QUEER POSTAL SERVICE.

That of Havana When the United States Took Charge of Its System.

Under the Spanish system the letter earriers received their pay by charging from three to five cents, and sometimes more, for every letter they delivered. It took only a day or two to have that system abolished in Hanvana, much to the relief of the mcrehants. The carriers were put on salaries equivalent to that which they were supposed to earn by theassessment method they were permitted to use under the former regime.

The carriers under the Spanish system not only charged for the delivery of mail matter, but they rifled letters freely, and made money by stealing stamps from mail matter and selling them. The letters and other grades of mail matter would be forwarded without stamps, and the carrier at the other end of the route would collect not only for delivery, but for the stamps that had been stolen. There was simply an unparalleled looseness in the conduct of post office business, and every man scemed to have license to steal wherever he could. Even newspapers would be stolen from bundles and sold for whatever could be got for them.

Another form of corruption was evident when the salary lists were examined. There was no scale of salaries. In one city a postmaster would receive twice the salary that the postmaster of a larger city received. Salaries seemed to be arranged on the "pull" plan, with the possibilities of division with the appointing power afterward. Places that under the liberal payment of the United States would rate at \$1,500 a year were worth frequently as much as \$3,000 a year .- Harper's Weekly.

THE REPORTORIAL SCOOP.

How It Was Worked on a St. Louis Scribe by a Conscienceless Contemporary.

A reporter named Jones on a daily in St. Louis was detailed to interview the governor of another state, who had slipped into the city on a secret political mission, says the San Francisco Argomaut. He learned to his disgust that Jackson, the star reporter of a rival sheet, also proposed to call in an hour. Acting on inspiration, he sent up a card bearing Jackson's name and was promptly admitted. When he had learned all he wanted he asked, with gross intentional impudence, whether the information was really true.

The governor turned purple. "D'y question my word?" he asked.

"Oh, don't get gay!" replied Jones airily; "common governors cut no ice with my office."

The old man foamed at the mouth. "You insolent scoundrel," he roared, "get out of my room!" That was exactly what Jones wanted and he went.

Presently Jackson showed up. "Here, boy," he said, pompously, "take my eard to the governor." When the old man looked at the pasteboard he nearly expired. "The blankety-blanked in-famous villain!" he spluttered. "I never heard of such blankety-blanked effronery in my life! Tell that miscreant if he or anybody else from his infernal paper comes up here I'll kill 'em!" The word was carried to Jackson, who went away raving. Next day the paper intimated the governor was in town on a bender. Jones' paper had a capital interview and a big "scoop."

FIRE SERVICE IN ENGLAND.

The Force Employed in London Is Only Half as Large as That of Paris.

The British towns seem to have the smallest number of paid firemen of any cities in Europe and America, says Municipal Affairs. The London fire brigade has about 800 men, about the same number as Berlin, which has only a fourth of the population, and less than one-half the size of the Paris corps. Glasgow has but 100 men to 800,000 population; Leeds but 33 to 400,000 people, and Sheffield 22 men to a population of 250,000. Liverpool, Bristol, Cardiff, Norwich, Bromley and other towns bave no separately organized fire department, the work of suppressing fires being performed by the regular police force. The expenditures for fire protection are on a similarly unimportant scale. Thus Leeds spends less than \$5,000 a year, and Sheffield less than \$10,000 a year; Preston, with a population of 113,000, reports only \$1,500 spent for its fire brigade, and Norwich, with 100,000 population, only \$750 a year. A few towns, however, show a somewhat larger range of expenditures. Glasgow and Liverpool each annually expend in the neighborhood of \$75,000-about ten cents per capita-and proportionate amounts are expended by Edinburgh, Dublin, Belfast and Salford. The London brigade costs about \$950,000, or 20 cents per capita. But even these exceptional instances are below the per capits expenditures for fire protection in other European cities of the same size.

A Faithful Dog.

The Paris Figuro relates a touching souvenir of the poet de Musset, as mentioned by the poet's governess, Mme. Adele Colin Martellet, who has just published her memoirs. The poet had a small dog named Marzo. After the poet died, the dog, supposing him absent, continued to await his return at the same hour every evening for a period of seven years, when it also died. Mme. Martellet's husband took the dog to Auteuil to be buried, and found some workmen engaged in digging out a new street. The faithful dog was buried by the men, and the street in which the animal's remains were laid is called the Rue de Musset.

Invention by the Marquis of Lorne. The marquis of Lorne has taken out a patent for a brake to be applied to the back wheel of a bicycle.

The breadfruit tree of Ceylon is very remarkable. Its fruit is baked and eaten as we cat bread and is equally good and nutritions. In Barbutu, South America, is a tree which, by piercing the trunk, produces milk, with which the inhabitants feed their children. In the interior of Africa is a tree which produces excellent butter. It resembles the American oak, and its fruit, from which the butter is prepared, is not unlike the olive. Park, the great traveler, declared that the butter surpassed any made in England from cow's milk. At Sierra Leone is the cream fruit tree, the fruit of which is quite agreeable in

At Table Bay, near the Cape of Good Hope, is a small tree the berries of which make excellent candles. It is also found in the Azores. The vegetable tallow tree also grows in Sumatra, in Algeria and in China. In the island of Chusan large quantities of oil and tallow are extracted from its fruit, which is gathered in November or December. when the tree has lost all its leaves. The bark of a tree in China produces a beautiful soap. Trees of the sapindus or soap berry order also grow in the north of Africa. They are amazingly prolific, and their fruit contains about 38 per cent of saponin.—Ladies' Home

Refused to Take More Pay.

A writer in Ainslee's Magazine tells how Irving M. Scott, the man who built the Oregon, once refused a raise in his salary. The firm was then building the Saginaw for the government. Donahue was at the legislature much of the time soon after Scott's arrival, and affairs at the works were at sixes and sevens. Brodie, the foreman, threatened to leave and did leave, and Scott, without authority and although only engaged as a draftsman, took entire charge and directed things for two weeks until Donahue's return. He introduced system into the methods and made affairs run along so smoothly that Donahue was pleased and made bim permanent fore-

About this time Donahue offered to increase his wages, but Scott thought over the matter and declined.

"If I break my year's contract with you," he said to Donahue, "I'll have to take what you give me. I prefer to keep my contract, and when it's up you'll have to pay me what I'm worth. Donahue looked aghast. "You're the

first man," he said, "that I've ever known to refuse a raise of pay.

Results justified Scott's foresight. At the end of the year he was re-engaged and was paid just four times what Donahue had offered him.

Dressed For the Jury.

Pretty women on trial have a habit of dressing so as to impress the jury, but the highest type of this art was naturally left for development in Paris, where toilets are "composed" for the occasion. An example of the art was in evidence at the trial of Mme. Bianchini, who was accused of having disposed of her husband in an unlawful way. "Her costume," says a chronicler, "was the essence of outraged dignity and resignation, and at the same time of elegance, due to her position as a mondaine Parisienne. She naturally was all in black, with a mantle close fitting at the waist and a high collet de mongolie. The severity of the low hat, with its ostrich plumes, was relieved by her jaunty way of symbolizing her confidence in the triumph of innocence in that the left brim was turned up, sheltering a little bunch of peacock

True Thrift.

Hicks appreciated the shrewd as well as the humorous sayings of the Cornish country folk. There dwelt not far from his abode a dairywoman and her husband who had begun life in a very small way with one cow, and who, by industry and thrift, had acquired quite a number.

"How is it." said Hicks to her one day, "that you have got on so well, Mrs. P. 7"

"Well, you see, Mr. Hicks," she replied, "most people be allus thinking of what they do want, but I and my old man, we be allus thinking of what we can do without."

Taking a Walk.

Justice-What have you to say in answer to the charge of stealing this man's plank walk?

The Accused-I took it by advice of my physician, yer honor. He told me to take a long walk every day. This was the first long walk I saw today, and of course I tock it. A man can't afford to employ a doctor unless he takes his advice.

Justice-The court, however, will give you advice for nothing-three months' rest. You will take it in the house of correction. -- Boston Tran-

Miles of Advertising.

No street in the world is more plastered with advertising than Broadway, New York. Even to those recognizing that fact the amount does not appear startling until it is put into figures. The combined length of the two sides of Broadway from the Battery to Central park is 52,800 feet. The amount of advertising on the buildings and in shop windows is such that it would take a man between eight and ten days of eight hours each to read his way up one side and down the other.

Not So Bad as That.

"What would you say," asked the fair theosophist, "if I should tell you that I was born in Egypt 3,000 years ago?" "Why, I should certainly say you

don't look it."-Brooklyn Life.

It is asserted that women are on the whole cooler and more self possessed than men in cases of disasters at sea.

Korea is exactly the size of Kansas, 82,000 square miles.

A Dassling Array.

The hotel clerk told the following story: Charles L. Davis, the actor, otherwise known as "Alvin Joslin," was in the lobby of the St. Charles, in New Orleans, when a man from Chicago stepped in front of him and looked over his head in search of an acquaintance that he supposed was in the hotel lobby. Davis, mistaking the Chicago man's purpose, remarked: "Ah! I see you admire my diamonds. This one"-indicating the stone on his shirt bosom-"cost me \$3,000. These"-showing his cuff buttons-"cost me \$2,500 each, and my wife has a trunkful up in our room.'

The Chicago man did not say much, but that evening, by arrangement with the head waiter, Davis was placed at supper alone at a table where there were several vacant chairs. Presently several men, all commercial travelers, entered the dining room, and each one had a large cut glass fruit dish fastened on his breast, while glass prisms hung pendent from each coat and vest button.

Soberly marching to Davis' table, the seven men took the vacant seats, and the Chicago man entertained the actor with: "Ah, I see you admire our diamonds. This one"-pointing to the fruit dish-"cost me \$3,000,000. These"-indicating the prisms-"cost \$250,000 each, and we have three carloads like them at the depot waiting to be side tracked." Davis not only changed his table, but went to another hotel. -Louisville Courier-Journal.

He Was Clean.

The advantage of a trained nurse is that she knows not only what to do, but what not to do, since unnecessary attentions merely exhaust the patient. The point is illustrated by the following story from an old Cape newspaper of the time of the Zulu war, when kindly but uninstructed ladies rushed off in embarrassing numbers to give their services at the military hospitals. "What can I do for you, my poor fellow?" asked one of the gentle nurses

"Nothing, thank you, miss." "Not anything?" said the charming

visitor persuasively. "I don't think so," murmured the

of a sufferer.

wounded man wearily. "At least," she said mildly but firmly, "I can wash your face." She fetched the necessary materials and scoured Mr. Atkins' rueful countenance.
"There!" she announced. "Now you

will feel nice and clean.' "I ought to, miss," said the soldier, with a faint smile. "You're the ninth lady who's washed my face this morn-

Lovable Little Pigs.

While the raising of swine is not exactly a poetical occupation, it is said to be a paying one and one that would be practicable for a woman to engage in.

"One of the most thoroughgoing, capable business women of the day, says The Practical Farmer, "is a breeder of fine swine, and she has won a reputation that is enviable. She has made thousands of dollars from the business and is proud of and enjoys her work. Poultry and swine breeding as a part of the farm wife's business ventures forms both a happy and profitable combination. Even the word 'happy,' she says, is well placed, for it is a bappy work caring for and owning handsome sows and pretty, thrifty pigs, fine shotes and marketable hogs. pigs, she asserts, are as lovable as baby chicks, and through actual ownership one takes pride and comfort in watching them grow and looking to the comforts and needs of the entire swine herd."-New York Tribune.

An Unfortunate Participle.

A recent discussion at a dinner table, whether "gotten" or "got" were the preferable participle, received a practical solution, at least for the telegraphic service, from an experience related of a college professor who preferred "got-He had telegraphed to his wife: 'Have gotten tickets for the theater tonight. Meet me there."

The telegraph operator rendered this

into "Have got ten tickets," etc. Mrs. Professor was delighted with the opportunity of entertaining her friends and accordingly made up a party of eight besides herself, whose greetings to the professor at the rendezvous were probably more cordial than his feeling until matters were explained. He now makes an exception to his customary use of "gotten."

A Swift Bird.

The Mexican road runner has only two short legs, but he can beat a horse, a hound or an electric carriage and give them a handicap start. Speed is not his only recommenda-

tion. He eats as he runs, or rather as the things run away from him. Snakes are the principal part of his diet, big and little. His crop is as elastic as his legs are swift, and when he wants to prepare for a long journey he coils up a rattler or two inside of his neck and sets out across the Mexican desert with a swiftness that makes it look like a bunch of dust on a record breaking tour around the world.

Wrinkles.

Even very young women are seen with strongly marked wrinkles in the forehead which they have acquired through contracting the brows. A friend tells me that these wrinkles will disappear under the following treatment:

Bind the forehead at night with a compress of new linen soaked in a mixture of equal parts of alcohol and white of egg. Allow the compress to remain on all night and continue the treatment until the wrinkles have disappear-

A Brain Twister For Robert.

A discouraged editor asked the following question: "If Bob Ingersoll insists that there is no hell, will be state what becomes of the man who takes the paper three or four years without paying for it and then tells the postmaster that he does not want it?"-Hawkinsville (Ga.) Dispatch.

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