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The Four Sections That Divide the

United States. Every nation has its own time standard, but the United States has four. These time sections, as they are called, were introduced in the year 1883, chiefly for the benefit of the railroads, and are known as the eastern, central, mountain and Pacific. The eastern section extends from the Atlantic coast to an irregular line drawn from Detroit to Charleston, S. C.; the central includes all between this line and another extending from Bismarck, N. D., to the mouth of the Rio Grande river; the mountain extends from here to the western boundary of Montana, Idaho, .Utah and Arizona, and the Pacific includes all the remainder of the coun-

try to the Pacific coast. The difference in time between adjoining sections is one hour, so that when it is 12 o'clock in New York city it is 11 o'clock at Chicago, 10 o'clock at Denver and 9 o'clock at San Francisco. The true local time of any place is slower or faster than the standard time, according as the place is west or east of the time meridian. Thus the local time at Boston is sixteen minutes faster than eastern standard time, while at Buffalo it is sixteen minutes slower.-Harper's Weekly.

## WINNING A COAT.

The Clever Scheme That Was Worked by a French Thief.

A Frenchman had been attending the Comedie Francaise, and after the performance he took a gloomy byway in order to make a short cut to the Boulevard Montmartre. He noticed as he hastened through the dark a slight tug on his coattail, but to this he paid no attention. When he reached the bright boulevard, however, he found, to his great mortification, that one tail of his clawhammer coat had been cut off. He notified a journalist of his loss, and the next morning an account of the odd theft appeared in the Figaro. That afternoon a man in a blue uniform called on him.

"I come, monsieur," the man said, "from the bureau of police. We have captured a suspicious character who had in his pocket a piece of fine black | when the debtor offered them to his cloth. Let me have your mutilated coat, sir. If the piece fits it, we will know that we have apprehended the man who robbed you."

The other surrendered his coat, and from that day to this he heard no more about it. The pretended official was, of course, the thief, who had adopted that advacious means of getting the coat in order to atach to it the purloined tail.

Who Knows?

Alice toiled slowly up the stairs, paper and pencil in hand, ready to ask questions of the first person she encountered. Being just six, she was at reaching a fabulous price, the once e inquiring make everybody's life a burden to ized a fortune.

The first person she encountered was Bridget, the upstairs girl.

"Pwease, Bwidget," she piped, "gif me ve letters of ve alfabit." Slowly and impressively Bridget

complied. "An' now, Bwidget," proceeded Alice, "pwease gif me ve letters vat ain't in

ve afabit. Bridget thought. Then she thought

again. She was puzzled. Finally she said:

"I'll tell ye tomorrow," and went down to ask cook.-London Queen.

The Colonies-In English Eyes. The average Englishman, and it is surprising in what numbers he exists, has a vague conception of colonies generally. He has some hazy notions of Virginian plantations and transportation settlements and crown colonies where a peppery military man of the old school takes up the white man's burden by holding autocratic sway over unclad barbarians. The conceptions are more often than not fifty years behind the times.-Sydney Lone

The Oldest Jury.

The oldest Greek poet has left us a picture of what the jury was in his professional call, found constant fault time. The primitive court is sitting. and the question is "guilty" or "not She appealed to the physician for aid. guilty." The old men of the community give their opinions in turn. The adjudicating democracy, the commons, standing round about, applaud the opinions which strike them most, and the applause determines the decision. Such was probably the earliest form of

The British Drama.

It is absolutely true that the British public goes to the theater to be amused, not to be instructed. It considers that it pays its money to be amused, and it sullenly resents the presence of any powder in the jam. It is when this attitude changes that the great renaissance of the British drama will arrive.-London Graphic.

Hospitality.

"Use one teaspoonful of this cocoa in hot water every day. The can will last thirty days " "But suppose there's company,

missis?" "Why, then, of course, use more hot water."-Fliegende Blatter.

Advantage of Position.

"Where have you been all after-

"Music hall-piano recital." "Infernally tiresome, wasn't it?" "Not at all. I was the pianist."-Chicago Tribune.

## A WILD RACE.

When the First Pony Express Was Nearing Sacramento.

Cornelius Cote, ex-senator from California, tells in his memoirs how the first "pony express" reached Sacramento, Cal., long before the first transcontinental railroad was surveyed: "Those who were there to witness it will never forget the arrival of the first of these express messengers at Sacramento. It was an occasion of great rejoicing, and everybody, big and little, old and young, turned out to ree the fun. All business for the time was suspended. Even the courts adjourned for the event. A large number of the citizens of all classes, grave and gay, mounted on fast horses, rode out some miles on the line to meet the incoming wonder.

"The waiting was not long. The little rider upon his blooded charger, under whip and spur, came down upon them like a meteor, but made not the slightest halt to greet his many visitors. Then began a race of all that waiting throng over the stretch back to the city, the like of which has never been seen. It may have been rivaled in speed and confusion by some of the cavalry disasters during the war that presently followed, but the peaceful people of Sacramento, I am sure, never beheld anything of the kind before or

"The whole cavalcade, shouting and cheering, some waving banners and bareheaded, riding at the top of their speed, dashing down J street, might have been taken, had it occurred on the plains, for a band of wild Comanches, but the little mail carrier paid no attention to them and kept in the lead.'

## A ROMANCE IN TIN.

One Man's Fortune From the Price of a Pair of Shoes.

Some years ago a man who had started in business in Tasmania found that he could not meet his engagements and was compelled to call a meeting of his creditors.

Among his assets were a number of Mount Birschoff tin mine shares, which were regarded as worthless. It was the first tin mine discovered in Tasmania, and the output was not as heavy as the prospectus declared it would be.

The shares dropped in value, and creditors the latter refused to touch

Among the creditors was a poor shoemaker who had supplied the man with a pair of shoes. He offered to take the shares in payment of his debt. No one raised any objection, and he took the shares, saying, "They may turn out well some day.'

Five years later, under proper management, the mine developed into a valuable property. It was a veritable mountain of tin, and the shares sprang up to an astonishing point.

Eventually the metal was "cornered" by a French syndicate, and, the shares indigent shoemaker sold out and real

The money was wisely invested, and now he is in the enjoyment of an income of several thousands a year derived from the payment for a pair of shoes valued at \$3.-London Telegraph.

Absolute Obesity.

There is a member of the faculty of a certain university who, to use the words of a colleague, "is as rotund physically as he is profound metaphysically."

One day the professor chanced to come upon his children, of whom he has a number, all of whom were, to his astonishment, engaged in an earnest discussion of the meaning of the word "absolute."

"Dad," queried one of the youngsters, "can a man be absolutely good?" "No," replied the father.

"Dad," put in another youngster, 'can a man be absolutely bad?"

"Papa," ventured the third child, a girl, "can a man be absolutely fat?" Whereupon father fled incontinently. -Philadelphia Ledger.

Making Hubby Appreciative. A doctor tells of a note he received from a woman saying that her husband, who was about to make him a with the dinner she prepared for him. The doctor examined his patient, who had a slight attack of indigestion, and told him to cut out lunches, to eat nothing but a slice of toast and a cup of tea. The scheme worked excellently. Of course hubby returns home in the evening, eats everything in sight and votes his wife's cooking even better than mother used to make.-Boston Record.

Property Rights.

Private property, in the shape in which we know it today, was chiefly formed by the gradual disentanglement of the separate rights of individuals from the blended rights of a community. There is every reason for believing that property once belonged not to individuals or even the isolated families, but to the patriarchal society as a whole. In other words, property was at first communistic rather than personal.-New York American.

Needed Airing. "What's the matter with you?" demanded Borem hotly. "I've got a right to air my opinions, haven't I?" "Oh, of course," replied Brightly. "They're so stale and musty they certainly need something of that sort."-

Philadelphia Press. Practice not your art and 'twill soon depart.-German Proverb.

Woodlots in Japan

In these times of great drains on the tim her supply, caused by the heavy demand for forest products of all kinds, Americans may see in Japan an example of what can be done in growing wood on small plots.

That country contains 21,000,000 woodlots, about three fourths of which belong to private persons and one fourth to com

nine tenths of an acre. They usually oc-cupy the steepest, roughest, poorest ground. In this way land is put to use which would otherwise go to waste, and if unwooded would lose its soil by the wash of the dash-

From Japan's woodlots the yearly yield of lumber is about eighty-eight feet, board measure, per acre, and three fourths of a confidential. A cord of firewood. In many cases the yield is much higher. More than half a billion tiess are planted yearly to make up what is cut for lumber and fuel. Assessment for taxation is low, averaging for the 21,000,000 lots less than a dollar an acre.

With all the care in cutting, and the in-dustry in replanting, it is by no means certain that Japan's forests are holding their own. If the preservation of the forests is doubtful there, it is evident that ests is doubtful there, it is evident that depletion must be alarmingly rapid in other countries which cut unsparingly and plant very little. On the other hand, it is encouraging to see what can be done with rough, steep and poor land. The United States has enough of that kind, without touching the rich agricultural acres, to grow billions of feet of lumber.-

---- A New England clergyman was tak ing breakfast one Sunday morning in a hotel in a little Western town, says Appleton's Monthly. A rough old fellow across the table called over to him: "Goin' to the races, stranger?" The clergyman replied: "I don't expect to."
"Goin' to the ball game?"

"Well, where are you goin'?" "I'm going to church

"Where do you come from?"
"New England." "Oh, that explains it ! That's where they keep the Sabbath and every other blamed thing they can lay their hands on.'

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-"Do you think the new maid will stay?"
"I don't know. She basn't had a chance to try on any of my clothes yet."-Detroit Free Press.

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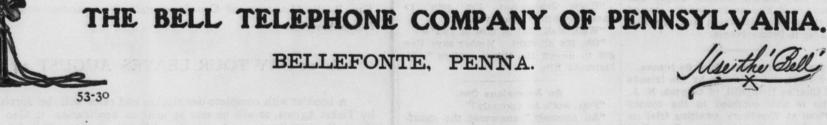
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