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Thousands Killed Yearly. Eight hundred thousand men find employment on the various railroad lines which traverse the United States, and of these fully one-fourth are stationed in the yards as switchmen. Of all the men who have anything to do with railroading there are none of whom the public know so little as switchmen. Did you ever notice the equipped, one-legged man waving his flag at the crossing? He is known as a flagman, but he was a switchman once, and there are many hundreds of others just like him.

Did you ever see a one-armed man struggling with the patent lock of a switch, his empty sleeve fluttering in the wind? He is only tending switches now, but he once belonged to a switch crew, rode on an engine, and helped to make up the long trains which carried passengers and freight out of Chicago, and the Inter Ocean. It is a dangerous thing—this occupation of switchman—with meager chance of promotion, but little recognition by the public, and it is a necessary and important one. They are as much a part of the road as the conductor, who takes charge of the train when it is made up, or the engineer who pulls it, without them trains would stop, roads would become blocked, and traffic finally cease altogether. More than one thousand men are employed in this capacity in the yards about Chicago.

Duties.

No one can fully understand the multifarious duties which fall to the lot of switchmen without paying a visit to some of the many yards. About the first man you meet will be a great, burly, ruddy-faced son of Ireland, who in rich brogue, will order you out of the way of a moving locomotive or you are almost certain to stand on the wrong track, and then scathingly inform you that this is "Tosda" or a "Winsda," and that the "Engineer" has a bit of mind to make that particular piece of track. You realize the possibility of this and me. A second later your informant has on to the pilot of the "Engine," and with inimitable style waves you salute and inquires "How long does this town?" or "Oh, always shows a lay, sur, case his fate sticks to forlornest, hee back." Before you can make a retort the engine has the your tormentor out of reach of your voice, and you turn just in time to see another man making frantic motions and yelling at the top of his voice, "Get off dose track, da man kum, ef yo wan a yob go by mon, es is bethar es dese." You act! Just in time, and realize what close call you have had as the ironed with a clang and sputtering steam rolls over the spot on which you stood just a moment before. You resolve to be more careful, and walk between the tracks, but there is such a labyrinth of ironalling that only the experienced can recognize the between, and you walk on trying to look in four directions at once. A minute later a small house with an open space around it attracts your attention, he strain is too much for your eyes, and like the small boy making frantic dash for the door to escape from the darkness, you rush for the house.

The Automatic Switch.

It is a peculiarly fashioned two-story affair, the top very much resembling continuous bow window, to which it is made by outside steps. A small, well-built man is descending, and in a trice you have asked you can go up. Turning his glorified face to you, and taking a step from his mouth, he says, "Vibst dot?" The request is repeated, a light shines in his eyes as he says, "Kumen-see-de-haus-ju. yah, yah," and then struts off, the moving cars, just as a man struts at the door above and invites you. It occurs to you then that "Haus" extended the invitation of his count only you did not know it.

Once inside the little house a good view of the switch can be had from all sides, and commence to realize the danger which these switchmen brave in performance of their duty. In, out, over and under the movements, waving their arms and shouting to the engineers, apparently with little thought of their perilous position as a man on an ox cart, they seem too busy to let their cares of life worry them for a moment. The switchman's work is all manual labor, though it is high and dirty. He must be cool, quick of action at critical moments; he must have a perfect command of force and distance, and conversant with the time-cards of the roads, for those in charge of transfer trains often visit two or three yards during the day and must have right of way regular trains.

Some of the dangers built within the past two or three years are provided with automatic switch-boards, fashioned not unlike the old-time Gillian telephone board, and operated on the same principle. This is placed in the second story of the switch-house, where a view can be had of all approaches.

A Labor-Saving Device. Sitting before a long table containing a row of numbered levers one man controls the switches that let all trains in and out of the yards at the station. This is regarded as a labor-saving device by the railroad companies, and, though it costs more to operate, it dispenses with the services of six or seven switch tenders, placing the responsibility in the hands of two men and reducing the possibility of accident. At the older stations the old-time manner of managing the yards is still in vogue, and absolute dependence is placed upon the switchmen, who must throw the switches, make the couplings, and be responsible for the safety of all cars arriving or leaving the yards.

One of the most important duties is that of examining the condition of cars while making up trains, and reporting any defect. A weak or imperfect coupling is sure to make trouble, and a single accident may mean serious loss to many patrons of the road or a disturbance in the commercial world. From 7 o'clock at night to 6 o'clock in the morning is the busiest time in the yard. Then they are making up the trains for the next day. All night long the engines puff and sputter and throw myriads of sparks from their stacks, dropping a car here and one there, like the mail clerk distributing letters, until the engines stand alone exhaling steam as if tired out with work.

A Perilous Life.

At night, too, the switchmen must be more careful. They must be ever on the watch lest a mistake throw them in the way of a moving car, resulting in the loss of a limb or, what is still more serious, life. Of the 28,000 employees killed and injured on the railroads the past year, fully one-third met with the accident while coupling or uncoupling cars. Statistics show that one man in every thirty who follows railroading meets with an accident, and the chances are about equal when one does occur that the unfortunate is a switchman.

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WHERE SHE DREW THE LINE.

She had just burned her arm on the oven door and her desultory remarks were yet echoing through the humble yet comfortable cottage, when the man with grizzled whiskers and an air of self-repression knocked at the door. When she appeared at the threshold he fell upon her neck. "After all these years, after all these years," he sobbed. The lines in her forehead deepened, but she was silent. "Can you—?" Seizing her yielding hand he directed a burning glance into her eyes. "—forgive me for leaving you, Mary?" A sigh agitated her bosom. "Yes," she answered, "I had forgiven you for that."

"Mary." The joy that shone from his face was a corker. "But—" She contemplated him in a weary way. "—I don't see why you couldn't let it go at that. I don't believe I can be resigned to your coming back."

He perceived the necessity of a great sacrifice on his part, and went forth into the woodshed and plied the ax. —Detroit Tribune.

NOT LOOKING FOR A LADLE.

Not many years ago, before the "boom" struck Southern California, Mr. L., an old New Yorker, had a large ranch near Los Angeles. He was fond of good company and a good dinner and frequently entertained house parties at the comfortable, old-fashioned Mexican Hacienda. Among others who made a stay with one of the New York parties was Miss M.—. Although a woman of "uncertain age" she retained much charm of manner, and her quick wit was respected by every one who had come in contact with it. Mr. L.— was a jolly bachelor of perhaps forty summers, who had seen much of the world, and had a magnetic personality. He was a man of enormous proportions; some of them, no doubt, encouraged to their growth through his fondness of good things to eat.

The party was at dinner at the ranch one day. The host, the bachelor, sat at one end of the table and Miss M.— was on his left. He had been chatting with her for some time when she asked for a spoon. Mr. L.— arose at this and bowing in his most suave and polite way, said: "My dear Miss—, won't you take me?" "Mr. L.—," retorted the lady, "I did not ask for a ladle." —New York Tribune.

Artificial Diamonds.

At last one of the eminent chemists belonging to the French Academy of Sciences has been successful in artificially producing genuine diamonds. The lucky discoverer is M. Henri Moissan. Several of his associates have been experimenting in this direction for years, and black crystals of pure carbon were produced some months ago, but M. Moissan's achievement is a production of perfect crystals equal in purity to the diamonds found in the mines of Africa. To be sure, the crystals are very small, and it may be that the production of diamonds large enough to be of serious importance to the world of commerce in jewelry is still very far off, but the fact that so much has been done will undoubtedly set dozens of chemists to experimenting in other parts of the world, and it may be that in time artificial diamonds will be produced galore.

The ancient philosophers tried the philosopher's stone, the test of which was to be that it should turn to gold that which it touched of certain baser metals. But diamonds are much higher in value than gold, and there is a sense in which this is a greater triumph than the discovery of the philosopher's stone would have been. But, after all, the value of alleged valuable things are mostly only relative. When diamonds get to be so plentiful that everybody can have them in his shirt front very few people will want them. This would have been equally true of gold if the philosopher's stone had ever transmuted copper of lead into that precious metal. —New York Press.

Giant Palms of Cayenne.

The most interesting thing in Cayenne is the Place des Palmistes, or grove of palm trees—a square wherein perhaps five hundred cabbage palms, averaging ninety feet in height, are planted in lines about twenty feet apart, and the same distance from each other in three rows. They are like half a dozen of the world-renowned palm avenues of Rio Janeiro's botanical gardens massed together—stately Titanic halls or Egyptian temples, with enormous round gray pillars, smooth as marble and straight as arrows, upholding massive arches of glossy dark green verdure. One never tires of walking in these giant aisles, of gazing upward at the verdant roof which trembles and whispers with every passing breeze, but wonder and admiration grow with each succeeding visit. —New York News.

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