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simply to save a franchise. It was an unimportant line and an unimportant franchise. But the theory that a few individuals could "own the street" indefinitely seems to have caused little irritation in the minds of New Yorkers.

A DEPLORABLE VETO

THE proposal to revive the Nautical School was enthusiastically endorsed by all organizations in Philadelphia that knew anything about the subject.

WHAT'LL GET THE NICKEL?

THE price for gas in Philadelphia is now \$1 a thousand cubic feet. Of this amount the U. G. I. takes eighty cents and twenty cents is turned into the city treasury.

GERMAN LIES IN AMERICAN THROATS

GIVE the pessimists enough paper and ink and they'll have us disgracefully whipped before we have a chance to fire a shot.

WAR NATURALIZES ALIENS

WHETHER aliens should or should not be conscripted is a question to be decided by the law of necessity and not by sentimental notions about what they owe to America.

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ALIENS who have in peace looked upon America as their permanent home virtually assume all the responsibilities of citizenship the moment war is declared.

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What's the use having Stockholm conferences when Senator La Follette cannot attend?

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Puzzle: Find a P. R. T. official with a worried look on his face as a result of the negotiations pending with the Mayor.

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Our idea of a successful war would be one conducted along the line that a fellow out in Detroit uses in supplying locomotion for the world.

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HIGH COURT OF ENGLISH USAGE

It Hands Down a Divided Opinion on the Correct Form of an Evening Ledger Sentence

WE ARE going to take the reader behind the scenes and let him get some idea of the many difficulties which beset editors who strive to write correct English.

THE other day one of the editorial writers of the EVENING LEDGER began an article with the phrase "There are certain two men." When it was printed a question arose as to its grammatical form.

But the phrase was allowed to stand unchanged in all editions. It was decided to appeal to the judgment of experts in colleges in different parts of the country.

THE expression "There are certain two men" seems to me incorrect, although some of my friends here think otherwise.

THE Rev. Francis P. Donnelly, S. J., professor of English in the College of the Holy Cross, at Worcester, Mass., is in doubt, but he is inclined to the belief that the form of words is permissible.

I have had some fun with your question which I tried to answer in a recent issue. I have said the phrase is defensible, logically and grammatically.

THE phrase appears awkward to me. The reason is that "There are certain two men" is a plural noun after "there are" and "I am puzzled by a certain" which commonly goes with a singular noun or a collective noun.

Another difficulty is the use of two men as a collective, especially in the editorial where the writer takes them at once as definite types. "There are certain two men" individuals and groups.

In the context, however, I think, modestly and with deference to better heads, and to more patient study, that the writer is not moving in a case of the two men, he is not using "a certain few, or two, etc." in its accepted meaning.

THIS sentence is correct grammatically, though it seems an awkward way of conveying the idea, whatever the idea was or is.

Any combination of words may be considered and used as the subject of a verb, and as such may come under the classification of "collective" noun. If the meaning warrants it, the awkwardness of the sentence arises from the "are" combination, which does not in itself sound right.

When vice in persona propria appears before a Magistrate it is lucky if it can recognize itself in the white garments of purity in which it is escorted out of the hall of justice.

According to our own "Hammy" Moore, the Augusta site is ideal for an encampment. He investigated it for the EVENING LEDGER, and his report is comforting to the guardmen who shortly are to go there.

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Tom Daly's Column

THE GOLDEN GIRL
Red hair!
Isn't it queer?
Once on a time I'd do nothing but fear at it.
Now, faith,
Look at me teeth,
See how I show them an' growl when you sneer at it.

UNFORTUNATELY we've mislaid the Judge's name, but his courtroom is in New Bedford, Mass. Before him appeared a defendant, who, hoping for leniency, pleaded, "Judge, I'm down and out."

THEY STOPPED outside the Thirtieth Street market, in West Philadelphia, to pass the time of day.

THE TALE OF THE JAPANESE FAN
In the time of cherry blossoms
In the land of old Japan,
In the town of Nagasaki,
Lived a maiden and a man.

SOMEONE in Youngstown sent us a letter yesterday from the new Tod House and awakened a memory of the old one.

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Socialists and the Churches

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Sir—As a member of the Philadelphia Home-Defense Reserve I want to draw your attention to the fact that an article in your valuable paper, printed on July 21, describes the experience of the writer.

On Friday, July 20, while returning from the Pennsylvania Barge Club to my home, 1811 North Logan Square, on a Callowhill street car, I saw an officer of the police force being badly beaten up by a crowd of men.

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What Do You Know? QUIZ

- 1. What South American city is reported the heaviest sufferer from the recent earthquake?
2. Who originated the phrase "muddling through," and in what connection?
3. Who is Mimi, Bochkarova?
4. Who was "the good gray nosed"?
5. What form of musical composition was the forerunner of the modern symphony?
6. What German author, in a novel written before the war, described Berlin as "faded Paris"?
7. What is a cunctative policy?
8. To what branch of United States military service do "sobs" belong?
9. What is a nullity?
10. Who was Perkin Warbeck?

Answers to Saturday's Quiz

- 1. A bivouac is a temporary encampment without tents.
2. Frank A. Scott, of Cleveland, chairman of the General Conditions Board, will head the new industrial board to supervise war purchases.
3. The sister of Lord Kitchener, popularly thought to have died when a British cruiser was torpedoed, has just stated that she believes him to be alive.
4. Theodore Roosevelt has coined the phrase, "unwreaked patriotism," in connection with America's part in the war.
5. The Chester riots originated in the slaying of William McKinley, a white man, by a negro.
6. Hamburg, Germany, is reported to be suffering most heavily from a cholera epidemic.
7. Jane, wife of Thomas Carlyle, is referred to in Lettice Hunt's "Jenny Elms in the Olden Time."
8. Many drafted men living in the suburbs, it is expected, will be forced to serve, to cause their health to be better than that of city workers.
9. "Gnatcatcher" is the construction of sentences. The French poet Montecroche is more commonly known as Francois Villon.
10. The project was the creation of Atlantic City, and it seems to have been quite a success. But in the fifties the long, narrow bit of sand called Absecon Beach seemed at first sight as desolate as a coral island in the Pacific. Occasionally an adventurous gunner would wander about the meadows in quest of small birds and walk on the white beach, where he did not dream so many thousands of bathers were to gather in later years. When the Camden and Atlantic was projected there were only two houses on the island, one a small hotel and the other the habitation of fishermen.

"BUILDING A RAILROAD TO NOWHERE"

PRESENT-DAY doubts about the "overdevelopment" of transportation facilities were not entertained so extensively in the Philadelphia of the fifties of the last century. Of course, there were a number of persons who called a certain project "building a railroad to nowhere"; but, in spite of the imaginative daring of this project, the pullbacks do not seem to have been able to hobble the forward-looking men of 1853.