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FIGHT ON A FREIGHT TRAIN.

Two Brakemen Engaged in a Deadly Conflict With Fist and Revolver.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—A Pullman car conductor gives an account of a fight between two brakemen named Tom Brady and Frank Morrison on board a Denver and Rio Grande freight train between Denver and Salt Lake while the train was running at full speed.

From side to side the men swayed in their death struggle, fighting, cursing, biting and gouging each other, until Morrison, with a supreme effort, raised his fist and threw it with all his might, falling backward and falling flat on his back.

Thus they worked their way out upon the cow-catcher. The engineer reversed his lever and stopped the train, but not before the men had rolled off the cow-catcher into a ditch beside the track, where they both lay senseless.

CAN BE HAD IF WANTED.

"Have you any malaria here?" asked a lady who was looking at a rural boarding place for her family. "Well," said the landlady, "we haven't got any just now, but we can get it for your family if you want it."

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Samuel Kieffer Meets Death by Being Smeared in Two.

[Lewisburg Saturday News, Feb. 7.]

The most shocking accident ever recorded in Union county occurred on a Wednesday last. As Mr. Samuel Kieffer was endeavoring to move a heavy stick of timber on the carriage, his foot slipped and he was thrown upon a fast revolving saw, mangle his legs, arm and body most horribly.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Wm. Thomas, of Newton, Ia., says, "My wife has been seriously affected with a cough for 25 years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to use Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results."

ROSSA PASSED A COMFORTABLE NIGHT.

New York, Feb. 5.—It is said at St. Vincent hospital this morning, to which O'Donovan Rossa has been removed yesterday, that he passed a comfortable night and was greatly improved.

The horrible nauseous worm-seed vermifuges and worm syrups had had their day. It's downright cruelty to compel a child to take them when McDonald's Celebrated Worm Powders are so easy and pleasant to take that children take them and never know a medicine is being administered.

Watson, Feb. 6.—Rev. S. G. Shannon, for the past ten years pastor of the Lutheran church, has received a call to the Lutheran church of Sunbury. It is believed that he will accept and assume charge thereof in the spring.

IMBECILITY IN ENGLAND.

A correspondent to the Boston Commercial Bulletin says: Any one who has been a constant reader of Punch has no need to travel up and down England with me to discover that the traditional, ingrained, agricultural laborer of the country is in very many cases so stupid, so ignorant, so devoid of all ambition to get out of the plough-ruts in which he and his progenitors have been travelling like cattle for many hundred years, as to rank in the mind of the careful observer only a shade above the domestic beasts among which his life has all been spent.

I walked and talked with these English hicks, and can testify that I never met in my own country, outside of imbecile asylums, so stupid, so stolid and stunted a class of human beings. They have a dialect of their own, which the stranger can hardly understand; a smock-frock fort of an attire which has been in fashion for a hundred years, and a way of life, as regards work and play and general home habits, that is the same as was their fathers' and grandfathers'.

There are, however, lower depths of human unintelligence in England than this. Underneath this last named class is to be found a set of men and women that is the natural outgrowth downward of the stupid hind class. These are a sort of "innocents" who wander about the country roads in a state bordering upon complete imbecility, and are saved from starvation by the charity of those who have pity for these unfortunate.

Downright imbeciles are cared for in England, to a large extent, in her immense imbecile asylums; and these institutions have to be large and numerous to accommodate the stunted imbeciles abounding in crowded old England. I call to mind, in illustration of the character of these establishments, one of the largest of them, located in Watford, a town which I walked through on my pedestrian excursion from London to Oxford. It contains 2,000 chronic imbeciles who are under the charge of Dr. Cass, an eminent medical man, and who are maintained at a net expense of 20 cents a day.

GENERAL SKOBELEFF.

There are a great number of anecdotes about General Skobelev which have become legendary in the Russian army, and there a much greater number about the Russian Jews which circulate through all classes of Russian society. The following story, which is of interest both for the admirers of the "white general" and the haters of the Russian Jew, was revived when Prince Bismarck, as a sign of special distinction, received the cross Pour le Merite. Skobelev, so goes the story, was working one evening in his tent near the Danube, or near a pond, when a Turkish bomb dropped at the threshold of the tent.

FARMS IN FRANCE.

There are millions of farms in France containing from a quarter of an acre to four acres, writes a correspondent from Dijon. I find that about an acre and a half is about all the most ambitious man wants. The rent for land is always one-half the crop. The land is worth about four hundred dollars an acre; if in grapevines, six hundred dollars. This is why France is like a garden. In England there are two hundred and twenty-seven thousand land owners; in France there are seven million land owners. The Frenchman on his two acres, with his barefooted wife cutting grain with a sickle by his side, is happy and contented, because he knows no better. Such a degraded life would drive an American farmer mad.

The Frenchman thrives because he spends nothing. He has no wants beyond the coarsest food and the washings of the grape skins after the wine is made. Yes, he is thrifty. He saves money, too. The aggregated wealth of thirty million poor, degraded, barefooted peasants makes France rich. The ignorance of the French farmer is appalling. I never saw a newspaper in a French farm village. Their wants are no more than the wants of a horse. The Frenchman eats the coarsest food; about the same as he feeds his horse. He will eat coarse bread and wine for breakfast; soup, bread and wine for dinner; and, perhaps, bread and milk for supper. He does not know what coffee or tea is.

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