An Interesting Employe of the Post-Office Department.

A Little Georgian Woman Who Hus an Enviable Record-Three Times a Week She Carries the Mails from One County to Another.

One of the most interesting figures in every-day life in this section of the State, says a New York World correspondent at Tweed, Ga., is pretty Mattie Hester, who carries Uncle Sam's mails from the village to the point at which she lives on a farm, twenty miles away. The fair mail-carrier drives a little road eart, in which she has bravely gone over her route every day, rain or shine, since she succeeded in obtaining the position. If the mails are late one may be sure the delay did not occur in her territory, for no stress of weather can deter this undaunted little public official. The whole country side knows and respects her, but if any protection is needed on her lonely journeys her own courage and determination of character will

supply it. This year Mattie succeeded over all competitors in securing the mail route from Condor in Laurens County to Lothair in Montgomery County, and three times a week she covers a distance of about forty miles through a wild and sparsely settled section, and her cheery voice is often heard along the road in her efforts to drive dull care away. At her side in a small pocket, fully exposed to view, is a handsomely polished No. 38 Smith & Wesson of the most approved model, and as she is a crack shot woe be to the highwayman or tramp who tries to bar the way to that part of the United States mails under the immediate care of Mattie Hester. She has perfect confidence in her own ability to defend herself, and looks with contempt upon those timid members of her own sex who fear to go anywhere without an escort. Independence of spirit is so striking a characteristic of this unique young person that the narration of some of her remarkable undertakings would convey an impression of masculinity. In her own home or under ordinary circumstances Miss Hester is the embodiment of womanliness. She lives with her widowed mother, two sisters and a young brother, but is the real head and director of the family. Her beauty is of the true Southern type-wavy black halr, deep blue eyes, beautiful figure and complexion and the whitest set of teeth imaginable. Her jaunty ale and pretty face never as she rattles swiftly by in her sing neither to the right nor ieft, but attending strictly to beliness.

Attention to business, included in the chief distinguishing fee are of a character whose strength has made Miss Hester remarkable in many ways. Still in her twentien year and full of life and energy the is determined to make her way to fortune. She has al-ready shown business qualifications ready shown that would so credit to any man. Last year she seperintended all the work on the facet. She belped to plant and where her tact enabled her to secure the highest prices.

Thinking that she saw a chance to make some money last winter, she went into the woods and got a quantity of timber, which she rafted and placed in the hands of her brother, to be disposed of in the Darien lumber market. This venture netted the enterprising little "cracker" a handsome profit. Later on, with her own hands, she cut down and split enough fence rails to inclose one section of the farm. So it seems hard work has no terrors for Miss Mattie, nor is she at all squeamish about the kind of work she undertakes, provided only that it offers promise of bettering her condition. With all her various duties she still finds some leisure and she employs it in teaching writing.

Miss Mattie in her relations with the opposite sex preserves the same marked individuality which characterizes her in other things. She doesn't care a rush about men; in fact, she has no time to think about other mails than those it is her duty to distribute. The little mail-carrier is very poorly

paid, and the forty-mile journeys are rapidly taking the flesh off the sturdy broncho that draws her cart. "I don't think I shall carry the mails three times a week much longer," said

she to the World correspondent. "It is telling on my horse. Besides, the small pay I receive does not warrant it. If I can get my petition signed, I will perhaps get off with twice a week, which I think will suit the public quite as well.

AROUND THE WORLD.

Within a Few Years the Trip Can Be Made in Thirty Days.

It is nearly eight thousand miles from here to Japan, by the shortest of all Western routes to the Orient; and with fair weather, I shall see Yekohama in about three weeks. Most of us can remember a time-not so very long agowhen such a journey would have been a journey of many weary months. Nevertheless what we now think rapid traveling will certainly within a few years seem very slow. Faster steamers and swifter trains will make the circuit of the world in thirty days a possible feat In the present generation. Only the completion of the Russian trans-Asiatic road to Vindivostock is needed to create the possibility. Taking Lendon, the world's commercial capital, for a starting-point, the following rates of time predicted will be found easily realiza-

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A total of thirty-five days, six hours! But these calculations include slow stages of travel. Forty miles an hour on the two great trans-continental roads will reduce the time by more than five days; and such time will certainly be made in answer to commercial necessities. Already steamers swift as the great Atlantic vessels are being constructed for the great Pacific run.

Thus, by mechanical suppression of time, the planet is ever being made smaller for us. Perhaps, when it shall have begun to seem too small, man will turn more readily to the study of that vaster world within himself-whose deeps are yet unsounded and untraveled, whose only

horizon is the infinite. - Lafcadio Hearn, in Harper's Magazine. -An interesting spectacle has recently been seen in the Orkneys. It is STAR SHAVING PARLOR! probably the first of its kind ever au-

thenticated in living memory. A cor- COR. CENTRE AND SAMPLE STREETS respondent writes to a contemporary: "What is said to be a mermaid has been seen for some weeks at stated times at Southside, Deerness. It is about six to seven feet in length, with a little black head, white neck and a snow-white body and two arms. In swimming it appears just like a human being. Attimes it will come very close inshore and appear to be sitting on a sunken rock, and will wave and work its hands. It has never been seen entirely out of water. Many persons who doubted its genuineness now suppose it to be a deformed seal "

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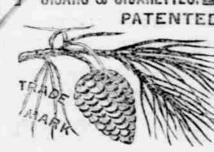
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Effects of the "Cup Which Cheers" When

Remarking that the "cup which cheers" has been so long believed to be the most fitting substitute for the one which "inebriates," a writer in the London Standard remarks that it is "a little alarming to find that Dr. Mendel, of Berlin, has come to a contrary conclusion. So far from believing that two pence off the pound of tea or coffee will reduce the 'drink bill,' the researches of this eminent physiologist go far to prove that by permitting the poorer classes to buy more of these stimulants the cheapness will conduce to the spread of what he has described as coffee inebriety,' a form of intoxication which very frequently leads to the more alarming, but not actually more dangerous, form produced by alcohol. "The studies upon which he founds

these conclusions were made in all parts of Germany, but more particularly upon women of the working population in and about the great gun factories of Essen. Here wages are high and employment constant, so that the mechanics' wives have no difficulty in buying as much of their favorite stimulant as they desire This takes the shape of coffee. The quantities many of them consume are enormous. Large numbers of women use on an aversge a pound per week, and some of the men drink considerably more, besider supplementing it at odd times with beer and wine. The result is a wisespread form of neurosis to which Or. Mendel has ventured to apply we name of 'inebriety.' It is a irus form of it; approaching in both and and degree to delirium tremens, for the whole nervous system is deranged, if not utterly ruined. To the gayety produced by indulgence a profound depression of spirits succeeds, coupled with frequent headaches and a

sleeplessness which in time assumes the

character of an almost incurable in-

somnia, a distressing complaint in it-

self, and naturally the advance guard of

host of other evils. "For a brief space it is relieved by nother strong dose of coffee. But as oon as the effects of this die away the ymptoms return with increased vehenence. The muscles become weak and rembling and the hands shake when at est in a manner resembling the semisaralysis of a confirmed drunkard, shose nervous system has been shattered to its center. An increasing averion to labor and any steady work is noticed. The heart's action becomes rapid and irregular, and palpitation, with a heavy feeling in the precordial region, makes its appearance. Last of all comes dyspepsia of the most persistent character and of an extreme nervous type, rendering the life of the coffee tippler a burden to himself and to all around him. In many cases acute rosacca is common, showing that the skin and the entire system of which it forms so important a part have been oisoned, and, as in the case of alco-

holism, are incapable of performing the

functions proper to them. "In the course of his studies Dr. Mendel found very few instances in which the confirmed coffee drunkard was ever ired. The symptoms constantly grow worse, and are only to be relieved by large quantities of the beverage the abuse of which has caused them. In this way the victims go from bad to worse. For though well aware of the mischief being wrought they suffer so severely that they are afraid to abandon the habit lest death should end the agony they experience. After beginning with the agreeable infusion of the oasted berries they are driven, in their search for something more powerful, to swallow the tincture, which, though it operates for a time in the direction desired, soon loses its efficacy, and has to be swallowed in greater and greater quantities, the evil influence of the coffee being, of course, heightened by the alcohol used to extract its essential ingredients. When brandy is taken only temporary relief follows, though not infrequently the intoxication produced by the latter is eagerly welcomed in order to deaden the anguish caused by the in-

ordinate indulgence in the former. "The last stage of this peculiar disse shows itself in the sallow face and chilly hands and feet of the victims. oupled with an expression of dread and agony which settles over the counteance-a form of melancholia, alternated by hysteria, only to be temporarily relieved by repeated applications o the coffee pot or to a strong tincture formed by steeping the crushed berries in spirits of wine. Meantime, the diseased state of the body is demonstrated by the acute inflammation which s apt to supervene at any moment. A bruise, a cut, a prick or a sting, which in a healthy person would scarcely be noticed, is the starting point for inflammation of an erysipelatous character, so that it seldom happens that the coffee

nebriate is long-lived." A FEMALE ENGINEER.

She Has Successfully Run an Engine for Three Years. To see a woman running an engine in real life is a genuine novelty. The fair sex occasionally run engines in novels, on the stage and so on, but a real, live female engineer is a new sensation. Of course this one is in Chicago, and of course she is young and pretty. They always are. The romance of the case is however, cut out by the cold-blooded announcement that she is not doing it to save a husband, lover or father's life or liberty. She is purely mercenary. The stipend drawn at the end of each week is all that she is after. Her name is not known. Perhaps this is where the romantic part comes in. Perhaps otherwise. Be this or that as it may, she is a flesh and blood reality. When reporter for the Chicago Herald called at the place where this novelty works he stated his business to a young lady clerk, and asked to see the woman who runs the engine.

"A lady is our engineer," tittered the clerk, "but she is busy and can't see any reporters." "Can she be seen?" was asked. "No," was the answer. "She will see no one, unless it is an examiner of engineers, and then she will be found

ready and anxious to answer all questions. The lady engineer, as she is styled, has had charge of the Bee Hive laundry engine for about three years, during which time she had no trouble and has apparently been well able to attend to all the duties devolving upon her. Her principal claim for competency, however, is that she has taken her engine apart and placed it together again without seriously damaging its component parts or detracting from its power. Questions to be propounded to her by the reporter were furnished by an engineer, but she declined to answer any questions at all unless they came from the board of engineers queries were regarding her knowledge of how to figure on her safety valve, her boiler's horse-power and her engine's horse-power. That she can demonstrate properly on all these intricacies she does not doubt, and is

pass on her case. E. C. Dicey, of the board, said in regard to this woman: "If a woman can successfully pass the required examination there is no law to prevent her continuing the practice of engineering. This case will be rigidly looked into, and unless this lady engineer can tell all about an engine she will have to give up her position to a competent engineer." good and the and

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who took them into his family, they being nearly the same age of his own daughters. Here they were treated as members of the family, being taught Italian and French and music by the daughters. They lived with their benefactors six or seven years. In 1865 Hungerford opened a barber shop on his own account at Mokelumne Hill, Cal., and Louise, who was then

ised Details as to Her

teresting History.

Louise Hungerford, with a younger

sister who is now the Countess of Telf-

ener, the wife of a Italian Count, left

New York when about twelve years old,

says the Working Woman. John Hun-

gerford was a journeyman barber in New

one George W. Ciprico, whose shop in

gerford used is pointed out to the cus-

his employe, who immediately sent for

his daughters. When Louise Hungerford

and her sister arrived in San Francisco

they went to the house of Mr. Ciprico,

San Francisco was known as "Montgor

York, but enlisted in the Mexican war;

about nineteen years old, acted as her father's housekeeper-they having one room in the rear of the shop. He was proprietor of but short duration, for he soon "busted" up in business. During this period a Dr. Bryant, who kept a small drug stere at Nevada City, about one hundred miles from Mokelumne Hill, paid attention to Louise, and she was married to him after a short courtship. Dr. Bryant, being a man of dissolute habits, died two or three years afterward of delirium tremens, leaving Mrs. Bryant no means of support for herself and daughter Eva, new the Princess Colonna. Her father's failure in business and her husband's death compelled her to seek service in the family of J. W. Walker, brother of the late ex-Governor Walker, of Virginia, and there she met for the first time J. W. Mackay, superintendent of the Bullion mine at Virginia City, Nev. Louise Bryant, for a brief time previous to her going into the service of Mr. Walker, had tried a hand at keeping a boarding house for the miners.

Mr. Mackay was comfortably fixed and sould provide her a home, such as the miners used in those days, simply a cabin of two rooms. So he courted and won the Widow Bryant. Her father in the meantime had gone back to his former "boss" and procured employment and helped to pay the youngest daugh-ter's board. Mrs. Mackay was cook and general housekeeper and laundry-woman, and helped entertain her husband's co-workers in the mines.

Mr. Mackay soon after attained great wealth, and Mrs. Mackay and her sister had the advantage of a common school education and could speak fluently Italian and French, through the association of the Ciprico family, who were remarkably well educated-three of the daughters of Mr. Ciprico are school teachers in San Francisco to-day. When Mrs. Mackay, her daughter Eva, and her ster went abroad, it was to get away rom her former associates. When she returned for the first time to San Francisco she called upon the Ciprico girls. but from that day to the present she has ignored her former teachers and bene-

factors. The people of San Francisco who know the facts as above stated are indig-nant at Mrs. John W. Mackay's ingratitude to a family that had done so much for her in her early days of poverty and semewhat adventuresome life.

John Hungerford-now known as Col. Hungerford of the United States armywas formerly known as "Jack Hunger ford, the barber." He was a good artist, and there is no disgrace attached to his business. Louise earned her daily bread as a boarding-house keeper. But the worst of ingratitude comes in to those who took care of her and gave her the advantages of an early education. This we think the worst of crimes. The above is a true history of the

Bonanza Queen of European society.

A VERITABLE MARVEL. Wonderful Obligingness on a Rural Horse-Car Line. "About the most accommodating street-ear line I ever struck," said a gentleman in the reading-room of a big otel the other evening to a New York Tribune reporter, "is in a little hamlet in Oxford County, Me. The place esn't contain more than six hundred inhabitants, all told. But it has a factitious importance in summer time, because the Maine Chautauqua Union holds its annual assembly there. The rolling stock of the line consists of three open horse-cars in summer and a comfortable vehicle in winter. A unique feature of the road is that it transports baggage as well as passengers, charging a uniform fare of six cents for each piece, whether 'human' or 'warlous.' Of course it is needless to say that there is none of the mad harry about these cars that is so noticeable in a city street-car. when you are half a block away and want to catch it. The conductor knows everybody and everybody knows him. No yawning social chasm exists between passenger and official. Not only does the car stop in front of each passenger's house, but if he happens to have any aggage the driver leisurely ties up his orses and assists the conductor in carrying the baggage into the house, and up into the attic if desired.

"If a passenger discovers that he has forgotten any thing, the car is immediately stopped to allow him to go back and get it, and if the distance is great the conductor and driver will shift the horses and the car will be driven back to where the forgetful passenger lives. When business is dull the car stops, the conductor takes out a book and reads, while the horse browses on the roadside Sometimes the conductor gets a little lonesome in slack times. On such oceasions he invites a bevy of children to take a free ride, which they do with great willingness.

"In winter there is no conductor for the single vehicle. The driver sits inside close by a hot stove, the reins being passed through a little window. Very slow, you say? May be so, accord- TIN ROOFING a SPECIALTY. ing to city ideas. But the establishment of the line was bitterly resented by the village "Rip Van Winkles" as the entering wedge to all the follies and vices of the city; and they haven't be come reconciled to it yet. I tell you i is pleasant to get back once in awhile into such primitive communities where life is placid and thought is sluggish. and movement and noise are not regarded as necessarily the surest road to happiness. In my opinion the tired and brain-fagged city-resident would find in such places as this the most thorough and complete rest. But you can't convince people of it. They prefer the noisy and garish summer hotel, which is simply a little bit of the city transported into the country, and of not the most desirable bit either."

A typographical error has been discovered in the last issue of the Bible from the Cambridge press. It occurs in Isaiah 48:13, the word "foundation" being begun with an "r" instead of an "f." The young son of Dr. Adler found the error and received the standing reward of a guinea. Years ago there was an edition of the Bible known as the "bad Bible," from the fact that the

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A Pacudo-Sleep Into Which a Pag an Aptitude for It can be y Fall-Somnambu Stage of the Trabes

The history of hymnotic the history of the may ann existence, writes Dr. ondon Fortnightly Rev it is found under differe periods of history, from of the ancient Egyptian to the fascinations of Me investigations of Braid, to a hypnotism owes its name pearance in the realm of a mastered all the leading of of the several hypnotic st a profound conviction of its remedial agent in all disc

the nerves play a more Hypnotism is an physiological condisystem, a pseudo-slov tient with an can be made to which he loses for ence and of the extern In the sequence of there is a descending movement, downwards a upwards to restor. From a slight drows the somnambulistic stage, first his faculty of hearing Next his faculties are or power of sight only rea a the third stage, ; complete lethur brain is withdrawn. ly by the autemati spinal marrow, In or second half of the tized person goes the phases, recovering at each the faculties which have ly suspended, passing t lethargy, through cata

nambulism, which are on grees of intensity of partial Several processes are a uce the hypnotic state, to ive being revolving mirror the patient fixes his ersitiveness of other speci well as of the optic nerves, can ized; in fact, with persons read eptible, suggestion suffices rimenter says to the part and I will count together when we reach four you wi To awaken the patient, it sufficient to say: "You will be in a minute," but it is important sure that he is thoroughly avail if a patient only hulf-awakened i back to his daily life, he may with and knock down persons. articles exposed in shops, or other offenses, while giving the a sion that he is in full possession

senses. The cataleptic stage tended with well-defined man tions. The muscles maintain the given to them, and display a for waking state. The faculty of bala is raised to an extraordinary of exaltation. Stand him on bend his body forward or back bend his spinal column while ma him throw his head back, and he maintain his equilibrium. L patient horizontally, and lay his on the back of one chair and his on the back of another, and he s main as stiff as a board, suppor his extremities. In this can stage the emotions can be brown lay in a perfectly methodical le can be made glad without a sy simply putting in his line of sketch of happy faces; his for xpand, and by degrees he break

to a loud laugh. Conversely, a sketch of glosmy sons will fill him with sadness. wakes emotions proper to the time very color excites a special er ne raises emotion of sorrow; ve red, joy and delight. Emotional are also kindled by making the p go through the gestures, with a any given emotion is habitually ated. For example, the patie being closed and placed in a th ing posture, the face assumes an expression, but put his hand in titude of throwing a kiss and : expresses delight and pleasure. Somnambulism is the last hypnotism before awaking prepared soil, in which w hallucinations and illus

stage the patient's mind is a ti senses, erazy fancies and fire which become irresistible. 1 him it is cold, he wants a fur you tell him it is warm, he put on summer clothing. If y "Here is a glass of wine," and to drink, he accepts it, and make tence to drink it. The word of has been invented to characteria extraordinary credulity of this stay

NO CHILDREN WANTED. How a Quick-Witted Yanker Garthi of a New York Landlard. Unhappy parents, who, they seek for flats, can against tocratic "No children pero

experience of a cute Yankee children. He moved to t spring, eays the New York and his wife, after a few da went flat hunting. Wh went they met this objectildren. His wife became and wanted to go back to home in New England, al bildren had had the range park and garden. But out friend was a man of resources on his thinking cap one event the next morning he started on self, leaving Mrs. Yankee at

What is the rent of this flat?

upon that." This maneuver threw the the flat off their goard. asked of our Yankee about sion of children by him. The in, wife, children and all. Th grand tableaux of indig part of the owner of the flat the Yankees were, young an

Vitality of the Small The snail is blessed wi

building," should take a leaf ! with the children. At the first where he found a flat which suited it this dialogue with the jamus me

""Nine hundred dollars a year "I will lease it for a year if there no children in the bouser I will a take it if there are any."
"There are not any. You may a set

made out and executed, the payment was made, and then b there they will be until

powers of vitality. A case of an Egyptian desert small to life upon being immerwater after it had passed glued to a card in the Brit Some specimens in the co naturalist revived after the ently been dead for fifteen snails frozen for weeks to blocks of ice have recov thawed out. The eggs of are as hard to destroy as h seem perfectly indifferent and have been known to pr

ive after having been sh

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