WHEN YOU MATE UP.

You will soon mate up your pens for breeding, and there are certain particulars you must bear in mind to bring success

When you have culled out all over three years old and those with gross defects, then take "The Standard of Perfection" into the pen and select from the remainder those that are nearest to the standard type. If your fowls look like three cents

when you apply this criterion, it is time to buy new birds. You can't breed something out of nothing.

STUDY YOUR BIRDS .- Indeed, the successful chicken hustler is always studying his birds. The poultryman who doesn't study hen nature and thinks he has such a surplus of gray matter that he can throw a breeding pen together like a boy pitching quoits had better "go away back and sit down," for if he's up front he got in on some other fellow's stock or climbed study your birds now. The people

who wait till they hear the whistle blow before they start for the train generally miss the last platform and

make fools of themselves.

There's no such thing as luck in shaking chickens up like dice. You may get a blank.

When the solons of the poultry world who sell hens for a thousand dollars apiece and cockerels for five hundred who have thousands of bonton birds to select from must sit down for a day to study out a single mating, is that not a lesson for those who mate their pens with breakneck speed?

If birds are mated now you may be surprised at unforeseen changes you will make. You will thus catch the drones, the hens that will not fraternize with the male, and eliminate from the pen the hen that continually bullies

By this early removal of the hirds to a pen by themselves they may receive that special care and feeding which are necessary for them to have to insure a good output of fertile eggs, for it is a fact that hens for breeding must have different treatment from those which are simply fed for market eggs. This is often overlooked until the first test of the incubator shows great infertility. A great many poultrymen do their shoving at the wrong end of the

en wagon. The hens that are pushed at the be-

ginning of winter are up against the wall when hatching time comes. The doctrine that you should sepa-rate the male bird from the females until breeding time to promote his productive powers is a big fake. Do this if you wish to ruin the head of the

BAD DISQUALIFICATIONS. - Reject birds with the following defects: Wry tails, crooked backs and breastbones, side sprigs, lop combed males, squirrel tails, diminutive tails, white faced cockerels except Black Spanish, deformed beaks, purple barring, brassi-ness, white lobes in Wyandottes and Cochins, pinched tails, feathered shanks on clean legged varieties, clean shanks on feather legged breeds, swinging rops and drop wings.
You need not wait three weeks to

discover if the eggs are fertile. Test them with a strong light at the end of

If the eggs are all infertile, replace the male bird with another. If part of the eggs are infertile, you either have too many hens or certain of the mem-bers of the harem do not stand in well with Mohammed. If a reconciliation cannot be made quickly, remove the

## DON'TS.

Don't keep your ducks in damp quarters and on hard, cold boards. Furnish clean, soft litter and be decent.

Don't keep ducks with chickens.
Their feed is different. Ducks and droppings are a combination to restrict the duck supply.

Don't sell duck eggs for a song. They

command a high price for Hebrey Write to an egg house for Don't keep oyster shell too long.

The sea salts draws moisture, and the shell gets soft. It's dirty and out of

Don't forget to save those duck feathning protectors, but there's nothing better for a boil than a duck feather

Don't andervalue those bantams They lay many eggs, take up less room and eat little. Let the boys have a

Don't forget that pheasants aren't canaries. They are ornamental, but not to hang among window curtains.

Don't house pheasants with other stock. Give them lots of room and fresh air. Let them go.

Don't mix turkeys, chickens and greese. Birds of one feather should geese. Birds flock together.

Don't tolerate scrapping roosters They are a nuisance. The fighter They are a nuisance. The fighters aren't fathers of Rooseveltian families.

THE MOST PRACTICAL ROOST. The stepladder roost is out of date. The chickens all fought for the highest seat in the synagogue. Result, strife and humble foot.

The sassafras sapling roost, guaranteed to prevent lice, has gone into ob-livion with the lightning rod. The movable roost is the fad.

Our plan: Make four carpenters' trestles, two of them five feet long and two and a half feet high and the other four feet long and two feet high. long, and on this dropping floor place

your low trestles and from one to the

other place your roosting slats.
Put these four inch slats on loose
and on very cold nights move them close together.

close together.

Set up in a corner out of drafts and place the dusting box near and the hens will keep the roosts well dusted. Advantages.—Easily cleaned; easily removed; catches all the manure; can be removed or set up in three minutes; hens can scratch under it; red mites avoid it. Try it and be convinced.

THAT INCUBATOR. Is your brooder cleaned and disin-

fected?

Does it need a new lamp and felt for

Get them now. Where is your incubator stored? Is it down in that damp cellar, where it will spring at the joints and the mice

can nibble out the lining?

This cellar business is only a fad

Last summer we tested the eggs for a rentleman who was hatching chicks by the cellar plan. Our machines were upstairs in a comfortable room. He got forty-five chicks from 200 eggs. We got 189. That's proof enough.



A, comb; B, face; C, wattles; D, ear lobes; E, hackle; F, breast; G, back; H, saddle; I, saddle feathers; J, sickles; K, tall coverts; L, main tall feathers; M, wing bow; N, wing bar; O, wing bay; P, wing butts; Q, breastbone; R, thighs; S, hocks; T, shanks; U, spurs; V, toes; W, fluff.

### "BUG HOUSE."

The hen stood on the lousy nest, Whence all but she had fled; The red mites crawled all over her, And shortly she fell dead.

'Tis apoplexy, I'll be bound!' Her lousy owner whines. He sticks her in the cold, cold ground, Beside the young grapevines.

My friend, he kept an old "bug house;" A bugger, too, was he. His chicken house was all one louse, A "mitey" sight to see. Moral.—Don't be a bugger.—C. M. B.

## FEATHERS AND EGGSHELLS.

When your feeding is bringing a rea-onable number of eggs, don't change your methods because Sam Tryitall has been around. If he was a leopard, could change his spots. Don't de a gold dollar for a lead nickel with a hole in it.

When your hen cackles, "go thou and do likewise," but keep your head level. Don't let an egg record or a blue ribbon make you an egotist.

If you make a good sale, cackle, but

don't think you are the only cockerel on the perch. When you begin to be stuck on yourself, feel the top of your head, and you will surely find a soft spot.

There is a little difference between a capable critic and a critical crank. The one is thoroughbred brain and the other mongrel monkey. This is not contempt of court, but a judge's license can't cover up a fool.

When eggs are way up, hesitate to rop a little for good, regular trade. An extra egg when pullets are laving will make up for size. A hog in the hen's nest is worse than a dog in the manger.

A Buff Orpington hen sold in York, A Bull Orpington nen soid in 1018, Pa., for \$400, and a poultryman at St. Louis sacrificed a hen and rooster for \$1,500, while at the Crystal palace show they dropped to \$250. That's a slow old price for chicken anyhow.

It's time to form a hen trust.

There were 9,000 entries at James town and 10,000 at the Crystal palace, London. The American Wyandottes London. The American Wyandottes took most money at the English show, and they didn't have to marry any old English clucks to get it. "Count" English clucks to get it. that for our side.

It's an old joke, but it just leaked. The chicken paper reporters and the regular press men sailed from Norfolk to the Jamestown grounds on opening day to enjoy a banquet with President Roosevelt and report his speech. They were held out on the water for two

a rotten egg hits a politician's cheek, neither can be measured.

sonal appearance.
"I might as well fire at a razor's edge," he said, referring to his adversary's slightness of physique, while he himself offered "as good a mark as a

Without a moment's hesitation Curran declared that he had no desire to take an undue advantage of his opponent, and he was willing to let his side view be chalked out on Mr. Egan's body and any shot that hit outside the should not count.

The Theosophical society was founded in New York city on Nov. 17, 1875, by Mme. Blavatsky and Colonel Henry S. Olcott, but its headquarters were removed in 1879 to Adyar, Madras, India. Its object is threefold—to form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of mankind, to encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and er the high trestles with boards six feet science and the unexplained laws and

## JUST A POSTAL.

... By LESTER ROSE ...

Copyright, 1907, by Homer Sprague. Jimmy propped the card against the sugar bowl, and while he huriedly ate his breakfast his eyes seldom wandered from the picture. Delia, the dining room girl, regarded him scornfully. What was the use of mooning over a picture postal with never a word to tell who it was from?

It was rather a pretty picture, a

quiet little town nestling on the bank of a broad stream, but it might have been a love letter from the way Jimmy stared at it. Twice Delia had to remind him that he must leave the house by three minutes past 8 in order to catch the last car that would land

him at the office on time.

Delia knew to a fraction of a second when each of Mrs. Beeman's twoscore boarders must leave. Driggs jestingly called her the "human alarm clock."

Recalled to earth by the second sug-gestion, Jimmy thrust the card into his reast pocket and sprinted down the street to the corner. Once on the car he took out the card again and had to walk back three blocks because he was carried past the office building still studying the picture.

After all, it was a picture well worth the study, for Arlington was one of the prettiest towns in his native state. Postal cards with local views were something new for the little town. Jimmy could remember the stir which the first illustrated postal received by an Arlingtonian had made. Sarah Coyne, to whom it was addressed, had let the postmistress keep it for a whole week that all might see the curiosity. It had attracted more attention than the first Philippine stamp.

Now, it was evident that some ama-

teur photographer had taken a picture of Arlington from the bill Jimmy could almost locate the exact spot where he had often stood. It was over



IT WAS JIMMY WHO STEPPED FORWARD. in the Pruyn lot, where the boys used to coast in winter. It was too steep

for the girls. One could easily run clear to the river on a good pointer. But there was no hint of snow in this picture. The trees that fringed the river bank were in full leaf, the lone willow that grew on the tiny is-land was draped in green, and Jimmy could fairly smell the mint and the sweet flag in the marsh where the creek through the Newmans' lot form-ed a confluence with the river.

Somehow it brought Arlington back with startling distinctness. He had supposed that he had forgotten the town in his two hurried years of city life, but with the picture before him it was as though he had just climbed the hill from the little red house that was hilden in the little red house that was hilden in the picture by the new brick Methodist church. They were just finishing the steeple when he had come away. Now it proudly reared its head above all the other buildings.

Jimmy turned the card over and re-garded its face. The blurred post-mark seemed like an old friend. He could look through the glass partition where the boxes were empty, down in

Roosevelt and report his speech. They were held out on the water for two hours, and when they got to the hall there wasn't a five cent cigar in sight. There was no red fire needed that night. Biff!

The average length of an egg is 2.27 inches, the average diameter at the broad end is 1.72 inches, and the average weight is two ounces. When a rotten egg hits a politician's cheek. blue and red and yellow, in the midst

wit on the Field of Honor.
When Curran, the famous Irish barrister who rose to such eminence, met Egan on the field of honor to decide a quarrel with pistols the latter took exquarrel with pistols the latter took example.

auction sales and the prim auction sales and the prim ing of the society.

But, most of all, the neat writing of the address held his thoughts. It needed no signature to tell him the name of the sender. Only Bessle Brewster wrote like that. He recalled the long, happy years when they two had planned to seek the city together. He was assured of a position through his unsured to seek the city together. cle's influence, and Bessle would keep house for him and perhaps in time be able to write for the magazines. The Arlington Times had used some of her stories and had called editorial atten

tion to them.

It had all been a glorious dream, but

He had used the argument that her great duty was toward herself, but she thrust the idea from her, and in the end he had flung away from her, declaring that she did not love him, else she would see that he had greater rights than her father, for whom she had worked all the best years of her

He had not written after that, not even to tell of his success. This was the first time he had seen her handand his eyes grew soft as he studied

bend to his work.

But thoughts of Arlington were strangely mixed with the details of ac-PHONE FOR RAILWAYS

mor, and distant has

His first call was on the Brewsters

her of her burden and who guided her through the little knot of station

"You are back for a visit?" asked

Bessie when they had cleared the crowd. Jimmy shook his head.

"I came because of your postal," h

Something in his tones told the girl

of his sincerity and his loneliness. He had hurt her cruelly in those old days,

bundles one crushed under his grasp,

and there was the tinkle of broken

"You've broken the lamp I bought for the parlor," she reproached. Jimmy laughed happily. "I'll buy a dozen lamps for the parlor—our par-lor" he promised readlessly.

A glimpse of Thackeray is given in

"Memoirs of a London Club," by Da-

to Thackeray, and in the intervals of the speeches we had a good deal of quiet talk. But in Our club gatherings

there was often a lapse into what we called the "war of the nationalities,"

which consisted of good humored mu-tual chaff and banter between the Eng-

lish members and the two or three Scottish and Irish members of the

club. It may have been this that some-how suggested the following bit of

Thackeray's talk with me:
"D'ye know," he said, "that, though
I can describe an Irishman perfectly,

I never could describe a Scotchman?"

man I know, a mere description from

life. But what I mean is, I couldn't invent a Scotchman. I should go wrong. But, oh, I'm quite at home

The Title Tax.

Now ma has got the fidgets,
And Sadie's looking glum,
While pa pretends to sympathize,
Although he chuckles some.
This chap in congress worries 'em,
For all the plans were made
To spend a year in Europe
And a title get for Sade.

Said pa: "This feller thinks it wrong That Yankee girls with cash Should set their caps for foreigners And such like titled trash. Nine hundred million dollars gone To shingle their old shacks— He says it's time to stop the game By putting on a tax."

Ma thinks that pa has got no style.

He's still the same Joe Noggs
Who started twenty years ago
To make a pile on hogs.
He clings to Bramble Center ways
And never is afraid
To say a straight American
Is good enough for Sade.

Ma can't forget that Hattie Bangs,

So off to Europe they will go.
Poor pa will stay at home.
They'll gad about in gay Parce,
In London and in Rome.
What care they for the title tax?
For ma will be repaid
When Bramble Center hears that she
Has got a count for Sade.
—Michael Fitzgerald in Boston Globe.

Australian ousnilled believe that the

sun is angry with the moon and hacks at it till it grows smaller and smaller and finally disappears, when it is sup-

posed to beg for a respite and soo

begins to grow again, but that directly it attains its full size the wrathful sun recommences its attack upon it.

A little freekled fright,
At Newport is "your ladyship"
And her husband but a knight,
While Sade, with half a million
Is tall and slim and fair—
How well a coronet would look
Upon her golden hair!

I reminded him of Mr. Binnie. "Oh," he said, "that's not what I nean; that's a mere facsimile of a

with the Irish character!"

have learned your lesson.

glass. Bess gave a cry of dismay.

lor," he promised recklessly.

sorry"- she began, but Jimmy

explained. "It made me homesick, and

I just had to come.'

counts, and when the noon hour came be sought an interview with the head of his room. The latter was looking The Telegraph to Be Displaced for an opening for a cousin and was glad enough to let Jimmy go without the usual two weeks' wait. Three days later Jimmy was in Arlington. by It After March 1.

WOMEN WILL BE EMPLOYED.

Many Men Operators to Be Let Out Automatic Block Signals Will Be In stalled and Many Small Telegraph Stations Closed.

His first call was on the Brewsters, but the tiny maid told him that Miss Bessie had gone to town for a shopping tour and would not be back until evening. When the evening train rolled up to the little platform and Bessie descended from the car steps, her arms loaded with bundles, it was Jimmy who stepped forward to relieve her of her by widen and who graided her. When a train with a little party of passengers on board recently pulled slowly southward out of the station of Miami, on the extreme southeastern coast of Florida, its unostentatious departure marked a dramatic moment in the history of a man and a railroad and an event the bearing of which upon the future relations of the United States and her neighbors of the West Indies can only be fully told by time, stopped her.
"I'm not," he declared. "I'm glad. I patch to the New York Globe.

never was so glad about anything be-fore. It was like a message that I had to answer." The train was the first over the famous "seagoing railroad" which Henry M. Flagler has been pushing with all the resources of the Florida East Coast system, which he rules, literally "But now it may make you only "But now it may make you only dissatisfied to go back," cried the girl. "That's just the beauty of it all," explained Jimmy. "I'm not going back. I guess Arlington's a big enough place for me to stay in, espeout over the sea toward Key West and Havana. When the trains began run-ning to Knights Key, Cuba was brought half a day nearer the United States, and Havana was for the first time placed in direct connection with New York and Chicago. The traveler can now board a Pull-"Especially?" she repeated as Jim-

"Especially?" she repeated as Jinmy paused.

"Look here," he said, speaking rapidly and with a voice that betrayed the
intensity of his feelings. "I know I
don't deserve to be permitted to speak
to you after the way I acted about
your staying here when I wanted you
have many me and go to town. I've forlambers me paced in direct connection with
me placed in direct connection w tal, 115 miles distant, within six hours. felted all right even to see you, but if you could only know the time I've put in since I got that card you'd be sorry In another year, when the remaining forty-seven miles to Key West have been opened, the distance between Unyou could only have a long that card you'd be sorry in since I got that card you'd be sorry for me, even if I did act like a brute. You were right, Bess, in staying with your father. I was all wrong But I am sorry. Do you think that But I am sorry. Do you think that planned to join the two by a ferry service which shall take the trains of the stay of t

perhaps some time we might be friends—good friends—once more?"
"We are friends now," said Bessle softly, "else you would not be walking with me."
"I don't mean that," objected Jimmy, "It's not just friendship I ask. It is something more. I want a characteristic between the southwestward the coral islets called the Florida keys stretch line to the southwestward the coral islets called the Florida keys stretch It is something more. I want a chance to regain your love. Do you think that there would be a chance for me away to Key West, the last of the chain. Eastward lies the Atlantic, westward the bay of Florida. Beginning at Homestead, twenty-eight miles south of Miami, where the road ended, they must build along the line of these keys and across the scores of channels but she had felt sure that he would come back to her. Her face grew softer as she laid a hand upon his arm. "Why wait, Jim?" she asked. "You and passages which separate them one from another a road which should be so solidly based as to withstand the dreaded autumn hurricanes which have their breeding place among the West Indian islands. Some of the The bundles fell to the hard packed snow as Jimmy rapturously caught her in his arms. As he recovered the channels are a few feet wide, some thousands of feet and some miles. The widest of all, the spanning of which was the last piece of work in the completion of the section now opened, is five and a half miles across from is-land to island. Everything except the rock for the roadbed and embank ments had to be transported from the mainland, for the keys are mostly barren and could furnish no supplies. Even water had to be brought in tanks, and the workmen had to be housed in floating dormitories over

much of the distance. vid Masson.

At all our meetings at the Garrick In spite of these difficulties and of the obstacles of mud and water, stiff and at Our club Thackeray always seemed to me, in spite of his light hu-mor and his habitual nickname of "Thack" among his friends, to be a currents, jungle, rock, heat, mosquitoes and storms, the work, once begun, has been pushed steadily on without a halt until the end is in sight. From man apart, a sad and highly sensitive man, a man with whom nobody could take a liberty. It was at one of the larger dinners Homestead, where the extension begins, it is seventeen miles to the coast at Water's Edge. This part of the construction is on the mainland, but it is through the strange south Floridian region of low everglades and manof Our club—jt may have been a Shakespeare birthday dinner about the year 1860—that I chanced to sit next grove swamps, interspersed with high

er patches of rocky pine land.

From Water's Edge the road crossès

Jewfish creek, uniting Barnes and Blackwater sounds by a drawbridge, and after skirting Lake Surprise, where thousands of tons of filling were swallowed up in a vain attempt to run the road straight across the lake, it lands upon the middle of Key Largo, the largest of the keys. Fifteen miles bring the southern end of Largo, and there the road becomes really amphib-ious. Of the seventy-seven miles re-maining to Knights Key more than half is bullt over water on cement and coral rock embankments or on con-crete viaducts, supported on concrete piers anchored to the rock bottom and strengthened with piles. At the deeper channels there are drawbridges to admit the passage of vessels, and in the embankments which cross the shallower passages are twenty-five foot wa ter openings at frequent intervals.

From Key Largo the extension crosses Tavernier creek to Plantation key, which it traverses, thence over another narrow arm called Snake creek to Windlys island, then across a wider passage to Upper Metacumbe key. The longest viaduct yet reached carries the road from Upper Metacumbe to Lower Metacumbe, whence a still longer embankment takes it over the wide channel to Long key, the next stepping stone. Then from Long key to Grassy key comes the longest leap of the whole way. Between these two there are five and one-half miles of sea. which are crossed by the famous "ocean viaduct," over which the rails are car viaduct," over which the rails are carried thirty-one feet above the main surface level of the water. From Grassy key a number of small islets and intervening passages are crossed to the larger Key Vacca, from which, by a narrow channel, the diminutive Hog key and another channel, Knights Key, is reached, where the journey by rail is ended for the present.

"Why don't we take an express train?" asked the sweet young thing of her escort at a subway station.
"This isn't an express station," explained her escort kindly.

"How tiresome!" exclaimed the s. y. t. "They ought to have express trains at every station!"—New York

Uninging Jailer.

Mayor—Where are you going? Village Constable—The three tramps I just locked up want to play whist, and I'm looking for a fourth.—Transatlan-

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

# DIRECTOR'S OF THE POOR

Danville and Mahoning Poor District for the Year Ending

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By balance due Directors at 1909.

To settlement. balance due Directors at present settlement....

Statement of Orders issued during the year 1907. Paid and outstanding and purposes for which the same

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 Medicine
 32.0

 Coal and Wood
 137.6

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 22.9

 Undertaker
 37.5

 Insane at Hospital
 134.7

 General Merchandise
 690.0
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\$2395 29 P. M. KERNS, THEO, HOFFMAN H. WIREMAN,

We, the Auditors of the Borough of Danvill and Township of Mahoning have examine the above accounts and find them correct. JOHN L. JONES, M. GRANT GULICK, M. P. SCOTT,

Statement of Real Estate and Persona · Property on hand at date of Settlement.

Real Estate...
House and Kitchen Furniture...
Hay and Grain
Farming Utensils...
Live Stock.
Vegetable...
Meat and Lard.
Clothing and Material.
Fruit, Freserves, &c...
Vineur... Produce Raised.

325 Heads Cabbage.... 52 Tons Hay... 243 bushels Potatoes... 12 bushels Onions.... 421 bushels of Wheat... 50 bunches Cetery
1½ bushel Onion Sets.
1 bushel of Beans.
½ bushel Dried Corn.
5 bushel Tomat 'es.....
866 lbs Butter.
240 Doz Eggs.
2100 Bundles corn fodder.

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Number in House Jan. ist. 1907.
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Tramps Relieved during the year 1907.
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Remarkable Line That Runs On. Florida Keys.

**CUBA NOW HALF A DAY NEARER** 

A new field of employment for wo-570 00 men is to be opened by the railways, says a Washington special dispatch to 57 00 the Chicago Record-Herald. This does not mean that the roads will employ women telegraphers; but, on the con-trary, their employment will be for \$888999 the purpose of taking the places of telegraphers already in the service. The future women railway operating em-ployees will be engaged at the smaller stations taking train orders over telephones, where formerly such orders were transmitted and received by tele-graph. This new field will be open to women when the new nine hour day law governing the working time of railway telegraphers goes into effect

It was confidently expected that this law would work a revolution in rail-way operation, and it was with this end in view that the Order of Railway Telegraphers procured its passage despite the determined opposition of the rallway managers and even against advice direct from the White House. The revolution is coming, all right, but it will be a revolution which will relegate the telegraph to a back seat as an adjunct to railway operation and will throw thousands of operators out of employment and annually will decrease their number until they will almost disappear from American rail-

ways. \*
It was expected that the reduction in the working hours of railway telegra-phers to nine hours would compel the railroads to employ at least 8,000 addl tional men at once. It was also known that it would be impossible to secure this number of men when needed, and it was therefore hoped by the men that an increase in wages would be a part of the revolution planned.

part of the revolution planned.

The railway managers at first took a similar view of the situation, but it soon was discovered that it would be impossible to supply the demand if all existing telegraph offices were to be maintained after March 1. As a result of a careful study of the situation the nine hour day for telegraphers will bring about the following changes:

First.—The abandonment of all sta-tions as telegraph stations except divi-sion headquarters and junctional points. Second.—The substitution of tele-phones for the receipt and the trans-

mission of orders and messages.

Third.—The employment of women as agents in many stations thus trans-

formed into telephone stations.

Fourth.—The transaction of a tremendous amount of office business by letter which formerly was transacted

by telegraph.

Fifth.—The rapid extension of the automatic electric block signal system, which will make telegraph stations un-

necessary.
In determining to inaugurate these changes the railway managers found that they had in reality been preparing for them for years. It was discovered also that by adopting the most expen-sive system of block signaling train

orders and telegraph stations could for the greater part be done away with. The railroads therefore decided that The railroads therefore decided that they would rather spend millions in providing and maintaining automatic block signals, which never go to sleep and which never fail unless they spell "danger," than to spend the same money in maintaining telegraph stations and telegraph operators. The closing of stations as telegraph stations is made possible by the fact that with an automatic electric signal all that is nec-essary is to start trains as fast as the terminal block is empty and keep them going until a semaphore says "stop."

Accordingly many of the big systems, notably the Harriman roads, have been Farm.

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