

MUST CARRY GOOD WATCHES

Railroad Men Are Compelled to Use Accurate Timepieces.

It may be news to many that the watch of the railroad man is as necessary in modern railroading as the air brake. Without accurate time-keeping there would probably be more accidents than if there were no air brakes.

In order that there may be agreement among all these railroad men there must obviously be not only timepieces, but accurate timepieces. There must also be some means of inspecting the timepieces to see if they are accurate and if they agree with some standard.

On one great line about 5,000 watches, worth on an average of \$25 apiece (a low average, are used. If we take into consideration the number of watches that are used on other roads throughout the country it is evident that the value must run up into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In order that the watch may be kept up to a regular standard it must be inspected regularly. There is not only a general time inspector on most railroads, but a staff of local inspectors who are placed along the road at convenient points and to whom the men may resort when they wish to compare their time with the standard time at that place.

The inspector gives his expert opinion on the condition of the timepiece. If it needs cleaning he says so and does it; if it is fast or slow he regulates it, and not until it is running with sufficient accuracy is it allowed to escape from his care.

That no favoritism is shown in the matter of watches is evident in the fact that no less than eight different manufacturers supply railroad watches.—Scientific American.

Making the Chances Even.

In days when tavern brawls in England were frequent and swords were out on the slightest provocation common fairness demanded that the blades of chance combatants should be of equal length. In a sudden affray there would be no thought of measuring swords, so the authorities took the matter into their own hands at the gates of the city of London, where every gallant was liable to be challenged, and if the public official found any blade beyond thirty-six inches the smith stood by to snap off the steel to the required length.

A Sixtus V. Salad.

When Pope Sixtus V. was an obscure monk he had a great friend in a certain lawyer who sank steadily into poverty while the monk rose to the papacy. The poor lawyer journeyed to Rome to seek aid from his old friend, the pope, but he fell sick and told his doctor to let the pope know of his sad state.

Jam For Breakfast.

People who like to eat pastry or other irregular dishes for breakfast should be consoled to learn that no less a man than Herbert Spencer ate strawberry jam at his morning meal. He did it to avoid monotony, believing that digestion was best served by keeping the stomach entertained with variety.

A Gilded Fad.

"Yes, papa is going to buy me a bat-fiship." "Good gracious! I beg your pardon, what for?" "I want to use its deck for a dancing party."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FOILING THE PICKPOCKET.

What to Do When Your Hat is Tipped Over Your Eyes in a Crowd.

For a man there is only one really safe pocket, and that is a pocket which few men except experienced race goers have their suits supplied with. It is a breast pocket inside the waistcoat, and it should have a buttoned flap, for without the button even this hiding place is unsafe.

The second best place for carrying money is the trousers pocket, especially if the owner is rather stout. And the left hand pocket is better than the right. A skilful thief standing behind you may insinuate his right hand into your right hand pocket easily, but the left comes awkwardly to him.

For safety's sake the pickpocket seldom works single handed. He usually works with a couple of "screens," who plant themselves in front of the intended victim. If the "job" is a difficult one they carefully jostle him at the critical moment in order to distract his attention.

A favorite trick in a dense crowd is to tip a man's hat over, as though accidentally. His hands naturally fly up to set it right. Instead they should go straight to the watch and the money pocket. If your hat is knocked off in a crowd make sure your money pocket is safe before troubling about the hat, for you are quick enough you may catch a hand there.

The trained pickpocket's fingers are almost as delicate and sensitive as those of a skilled pianist. To become an expert demands long practice. But the expert could with or without the shelter of a newspaper go through, one by one, every one of a man's twelve or sixteen pockets except that one inside the waistcoat if he knew it to be worth his while.

And then one brought him a cup of wine covered, and when he had drunk he cast out the drink and departed with the cup. * * * At the end of the dinner the Mayor of London served the King and Queen with sweet wine, and had of each of them a cup of gold and a cover of gold. And by that time that all was done, it was dark night, and so the King returned to his chamber, and every man to his lodging.

JUST A LITTLE GIFT.

The Present an Economical Duchess Made to Her Rich Friend.

Recently when the wealthy Mlle. de it was to be married one of our good duchesses had to make her a present, just a little present. The duchess thought it would be useless to expend much money for a person so rich. She thought if she would look through her vast mansion she would be able to find something, some trinket, to which the addition of her card would give sufficient glory.

The following day she received from her young friend a letter of enthusiastic thanks: "Oh, you have been very foolish! This is too, too beautiful," etc.

"She is making sport of my little present," thought the good duchess.

Then came a second letter, this time from the husband who was to be: "How can we thank you? We are delighted! This will spoil us."

"The impertinent fellow!" said the duchess. "He wants me to understand that I have been niggardly."

Nevertheless she went to pay a visit to the R.'s before the marriage. There, in the midst of her presents, exposed in a most prominent place, she saw the little cameo placed upon her card. An old gentleman approached her. He is a member of the Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres.

"What a wonderful present you have given these children. Mme. la Duchesse," he said. "For forty years we have been seeking for this very cameo. It is of the era of Trajan, and this trinket is valued at 200,000 francs."

Ah, the poor duchess!—Col de Paris.

A Novel Fine.

An Englishwoman in the Rivera stepped on the footboard of a train, intending to enter the carriage, but found the door locked. The train started suddenly and she recognized that she would have to travel on the footboard until the next station was reached. A man who saw her plight crept backward on the footboards, stepping from carriage to carriage with some peril and supported her with his arm until the next station was reached, half an hour later. The woman was fined several francs for "illegally traveling outside the train." The rescuer disappeared without leaving name or address.

Earning a Spanking.

Mrs. Brown—I was downtown yesterday. I didn't know but I might meet you. Mrs. Greene—I was downtown, too, and I'm awfully sorry I didn't see you. Little Johnny Greengreen—Ma, don't you remember we saw Mrs. Brown's dog and you said: "Come, let's hurry away from here. That old cat must be somewhere near." What old cat did you mean, ma?

Peculiar.

"I do not understand it," said the philosopher. "What is bothering you now?" inquired the other.

"If a man is two hours late arriving home his wife raises a row, while if he is gone two years she will give him a royal welcome. Women are peculiar."—Pearson's Weekly.

Very Particular.

"Mayme is a crank on having things harmonize, isn't she?" "Yes, to such an extent that she won't use rats because she has mousetraps colored hair."—Baltimore American.

Glory, ambition, armies, fleets, thrones, crowns—playthings of grown children.—Victor Hugo.

THE KING'S CHAMPION.

Westminster Hall, Where His Challenge Used to Be Uttered.

Westminster hall, in London, was built originally by King William Rufus (1056-1100) and tradition goes that the oak of its ceilings was brought from the forest of Shillelagh, in Ireland, timber which possessed peculiar properties rendering it hateful to spiders and their webs. Richard II. transformed the hall. Leaving the old walls standing, he buttressed them strongly and raised over them the magnificent roof of oak which is still extant and intact. It is ninety-two feet high. The length of the hall is 290 feet, its breadth sixty-eight feet. It was large enough for mounted men to enter in order to challenge any who would dispute the rights of the king, as follows on the occasion of the coronation of Richard III. and Queen Anne in 1483:

"In the afternoon the King and Queen entered the hall, and the King sat in the middle, and the Queen on ye left side of the table, and on every side of her stood a Countess, holding a cloth of Penance when she listed for to drink. And on the right hand of ye King sat ye Archbishop of Canterbury. The ladies sat all on one side in ye middle of the hall, and at the table against them sat the Chancellor and all the Lords. And at the table next the cupboard sat ye Mayor of London. * * * At the second course came into ye hall Sr. Robert Dimmock, the King's Champion, making Proclamation that whoever would say that King Richard was not lawful King, he would fight with him at the utterance, and threw down his gauntlet, and then all the hall cried King Richard.

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