

CLEVER NICKNAMES GIVEN RAILROADS

The game of trying to find handy names for new and old railways began long ago and has not been confined to any one country. It was not uncommon a few years ago to hear the D., L. and W. referred to as the "Delay, Linger and Wait." The London metropolitan tube was as early as 1863 spoken of as "The Drain." Another familiar name given to an English railway was that applied to the old Manchester, Sheffield and Lincoln in days when its prospects were not bright, for its "M., S. and L." was converted by disgruntled shareholders into "Money, Sunk and Lost." The old Lancashire and Yorkshire used to be known as "Lanky." A very important line was called "The Beef and Cabbage," from the alleged monotony of its meals. In this country, again, the "Katy" is a play upon initials, as is the "Nyp & N," referring to the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk. Years ago the then Chicago, Paducah and Memphis was derisively known as the "Can't Pay Much," and "Ginny" was short for the International and Great Northern in Texas.

SEEK CHANGES IN OLD ENGLISH LAWS

If a traveler led a horse up to the Savoy or Claridge hotels, the manager, under English law, would be obliged to furnish shelter for "man and beast." It is no dead letter either, for the manager, although he has no longer any stable on the premises, would send the horses around to a livery stable for the guest and act as though nothing had happened. A bill has been drafted to remove some of the many anomalies in an act which has stood pretty well unchanged, for 300 years. At present a landlord is responsible to a guest, up to the value of \$150, for any property stolen on his premises unless he can prove gross negligence on the part of the guest. It does not matter how many notices he posts up repudiating responsibility, the courts under the present law will hold him liable. This is a point which the British hotelkeepers are anxious to see changed.—London Times.

What He Did With Million

What would you do with a million dollars inherited unexpectedly? When this happened to Cornelius Sullivan, Boston insurance collector at \$30 a week, he bought a \$50,000 home for his parents, says Capper's Weekly. Then he bought an auto for each of his five brothers and sisters. For himself he bought a ticket for a tour around the world. When he returns he will go back to his insurance job and keep on living a simple life.

Cheese Taste

Every day we are developing new and better ways of using cheese in our diet. In the last six years, says the Progressive Grocer, cheese consumption has increased 150 per cent. We now consume annually 4½ pounds per capita. Europe, however, consumes 25 pounds per capita, so we still have a long way to go to catch up with our European friends.

Wrong Dope

Police Captain—What is the charge against this man, officer?
Officer—Voting in this state, sir, when he admits he votes in another.
Prisoner—Excuse, please, Mr. General, da man he say when I'm naturalize, "You can vote in any state now."
—Allston Recorder.

Educational

George Ade was recently asked if he believed in sending the present generation to college.
"Yes," said the humorist, "if you can find one. My idea of college life today is that there is too much life and too little college."

Nosed Out

When Max Cohen, artist, got his last raise, an insurance agent was the logical result. For an hour he talked, and finally asked: "You own your own home, don't you?"
"No," said Max, "we have company most of the time."

Why Propose?

Larry—Darling, there has been something I've wanted to ask you for weeks and weeks. I—
Gloria—It will take place a week from tomorrow, dear. Mother and I have it all planned.

Successful New Parachute

Fashioned so it can be worn as a coat instead of being strapped on as a separate garment, a parachute recently devised has withstood actual tests successfully.

Classified

Willie—What's an anthology, dad?
Crabshaw—That's a book in which you never find what you're looking for, my boy.

Summer Visitors

"Are you superstitious, old man?"
"Only when we have 13 to lunch and the store two miles away."

OLD SWIMMIN' HOLE VANISHING

Stream Immortalized by Riley Giving Out.

Greenfield, Ind.—The laughter of children at play drowns out "the gurgle of the water 'round the drift just below" the "old swimmin' hole" and few of the surroundings as James Whitcomb Riley knew them during his boyhood days here remain. A Riley memorial park with a playground borders Brandywine creek at the "old swimmin' hole" which the Hoosier poet immortalized in rhyme. A railroad bridge, an electric line trestle and the National trail, an important east-and-west motor highway, cross the creek near the "swimmin' hole." The pastoral quietude of the spot, broken only by the hoarse solo of a bullfrog or the plaintive call of a dove, as Riley knew it six decades ago, has been lost in the march of the years. Few of the heavy-folaged trees that lined the banks

In the long, lazy days Where the humdrum of school made so many runaways, How pleasant was the journey down the old dusty lane Where the tracks of our bare feet were all print so plain

remain. The Brandywine itself, once a sizable stream, now is sluggish and shallow and contains scarcely enough water for swimming.

Greenfield basks contentedly in the glory that came to her favorite son. The distinction of having been his birthplace and the center of many of the scenes he sketched in rhyme is one of the city's most stable commercial assets.

The severe two-story frame house on Main street where Riley was born is occupied by his widowed sister-in-law and her sister. For ten cents visitors are permitted to roam the rooms and finger the possessions of Riley which still are retained there.

Before he discovered a bent for verse-making Riley was a sign painter, and several examples of his craftsmanship are preserved here.

Radio Apparatus Value Jumps 215.5 Per Cent

Washington.—The tremendous growth of America's newest industry—radio—was made manifest by statistics published by the Department of Commerce.

In 1925 the value of all radio apparatus manufactured was \$170,390,572, an increase of 215.5 per cent over the 1913 production, worth \$54,000,470. The number of tube-type receiving sets manufactured increased from 190,374 in 1923 to 2,180,622 last year and the number of radio tubes increased from 4,687,400 to 23,934,658 the rates of increases being 1,045.4 per cent and 410.6 per cent, respectively.

Crystal type sets fell from 223,303, valued at \$639,906, in 1923 to 112,656, worth \$344,079, in 1925.

English Fight Blindness With Ultra-Violet Rays

London.—Surgeons have succeeded in restoring sight to diseased eyes and by standardizing the method of treatment have opened up the way for a new attack on blindness, said A. J. M. Tarrant, secretary of Moorfields, the biggest eye hospital in the British empire. A year's experiment with a tiny mercury vapor lamp throwing out ultra-violet rays has just been successfully concluded there.

The secretary said the violet-ray treatment had been successfully used in cases of threatened total blindness, the eye trouble in these instances being due to tubercular disease.

Bones Thought Those of People of 4,000 Years Ago

London.—A woman's skull, a thigh bone of a woman about five feet one inch in height and a man's left shin bone, a man's right arm bone found under the bed of the Thames at Sudbury are believed by Sir Arthur Keith, famous anthropologist, to be those of lake dwellers who lived 4,000 years ago.

The shin bone is flattened with the "squatter's foot" showing that the man spent much time in a crouching position. Bones of oxen, horses, pigs and deer also were found. An antler found belonged to an exceptionally large and early species of red deer.

Man Soon to Flutter; Wings for Everybody

Vienna, Austria.—Wings soon will adorn the least angelic of men, says M. Lutsch, an Austrian inventor. He is credited with building an apparatus to be worn by the individual, which will enable everyone to do a certain amount of flying in comfort and safety.

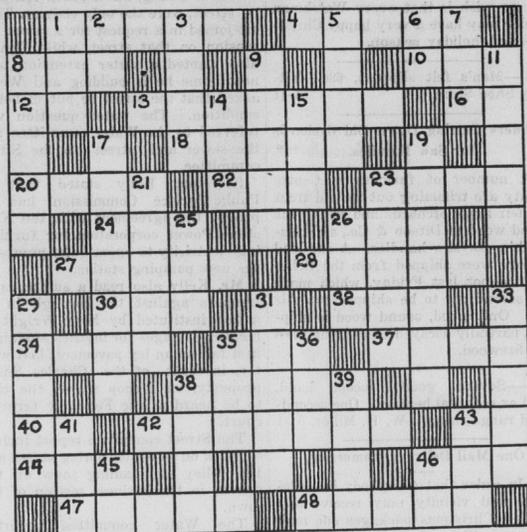
The machine consists of a pair of wings, moved by a motor which, although extremely light in weight, furnishes a surprising amount of power. The first model weighed 80 pounds and lifted the inventor several yards from the ground and enabled him to move swiftly in any direction at will.

M. Lutsch declares that his invention when perfected can be turned out at low cost—something in the neighborhood of \$300.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2.



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Horizontal.

- 1—A kitchen utensil used for cooking
- 4—A musical instrument
- 8—Lair or cave
- 10—Name given a sailor
- 12—A note of the musical scale
- 13—Application of water to a person in the name of the Holy Trinity
- 16—Father
- 18—A sound or clamor
- 20—Silent; dumb
- 22—A large tree
- 23—A measure of length (pl.)
- 24—Before; sooner than
- 26—Personal pronoun
- 27—Same as No. 4 horizontal
- 28—To lay up store
- 30—Negative
- 32—Vessel for preserving ashes of dead
- 34—A slang expression
- 35—Abbreviation and common name for high explosive
- 37—To burn on the surface; to brand
- 38—The framework of the body
- 40—Preposition
- 42—Attendants of person of distinction
- 43—Like
- 44—Coarse cloth made from jute
- 46—Metal in its native state
- 47—To cook before a fire
- 48—One of the vital organs of the body

Vertical.

- 1—An insect useful to man
- 2—Indefinite article
- 3—The official name for Persia
- 5—A flower
- 6—Preposition
- 7—A short sleep
- 8—A musical instrument (pl.)
- 9—A set of steps to pass from one side of a fence or wall to the other
- 11—To lift up
- 14—An author
- 15—A system or theory
- 17—Everlasting
- 19—To travel from one place to another
- 21—A fungus growing upon rye
- 23—Deep, full cry of an animal (pl.); sound of wind or sea (pl.)
- 25—Consume
- 26—Personal pronoun
- 29—A foolish person
- 31—Girl's name
- 33—Ascended
- 35—A small child
- 36—A number
- 38—Girl's name
- 39—Certain
- 41—Distant; remote
- 43—Skill
- 45—Preposition
- 46—Conjunction

Solution will appear in next issue.

A Real Christmas Story.

A very successful actor told me a story the other day which to me was so full of pathos that I cherish it as one of the sweetest Christmas stories I have ever heard.

When he was a little boy, his father, whom he adored, married a widow with three children, all older than he. When they came storming into his home, he felt that a terrible chasm had yawned between his father and himself, which could never be bridged.

The children were rowdy youngsters and teased and tormented him the moment his father left his home to travel on the road, and the step-mother must have followed the example of those unhappy ladies of Grimm's "Fairy Tales," because she inflicted upon him all the tortures children are made to suffer in our imaginary fairy lore.

When the father returned, the little boy said nothing of how he had to run errands from morning until night or that he was often beaten and sent to bed hungry. He did not want his father to feel badly.

While away on one of his trips, the father died, but the boy was too young to understand why his daddy never came home to him. There was lots of talk between stepmother and relatives about "brats" and "orphanages," but all he could understand was that they were going to send him away, so when his daddy returned he would not be there and perhaps his father would never find him again.

Christmas came. The children hung up their stockings and his ragged one was among them. In the morning the stockings were bulging with toys—all except his, which hung limp and forgotten.

"You're a bad little boy and Santa Claus forgot you," scolded the step-mother.

"My daddy didn't forget me. Where are the toys my daddy sent me?"

Then, for the first time, she made it clear to him that his father would never return to him. It came as an awful shock, and that afternoon he stole out of the house and ran as fast as his legs could carry him down the street toward the park. There on a bench sat a very old man, with a big white beard and a big, jolly tummy. He looked for all the world like Santa Claus.

"Are you Mr. Santa Claus?" the little boy asked.

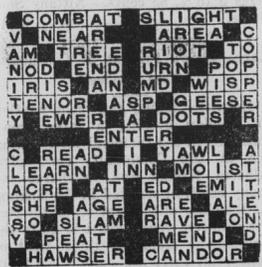
The old man, turning around, saw the little pinched-faced, half-fed child, and took him up on his lap. A week later, the same old man adopted the little boy, and lived to see him reach the top of the ladder before he left him for the long, long journey we all must take after our little span of life is run.

I liked this story because, though it is real, it has a fairy tale ending, "and they lived happy ever after."

The G. O. P. Emblem.

The first use of the elephant as a pictorial symbol of the Republican party was in 1874, when Thomas Nast, the cartoonist, made it the G. O. P. emblem. Nast was born in Bavaria seventy-eight years ago and came to America at the age of six. In the sixties he went to Italy and was with

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle.



Garibaldi as an artist for British and American newspapers. As political cartoonist for Harper's Weekly, he achieved an international reputation, and his cartoons are said to have brought about the downfall of the Tweed ring in New York. In 1874 Nast drew a cartoon representing an elephant, labeled "Republican Party," and also depicted the Democratic party as a fox, but later the donkey was substituted by cartoonists of opposition political faith.—Indianapolis News.

Attorneys Lead in Lower Branch.

While the proportion of attorneys to total membership of the next House of Representatives is not going to be as great as in the State Senate where eighteen of fifty are members of the bar. The new legislative directory shows in the lower branch there will be thirty-four lawyers out of 208 members.

The House will be equipped for organization of almost any business. In addition to its list of attorneys it has twenty-six merchants and sixteen manufacturers. There are two publishers, one editor, one reporter and one "journalist." It has civil, mining, locomotive and stationary engineers. There are three physicians, rather less than usual, for its physical welfare and two clergymen for its spiritual affairs. Twenty clerks, four bankers and auditor are listed with five teachers, two pharmacists and two veterinarians. There are nine farmers and one farm manager. Two coal operators, one well driller, one oil producer are listed as men handling natural resources, while an interior decorator, a florist, and an artist will care for the aesthetic side.

There are six contractors, four housewives, an automobile repairman, a steam fitter, a machinist, a motion picture man, a telegraph operator, a conveyancer and so on, including seven realtors.

Others in the list of occupations of the prospective lawmakers are conductors, trappers, salesmen, draftsmen, managers, executives, one carpenter, a secretary, two cashiers, a notary, eight insurance men, a treasurer, a dealer, master plumber, three dentists, one check weighman, a printer, a theatrical producer, three retired men, a broker, accountant, superintendent and bookkeeper. The latter is the occupation of the wealthiest man in the House.

"Merry Christmas to All"

AND TO ALL

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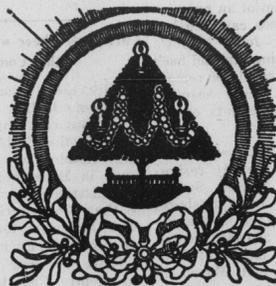
Christmas Festivities



In olden times the Christmas festivities began on December 16th, and lasted through Twelfth Night, January 6th.

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