and sewing utensils to lounging robes and fresh blouses, is, to put it mildly, a nuisance, who has literally worn out her welcome.

One long-suffering hostess, whose lounging robes were the envy of her numerous visitors, was the most generous mortal alive, until she realized to what lengths some women, those who ought to know better, will go for the sake of wearing pretty, effective clothes.

Every one of her lovely robes was borrowed and worn to trail around the house in, or to look languorously attractive in at breakfast time. Yet, two or three of them had cost between one and two hundred dollars apiece; and not one of the women who wore them so carelessly possessed a single robe of that class. One pale blue beauty-crepe de chine embroidered in the same pale shade in a design heavy-headed chrysanthemums—was almost ruined by the thoughtless—or worse—treatment it received.

Your own kimono, your own sewing utensils, all the little personal things should be among those you take with you.

When you leave be as punctilious about collecting your various trifles—not like the girl who left her thimble in one room, a dress in the closet or another, and almost every other room honored (?) by some one of her possessions.

Look over everything you pack; you don't want to carry off some trifling thing of your hostess' by mistake. And if your room is full of them, the error is easily made.

The whole thing in a nutshell is: remember the rare distinction between "mine and thine," and remember it particularly when you are visiting.

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### TRAGEDY AT CLOVER.

Mr. James Hedgepeth Killed by Contact with Live Electric Wire.

Yorkville Inquirer, 3d. Accidental contact with a live wire in the transformer house of the Clover Manufacturing Company was the cause of the instant death of Mr. James A. Hedgepeth, at Clover, this morning at about 6:15 o'clock. From information obtained by telephone, it appears that Mr. Hedgepeth was assisting Mr. F. B. Williams, the superintendent, and Mr. H. B. Maxwell, the machinist, in overhauling the lightning arrester. The current had been cut off just above the arrester and all below was safe. After the men had been working for some few minutes, Mr. Hedgepeth, evidently forgetting the danger, touched the wire above the safety switch and in an instant he was dead, almost without a groan.

The deceased was a native of Chester; but entered the employ of the Clover Manufacturing Company soon after its organization and has been connected with the growth and development of the property ever since. He has been employed in various capacities, all changes however, being in the direction of promotion, and for many years he has enjoyed the highest confidence and esteem not only of his employers but of his fellow employees. During a number of years he has been engineer and general overseer. He was about forty-five years of age and leaves a widow and six children, three daughters and three sons. The eldest child is a daughter about eighteen.

Mr. Hedgepeth was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. and of the W. O. W. and in these and other organizations carried insurance to the amount of \$2,500. He was also a member of the Baptist church and stood high as a church worker.

It has been arranged that the funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, the religious services being conducted by Rev. W. E. Hurt and the interment under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and the W. O. W.

### The Best Medicine.

New York Press. This gift of throwing off care, of having a bit of sentiment, a relish for a joke, a love for verse, a careless regard for accumulating money, a desire for the lighter rather than the heavier literature, called by the general term imagination, is the best medicine in life. The British census shows that in Ireland there are 412 centenarians, or one to every 10,000 of the population. Scotland is a good second. In all France the last census shows 293 centenarians, with Germany far behind with 171. German stolidity is half cousin to worryment. The light-hearted German wears his age well, seldom grows bald, not often wealthy, but carries with him much of the happiness of life to fair old age. The Englishman worries along until he is 60, and is then old. He is bald in the early forties if his mind is bent upon one thing. Americans have discovered that specialization in business is the surest road to baldness.

### Then and Now.

Charity and Children. Does anybody believe for a moment that Zab Vance, if he were in the zenith of his glory today, would tell dirty jokes as he did in his day? Aycock, who comes nearest to measuring up to the "Great Commoner," made a campaign so clean that no blush was ever brought to the face of the most modest and gentle woman who heard him. Strange to say, it was once held that the private life of a public man did not come within the purview of the public gaze. It was quite the thing for candidates to drink and curse and carouse all they pleased so they attended to their duties as servants of the people. Thank God the day has come when public sentiment demands that a man be decent everywhere, if he would gain and hold the favor of the people. A few politicians still hold to the old notion that what they do in private is nobody's business just so they attend to the duties for which they were elected, but these men are back numbers and the sand is slipping from beneath their feet. A man's private and public life is one and the same. The "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" period has passed.

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### To Utilize Cotton Stalks.

Information comes from New York to the effect that Mr. Harvie Jordan is to quit the Southern Cotton Association to become the manager of a giant corporation of \$15,000,000 original capital to manufacture cotton stalks into paper denatured alcohol and other by-products, and which will incidentally look forward to a monopoly of the ginning and packing of cotton. The name of the new organization, which has already been incorporated under the laws of Maine, is the "Cotton Stalks Products Company." Mr. Jordan is president and the other officers are: Vice president, Samuel F. B. Morse, New York; secretary and treasurer, Arthur E. Kales, New York. Directors, John P. Allison, Concord, Ga.; W. P. G. Harding, Birmingham, Ala.; William H. Hassinger, Birmingham, Ala.; Harvie Jordan, Atlanta, Ga.; Arthur P. Kales, New York; Samuel F. B. Morse, New York; William C. Seddon, Baltimore; William F. Andover, Montgomery, Ala., and John D. Walker, Sparta, Ga.

Most of the paper now being used is made of spruce and pine and the supply of these woods is retreating far into Canada with the result that there is an annual increase in the cost of getting them to the mills, which necessarily have to remain stationary. Practical experiments have demonstrated that cotton stalks may be converted into all kinds of paper of much better quality than can be made from wood and since the area required for the production of a bale of cotton is good for a ton of stalks, it is estimated that the supply will not only be easily sufficient for the entire home consumption but there will be left over an abundance for export both in the form of pulp and paper.

Along with paper and alcohol other by-products to be made from cotton stalks include acetone, material for smokeless gunpowder, celluloid, pyroxylin and fertilizers. It is calculated that the company will be able to pay from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a ton for cotton stalks delivered at its plants, which are to be eventually scattered throughout the cotton regions at intervals of only five or six miles apart.

Mr. Jordan is very enthusiastic over ultimate developments. He thinks that the production of denatured alcohol at something like ten cents a gallon will result in a tremendous stimulus of the use of gas engines and these will be available for pulling gang plows, farm wagons, automobiles, freight vehicles, etc. Better roads will be a natural outcome of new conditions and transportation by motor cars will then be cheaper than by railroads which Mr. Jordan thinks will have to go out of business.

With the numerous contemplated plants of the Cotton Stalks Products Company in full operation, the South will soon be getting something like one hundred million dollars a year additional from products that are now going to waste and there will be almost inconceivable stimulus to industries of all kinds.

As we see it there are wonderful possibilities for the gigantic enterprise Mr. Jordan has in view, and if his plans are successfully carried out, we may look for a tremendous increase in the prosperity of the south; but then it is just as well not to allow ourselves to become too enthusiastic over promises, because at best the promised benefits are to be quite a while in coming.

### Gastonia's Great Town.

Yorkville cor. Charleston News and Courier. All the industrial enterprises, including cotton mills, the oil mill, lumber yards, and also a majority of the stores, the banks and the postoffice, suspended operations on yesterday, but otherwise there was no special observation of the day at this place. The day was celebrated on an extensive scale, and in the time-honored way by some of the neighboring towns, notably Gaffney and Gastonia, and as a result the railroads, restaurants, hotels, dispensers of soft drinks and livery stables did a rushing business. It is said that the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad handled more than 1,000 passengers for Gastonia, there being two trains with a total of twelve loaded cars, and the passengers were about equally divided as between whites and negroes. Gastonia is a great town and always has an eye to the mails chance.

### FINE CRIT; POOR JUDGMENT.

A Game Rooster Fights Back at an Imaginary Fox and Dies to an Effort to Settle Things—An Interesting Story.

Charlotte Observer, 2d. "Some time ago," said a man connected with the High Shoals cotton mill, in Gaston county, to an Observer reporter yesterday, "the High Shoals Company was putting in the piers for a new bridge across the South Fork of the Catawba river. A coffer dam had to be built around the foundation space in the middle of the stream, and in order to get the water out of the inside of the dam, a duplex pump was rigged up and steam was carried to it in a pipe, which led from the boilers 100 yards away, and lay on top of the ground. This pipe was very hot.

"One day a game rooster, accompanied by a number of his lady friends, came along and in crossing the pipe, stepped upon it. The pipe burned his feet and he jumped off, but turned and stared at the long, black thing with a look of defiance in his eye. He deliberately jumped upon the pipe again. The pipe, knowing no better, burned the chanticheer again and, that time, he seemed to think he had been attacked, and he went at the pipe, hammer and tongs fashion, beating it with his wings and pecking it with his beak as though he were fighting another cock. The onslaught was fierce and furious and was kept up for an hour or more. Every time he came in contact with the pipe he was scorched a little, which served only to make him fight all the more desperately, for he seemed to feel that his opponent was getting in a blow on him now and then.

"The battle continued until the rooster was dead and the pipe all covered with blood and feathers for a distance of six feet. Several times the chicken was caught and carried away from the pipe, but every time he returned to renew the fight. No animal ever fought a braver battle."

### THE TRIAL OF JOHN BROWN.

Some Features of One of the Decisive Battles of the Law. Frederick Twiss III., in Harper's.

During all the proceedings in his trial, John Brown never stirred from his couch, but lay with closed eyes, apparently unconscious of the legal battling for his life; and when the jury fled into the room and recorded their verdict of guilty of each of the three indictments, he merely turned over on his side and settled more comfortably upon his pillows. \* \* \* When the clerk demanded if he could assign any reason why sentence should not be pronounced upon him, he stared at the bench in evident astonishment, and it was some moments before he answered.

"I have, may it please the court, a few words to say," he began. "In the first place, I deny everything but what I have all along admitted—the design on my part to free the slaves. \* \* \* That was all I intended. \* \* \* Now, if it is necessary that I forfeit my life for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and mingle my blood with the blood of the millions in this slave country whose rights are disregarded by wicked, cruel, and unjust enactments, I submit. Let it be done. Let me say one word further. I feel entirely satisfied with the treatment I have received on my trial. Considering all the circumstances, it has been more generous than I expected. But I feel no consciousness of guilt. I have stated from the first what was my intention and what was not. \* \* \* Now I have done."

In the bush that followed this quiet, simple utterance, John Brown was sentenced to be hanged on December 2, and a few moments later he was smuggled out of the building, not a man in the audience being permitted to stir until he had returned to his cell without the assistance of the militia, whose services Judge Parker had haughtily declined, holding that soldiers had no business in a court of law.

### Don't Kill the Hawk.

Country Life in America. Man has sinned more than any other animal in trifling with nature's balance. Clover crops and the killing of hawks are apparently unrelated, yet the hawks eat the field mice, the field mice eat the field mice, the field mice eat the bees, the bees fertilize the clover blossoms. The death of a hawk means an over-increase of field mice and a consequent destruction of the bees.

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To the Editor of The Gazette:

The teachers' examinations, advertised for July 12, 13 and 14, have been postponed until July 19, 20 and 21. This change is rendered necessary in consequence of the election of the county superintendent by the State Board of Education as a member of the Sub-Text Book Commission, which will be in session during the former dates. F. P. HALL, Supt. Belmont, N. C. July 3, 1906.

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