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A TINY RAILROAD TRAIN.
 Train Stops Anywhere if a Friend of the Engineer is Seen.

In what is known as the Lake District, says the London Chronicle, is a train run by two officials, one of whom is managing director, ticket collector, guard, porter, etc., and the other chief engineer, engine driver, stoker, etc. The train stops anywhere. It frequently goes off the line, but crowsbars are carried, with which the train is persuaded to return to its proper position. When a friend of either official is observed, the train is brought to a standstill. At one time when the managing director etc. was courting the daughter of a farmer through whose lands the line ran, the young lady would take her stand at a certain gate every evening the train would be stopped, and the young man would descend to kiss her good night.

Costly Law Suits.

The case which ended in favor of Sir James Duke, while it will have run away with a great sum in costs, will not prove so expensive as some of its predecessors in the list of causes celebres. The action of Lord Suffolk and "Lessor Columbus" cost £25,000, and the Hartopp divorce suit £10,000. Nothing of recent years has been so heavy as the Parnell commission, which accounted for £40,000, the next biggest after the Labouchere cases being the Lawes vs. Belt case, in which the costs amounted to £18,000. All these, however, are dwarfed by comparison with the Tichborne trial, which cost the estate £92,000. The heaviest damages awarded were those in the Constantinidli suit, in which the petitioner gained £25,000.—London Tit-Bits.

Record Shirt-Making.

The up-to-date song of the shirt lasts just six and one-half minutes, according to a factory inspector for whose edification the foreman of a shirt factory started a piece of cloth on the rounds and made it come out ready for a customer's back before the second hand on a watch had revolved seven times. In this time seven girls had contributed their efforts to the finished product. One machine in this shop makes 16,000 buttonholes a day or twenty-eight in a minute, and on a ten-hour day a man can cut 250 dozen shirts.—From Chicago Tribune

Trouble at the Other End.

In Washington one day Senator Hoar met an acquaintance who stopped to inform him that a very dear friend was seriously ill with appendicitis. Senator Hoar was very solicitous and determined to write a note of sympathy at once. He had hardly finished the note before word came to him that his friend was ill with acute indigestion instead of appendicitis. Senator Hoar tore up the first note and sent the following in its place: "I am very sorry to hear that you are ill, but am glad that the trouble is with the table of contents rather than with the appendix."

Rapid Growth of Boys.

Dr. Leslie Mackenzie says in regard to the growth of boys that the first great acceleration of height after infancy comes near the end of the first seven years; the second, about the years of 9 to 10, and the third, from 13 to 15. With girls the rate of increase is somewhat more uniform. Growth begins to slow down at the age of 12, and by the age of 17 it has sunk to less than one inch a year.

SPARKS AND EMBERS.

Sound principles—acoustics.
 Piece meal—a musical feast.
 Something of a drummer—the ear doctor.
 Screens won't keep the flies out of a theatre.
 Be sure and buy a yeastcake that is in good working order.
 The clock tinker's favorite poem must be "Beckoning Hands."
 Don't say "Go to!" to a person, for fear they may go too far.
 Sometimes the theatrical agent even makes a show of himself.
 The "river of discontent" is one that often runs to extremes.
 The best mule of the lot is what you might call "a cracker-jacks."
 It takes more than a stiff neck to keep a woman from having her head turned.
 You can't expect your friends to stick to you if you are a perfect stick.
 Very Beautiful But Poisonous.
 In Ceylon there is a tree called "Ive's apple tree," which is remarkable in that the orange red fruit is beautiful to look upon, yet out of each fruit a piece appears to have been bitten. It is said that the simulation of a fruit which has been bitten into is perfect. The fruit is poisonous.
 The Most Active Volcano.
 Mount Sangay is the most active volcano in the world. It is situated in Ecuador, is 17,120 feet in height, and has been in constant activity since 1728. The sounds of its eruptions are sometimes heard in Quito, 150 miles distant, and 287 reports were once counted in one hour.—Exchange.

A Very Crooked Railroad.

The crookedest railway in the world is one from Boswell to Friedens, Pa., the air-line distance being five miles. The road doubles itself four times, and at one point, after making a loop of about five miles, the road comes back to within 200 feet of itself on a grade 50 feet lower.

JAPAN'S NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Was Written by a European and is Very Tuneful.

The Japanese national anthem can not be regarded as Japanese music, for it was composed by a European but it is quite as tuneful as "God Save the King," and one would suppose that it was in the repertoire of most military or naval bands that might be called upon to do honor to our ally on ceremonious occasions. Even in ancient Japanese music there is some melody as we understand it. For instance, the air of "John King," which was transplanted into a comic opera recently, is thoroughly Japanese and was very little altered in the English version. It would scarcely be wise to play that, however, in honor of Japan, for it is associated with a native dance the strongest point of which is not its delicacy.

A Precious Vase.

In the ancient cathedral of Genoa a vase of immense value has been preserved for 600 years. It is cut from a single emerald. Its principal diameter is twelve and a half inches, and its height five and three-quarter inches. It is kept under several locks, the keys of which are in different hands, and it is rarely exhibited in public, then only by an order of the Senate. When shown to the public it is suspended round the neck of a priest by a cord, and no one else is allowed to touch it. A decree passed in 1476 forbids any one going too near the precious relic.—Exchange

Deer Found a Good Home.

C. H. Greene, of White River Junction, Vt., had several tons of hay stored in a barn in a thinly settled part of Plainfield, N. H. One of the doors would not close. An employe of Mr. Greene's visited the barn not long ago and two deer in good condition bounded out of the door and made for the woods. There were indications that they had lodged there during the winter and fed upon the hay.

Shipping of the Largest Ports.

London is the largest harbor in the world estimated by the tonnage of entering and departing vessels. Hong Kong comes next, followed by New York, Hamburg, Antwerp, Liverpool, Rotterdam, Shanghai, Marseilles, Genoa, Cape Town, Lisbon, Buenos Ayres, Copenhagen, Algiers, Bremen, Melbourne, Sydney, Alexandria, Barcelona, Savannah, Havre, Trieste and Yokohama.

SELECTIONS.

A girl no longer needs a chaperon after she is able to call some chap her own.
 Often the self-made man boasts of a job that other men would be ashamed of.
 It is almost impossible to discourage the man who thinks he will never be in a position to learn.
 Fewer marriages would be failures if the contracting parties would act after marriage as they did before.
 It is easy to acquire a fortune. All you have to do is quit spending your money in trying to get something for nothing.
 A scientist says that a man's body is fully 90 per cent water. Of course, this percentage doesn't apply to a Kentucky man.
 The Cedars of Lebanon.
 The cedars of Lebanon are not yet entirely exterminated, but for many years most European lead pencils were made of cedar imported from America. The largest German manufacturer now has a cedar forest of his own at home. In the United States alone about 125,000 cedars are annually converted into pencils.
 The Meaning of Goodby.
 The expression "goodby" is a contraction of "God be with you," and is similar to the French adieu, which is a Dieu (I command you to God). The phrase "goodby" is equivalent to farewell, and would be better written good-bye, as it is a corruption of "God be with you" (b' w' ye).
 The World's Smallest Coin.
 The smallest coin in the world having a genuine circulation is probably the Maltese "grain," a tiny fragment of bronze about as big around as the top of a slate pencil and having a value of only one-twelfth of a penny.
 How Galvanized Iron is Made.
 "Galvanized iron" as a matter of fact, is not galvanized. It is a simply iron coated with zinc, and this is done by dipping it in a zinc bath containing muratic acid.
 English and American Divorces.
 From 1858 to 1888, thirty years, 7,321 divorces were granted in England. From 1867 to 1886, nineteen years, 328,716 divorces were granted in the United States.
 Saloons of Glasgow.
 The closing of Glasgow's saloons at 10 instead of 11 p. m. has led to an immediate reduction of 50 per cent. in the police cases of drunkenness.
 Nutrient in Oysters.
 A quart of oysters contains about the same amount of nutrition as a quart of milk, three-quarters of a pound of lean beef, two pounds of fresh cod or a pound of bread.
 Rain Unknown in This Town.
 Rain has never been known to fall in Iquid, Peru. The place contains 14,000 inhabitants.

Happy Moments.

Two-Step.

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