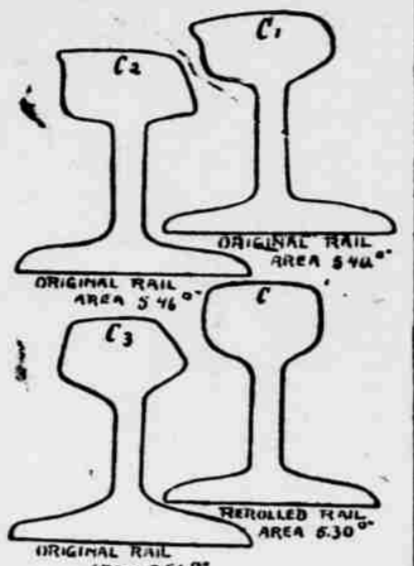


OLD RAILS MADE AS NEW.

Cheap Method of Renewing Worn Out Railroad Tracks. A new method of treating worn out steel rails, and one that has received the endorsement of a practical steel maker, Capt. H. W. Hunt, is described in this issue of the Engineer.



SECTIONS OF OLD AND RENEWED RAILS.

In the accompanying illustration are shown three sections of worn rails. The sections given show the different ways in which steel rails wear, together with those of metal-1, or excessive curve wear, ordinary curve wear, and tread wear. The fact that these different forms of worn rails, varying in weight from 54.0 pounds to 55.6 pounds per yard, are all renewed to the standard C, weighing 53 pounds per yard, demonstrates that the maximum reduction due to the process need not exceed 2.5 pounds per yard and the resultant product of any lot of worn rails will be within five pounds of the original weight.

In sections of rails shown in the second illustration the original rail was of English make, and was in the track twenty-nine years. In the rolling process the rails were altered to admit the use of modern joint material. In operating the process the rails were charged into a furnace that was sufficient to anneal the metal, and the whole rail. After being brought up to a bright red heat the rails were drawn from the end of the furnace opposite to that used for charging, and carried by a hand-drawn carriage to the back side of a three-high set of rolls, and in Hannah's arms before Hester perceives the ambush that has again defeated her cruel longing to torture her dearest.

"You haven't one, huh?" The boy hastily slipped the stump into his pocket, and withdrawing his left hand from behind his back displayed a large box containing an assortment of small boxes. "If yer ain't got no matches," said he, "now's a good time for yer ter buy some. The box contains a whole lot of 'em, and some what won't blow out in the wind and udders what will. Yer takes yer pick."

AGED ILLINOIS PREACHER. Father Rupp, of Clarke County, Was Born Ninety-two Years Ago. Rev. Father Henry Rupp, of Clarke County, Illinois, is the oldest active clergyman in the State. He is now in his 92 years of age, he is still preaching the glad tidings. He walks into town three or four times a week. He has a kind or pleasant word to say to everybody, and he is beloved by all who know him.

STICKS TO HER JOB. A Richmond, Me., woman has worked twenty-five years in a Lewiston mill most of the time at the one loom. The combined age of five couples who recently celebrated their golden wedding at Wazemmes, in Belgium, was just 800 years.

NO DIFFERENCE. A Chicago jury discovered, when it retired to make up its verdict, that one of its number did not understand a word of English. However, he had made up his mind that the accused men were guilty, and as the eleven men thought likewise, they brought in a verdict to that effect.

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WRECK OF A WORK OF ART.

Statue of Agnes Gilkerson is Destroyed. The costly marble statue of Agnes Gilkerson, for a year an object of interest to the lovers of the Hockahock B. Smith's mansion at Smithville, N. J., was broken into thousands of pieces the other day. The wreckage of this remarkable work of art was then cast in Hancock Creek, and the testimonial to Congressman Hockahock B. Smith's folly went out of sight forever.

The story of Smith and Agnes Gilkerson is one of extraordinary romance and wrong, and when first made public, stirred the whole country. The man had deserted his rightful family home at Smithville with the woman of his infatuation. He became a millionaire manufacturer, creating a great industrial plant in the out of the way retreat he had selected. He also went to Congress and grew to be a political figure in the State, Agnes Gilkerson, as his wife, pushing him onward and upward. He would doubtless have won higher political honors, but his past became known. When the woman died the incoherent and aged manufacturer sold a statue of her made in Italy and placed it on his front lawn, where he could see it always.

Captain Elton Smith, one of the man's father's surviving children, recently came into the great property of his father, and one of his first acts was to order the statue of Agnes Gilkerson destroyed, so it should never more plague him or his. A dozen stalwart men armed with sledges and axes sent the white statue crashing to the ground and hammered the marble fiercely until nothing but a pile of debris remained. Some of the villagers tried to secure pieces of the statue as souvenirs, but a cart took the whole mass to the creek, where it was dumped into ten feet of water and covered with stones.

He Made a Sale. He was a very small boy and very ragged, but there was a look in his eyes of shrewd intelligence beyond his years. His left hand held behind his back a tin of matches, and between two grimy fingers he held a half-smoked stump of a cigarette. He had his eye on a well-dressed man who was walking jauntily along the street swinging his cane.

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JOHN R. DOS PASSOS.

John R. Dos Passos, the father of the great credit fund which, in his opinion, is to save the country by freeing all the farmers of debt, in a New York lawyer who is by no means an visionary or as impractical as some financiers try to make him out. Secretary of the Farmers' Loan and Trust, he does not endorse his plan of "saving" the nation from ruin by the means of a seven-mile procession through the streets of London will be a small part of the congratulatory procession whose multitudinous throng will enclose the earth, the celebratory anthems that will sound up from Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's cathedral in the morning of the 1st of July, 1897, when the Archbishop of Canterbury addressed the embassied and weeping and almost frightened girl of eighteen years old, the starting words, "your majesty," until this day the anniversary of her enthronement.

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