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## AN EXPRESS AGENT'S LIFE.

Multifarious Dangers to Which He Is Constantly Exposed.

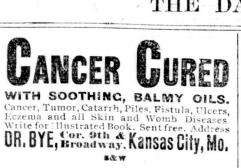
Stories of Messengers Who Have Perished or Been Badly Injured in the Performance of Their Duty-Honesty and Bravery of the Men as a Class.

It can be no pleasant experience to hear the battering of gun butts money and treasure in a rich express bandits left it and turned their atten-bandits left it and turned their atten-But the su car, is disconcerting, to say the least. tion to the mail car. No wiser course Add to these possible harassments the could have been followed by the messknowledge that railroad officials and enger solicitous for the safety of the sleeping man. It was the opinion of detective agencies are forever watch- money in his charge ing the man in charge of the safe, al-

The express messenger must be who broke into the car unaided, grab-brest, active, intelligent, resourceful bod whole into the car unaided, grabhonest, active, intelligent, resourceful bed what plunder he could reach, then had a brother, Theodore, who had once of the temptation that besets him. The railroads have wisely adopted

the policy of concealing from the pub-lic the amount of their losses through robbers broke into his car he gave the learned that Bradley had purchased are published far and wide, and excite most valuable of the money packages three tickets to a town in the cupidity of criminals, who keep to a friend who was riding with him, A detective was detailed to the raila surprisingly complete record of such and asked him to sit on them. matters. A successful robbery on one road is likely to be followed in a Short time by another attempt. Thus the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Road in 1902 suffered three hold-ups in five months. The first of these occurred Forest Lawn, Ill. The express car bills was discovered hidden between months. The first of these occurred near Joliet, Ill., on the night of July 3, and in the fight in the express car, after the door was opened under threat of dure with state of the sector of the sec

and the general manager of one of messenger was shot before they were \$5,000. the trunk lines promulgated an order driven off. offering \$1,000 to any employe of the road who killed a train robber. All A 1 of the trainmen — conductors, brake-men, engineers and express messen- explained was that of the killing of a experience are perfectly justified in gers-have been armed, and encour- messenger on a Southern Pacific train taking a somewhat cynical and skepti-



ervice with the taint of cowardice on nis character. neither profitable nor interesting to re- On May 17, 1871, the express can produce the record in every case where running between Cincinnati and Pittshe messenger has played a stirring burg was robbed of \$70,000. When the part, either in frustrating the attempts train arrived at Columbus, O., of the robbers or in bravely resisting messenger, George Bradley, was found them, but a few such instances on the couch in his car with a chloroshould be cited.

ence.

form-saturated sponge on his breast hear the battering of gun butts against a car door, and know that if it is not opened upon the instant the Dakota, by four masked men. The ranged his packages and gone to sleep yelling, shooting devils outside will quick-witted messenger, immediately as usual. He declared that he knew upon hearing the shots that are pre- nothing of the robbery, and was not blow it to splinters with dynamite. Upon hearing the shoes that are properly aware that he had been chloroformed. And to have a pistol jammed suddenly locked everything of value in the safe, His story was apparently sincere, and behind one's ear, with the peremptory put out the lights, and left the car. the fact that he had been pulled from command to hand over every bit of Finding the express car deserted and the car unconscious seemed to prove

The railroad officials impress

upon these men the importance uarding their trust to the utmost of their ability. They do not demand the

sacrifice of life, but they are quick to

ommend a man who puts all thought

of his own safety aside and fights as

f for life itself. If he yields without

struggle, even though the odds

against him render resistance useless,

he is likely to be dismissed from the

But the suspicious detective sent to investigte first consulted physicians to ascertain the effect of chloroform on a the doctors that the first effect would be to wake the sleeper, and as the

Two robberies that resulted in the ways ready to suspect collusion and death of the men in charge of the ex-dishonesty, and it is easy to believe press cars were that of a New York he had not been conscious of the adways ready to suspect contrasting and death of the men in charge of the CA he had not been conscious of the ad-dishonesty, and it is easy to believe press cars were that of a New York he had not been conscious of the ad-press cars were that of a New York he had not been conscious of the ad-ministration of the drug, the officer shadowed him. Working on another tack, it was found that the suspect

honest, active, intelligent, resourceful when danger threatens, and ready to guard his trust with bravery and dis-cretion. In the continuous transferring of money from city to city, from sub-treasury vaults to banks, in the shift-ing of great deposits, he is the man who at last stands between the owner and loss. Only he knows the extent and loss. Only he knows the extent Minneapolis and Omaha train which actress. The two, accompanied by was robbed near Kesota Junction, brother of the girl, began to spend Minnesota, on July 1, 1892, saved his money very freely in celebrating the road station, and when the three came

In the list of thirty-three robberies to take the train Bradley was arrested. t in a Short committed in 1893 are recorded some In the prisoner's pocket \$7.000 was Thus the significant acts of messengers. On June found, and stowed about his person

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

Dropsical Swellings

are symptoms of

When the swelling takes place about the heart death usually comes suddenly and unexpectedly in the form of

of dynamiting. Messenger Kane was Kansas, two days later, the Santa Fe tire responsibility for the robbery, but shot in the groin. The second robbery express was robbed, the car dyna- he finally broke down and told of his was successfully carried through five mited, the messenger shot and the safe brother's complicity in the crime, exmiles out of Lincoln, Neh., and the cleaned out. The messenger on a Rock plaining that the messenger's share of through safe on the Pacific express Island train, near Virginia, Neb., was the plunder was buried at Columbus car was blown open and rifled. On bound hand and foot by robbers on A fact that puzzled the detectives and November 21 the through passenger June 23, before the car was looted. express officials for some time was that train from Chicago to Fort Worth, Another messenger on the St. Louis when the money was all recovered and accounted for, there was a surplus of the state Iowa, and the estimate of the plaunder secured varied from \$1.500 to \$70,000. This last outrage stirred western railroad officials to unwonted activity, Decatur and Evansville train, and the secured varied from \$1.000 to \$70,000. This last outrage stirred western railroad officials to unwonted activity, Decatur and Evansville train, and the secured varied from \$1.000 to \$70,000. This last outrage stirred western railroad officials to unwonted activity, Decatur and Evansville train, and the secured varied from \$10,000 and had marked it

UNJUST SUSPICIONS FROM WHICH MESSENGERS SUFFER.



### Build Strongly.

Your canny man uses sound materials to build with:

Also, he builds his body with wholesome food.

He uses no shoddy fads-he eats what he knows, he has no use for quack "foods," he wants a hot breakfast, not a cold-served fad.

And Tillson's Oats is the soundest, most wholesome food he can eat-being Pan-**Dried** it is neither "smoky" nor "mushy"-it cooks finely and deliciously.

It is a tried-by-centuries food, not a vagary of a modern foodfaddist's brain.

# Pan-Dried. A Food, not a Fad

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Eyes.

BANDITS.

aged to learn to shoot straight.

All of this brings to mind the long penetrated to the west. It has been a in that battle, where hundreds of lives looted. have been taken and unknown thousands of dollars lost, the messenger's part has been an exceedingly important and honorable one.

THE LONG FIGHT AGAINST the run through Texas. When the car it happens now and then that they are was opened at Liberty, the messenger entirely mistaken in their suspicions was found dead, and there was no A case like that of Ben Shipley's

clue to the identity of the murderer, arises at intervals to illustrate the fight that the railroads have waged One safe containing a considerable am- fallibility of trained thief hunters, to find employment, but the doors of ount of money was unlocked, and the Shipley was a messenger on the Atchi- every office were closed against him. money was untouched. But another son and Nebraska Railway early in At last he became a common laborer their part in the romantic drama of which is by no means ended yet. And smaller safe had been forced open and the seventies, with a run from Atchison, Kan., to Lincoln, Neb. On his the time the shadow stuck to him. For The inevitable question that a rail- arrival at Lincoln one day it was found four years he was followed, branded road detective asks, when a robbery that \$1,200 was missing from the safe. publicly as a thief, but with no particle has been carried through successfully, In the Atchison office the records were of evidence against him.

on December 18, 1893, somewhere on cal view of the probity of me

is:-"Has the messenger cleared him- perfectly straight, there was no sus-At the end of that time a second The opportunity for collusion picion of the Lincoln officials, and the robbery occurred on Shipley's old run, self?" In an interesting compilation pubwith robbers is so great that the com- detectives soon settled upon the mess- in exactly the same way that the first lished by a\* Chicago newspaper in

hold-ups covering a period of five "Every messenger is presumed to be charged from the service, and a "shayears, from 1890 to 1895. It would be dishonest until he proves his inno- dow" was put on his trail. He tried and in it was caught the company's

agent at Falls City, Neb. When he the single window pane, And buzzed a lazy, tazy, day's-enough-forwas arraigned for the second robbery he confessed to having committed the

shadows unafraid, And view the shattered glories that were "Dick" Ivers was one of the rst express messengers to run on everywhere displayed; Missouri Pacific road after broken fragments of the past, stray The began to be extended west of St.

He had been a river express-That were wont to haunt and hold me ia man, running from St. Louis down to that little attic room.

New Orleans, and no one would have The sword my grandsire carried on the said that he couldn't take care of car was entered and robbed just

> is clad in bark ark;

corn that hung in strange festoon from rafters brown and bare-

that two men from Pleasant Hill were the thieves; and when the St. Louis etective arrived to take him in harge, he reversed the order, taking he detective into camp and taking him to investigate the men whom Ivers suspected. After a chase of two weeks and more, meanwhile eluding And I seemed to hear the patter of ghostly

railroad officials, the old messenger found the men he hunted, forced a confession from them, and handed them over to the law for punishment.

to surrender to the company detec-In what manner he was rewarded for his extraordinary zeal is not recorded, but it is certain that he

panies for a long time when making A tiny shoe, a fractured doll, a ship with

do the work. This afforded a splendid opportunity for the clever robber. Early in the sixties in St. Louis man named Miller was employed by a company to deliver in the city. One lay a package arrived addressed to

office on the top floor of a very old building that held few tenants. And as Messenger Miller entered to deliver the package, the door was slammed and locked, the messenger was on Miller's round.

The express company, after waiting all day for the reappearance of Miller, received the story he told with a cer-

tain incredulity. Detectives were detailed to hunt ont the robbers, but they were never found. Nor was any heeded-two men were always assigned to a delivery route, one to remain outside, ready to summon help if re quired. He is the one who of late years remains with the wagon.

Their wages vary from \$75 to \$125 month, and the work is not usually hard. They are paid for their wil-

rapidly perfecting to minimize their importance, that they have played JOHN M. OSKISON. ...

#### THE LITTLE ATTIC ROOM

#### In the cottage of my father was a little attic room, Where the unmolested spider weve the

trap of doom For the flics that sought the sunlight by

me refrain; And I used to seek that attic, of its

bits of light or gloom,

fields of Mexico; An epaulet, unmated, making still a tin

An ancient trunk, fur-covered, as a tre

So old I had a notion Noah bore it in hi

The years might come, the years migh go, that corn was always there; A shoe my Uncle Sammy wore-I neve saw his face-These, and a thousand things beside, were in that attic place.

> I can't explain the charm it bore, that homely room, for me, Although perhaps 'twas somewhat like

living memory, But often, when my mother thought that abolished in the homes of those who I with urchins played,

dreamed among its shadows, by their phantems undismayed:

The rough foor of the garret where their treasures lay at rest: The treasures that they cherished while places of concealment which the pro-

their lives were still in bloom Ere they sought the dust and cobweb

of the little attic room. where, within the heart of man, in Sunlight or in gloom

fancy there is ever found a little attic Where he keeps the broken treasures of an unforgotten past-

out a mast: Half hid by cobwebs of the years, they

are waiting there. And he views them with a dreamy smile, or, sometimes, with a prayer, As the olden faces greet him with their never-thanging bloom,

While he sits among the shadows of his invitation to a burglar. He knows

little attic room. -Alfred J. Waterhouse.

there. Otherwise, why have a safe in Opinions often differ as to the di- the home? There is hardly a man who restive qualities of bananas, especially does not at some time have considerfor children. The banana is highly able valuables in his home which he nutritious, and satisfies the craving for must intrust to his private safe. starchy food which most children feel. The most ingenious method of mod-The trouble is that the fruit is usualern safe builders is to construct a rely eaten without being chewed, and ceptacle for valuables in the walls,

packages were opened. The haul for the solid lumps. A good way to serve that office was the first to be visited in small cubes, thereby preserving the of a room selected for the purpose, and Departure the the solid lumps to be lost when finally hits when the purpose, and Departure the the solid lumps to be lost when the solid lumps to the the solid lumps. A good way to serve the solid lumps to be lost when the solid lumps to be lost lumps to in small cubes, thereby preserving finally hits upon a place where con-taste, which seems to be lost when finally hits upon a place where con-they are sliced thinly. Break up cealment can be made the most effec-they are sliced thinly.

serve with plenty of sweet cream.

vidence ever found to implicate the think of recent fashionable additions is known combinations. It is now the custom to include in the tea tray paraphernalia small dishes to hold candied herries, cloves and dried orange peel, all of which are used to "improve" the

What is the use of telling us that keeping the hair cut short will preserve it, when everybody knows that SINFUL HABITS IN YOUTH MAKE NERVOUS, WEAK, DISEASED MEN. THE RESULT of Ignorance and folly in youth, overexertion of mind and body induced by lust and exposure are constantly wrecking the lives and future happiness of thousands of promising young men. Some fade and wither at an early age, at the blossom of manhood, while others are forced to drag out a weary, fruitless and melancholy existence. Others reach matri-mony but find no solace or comfort there. The victime are found in all stations of life-the farm, the office, the workshop, the publit, the trades and the professions. Nerveus Deblifty and Seminal Weakness are guaranteed cured by our New Methed Treatment or No PS, You run no risk 25 years in Detroit. Bank security. CURED WHEN ALL ELSE FAILED. No mames used without writtes consent.

CURED WHEN ALL ELSE FAILED. No names used without written consen "I am 33 years of age and married. When young I led a gay life. Early indiscretions and later excesses made trouble for me. I became weak and nervous My kidneys became affected and I feared Bright's Disease. Married Life was unsatisfactory and treatment from Drs. Kennedy & Kergan. Their New Method built me up mentally, physically and sextally. I feel and act skilful and responsible financially, so why patronize Quacks and Faklrs when you function of the dotter. W. A. Belton.

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PRIVATE SAFES FOR THE HOME, there are compartments for bills and

valuable documents. When fitted in its niche in the wall, ceiling or floor. Methods by Which They Are Cunning- the most ingenious part of the conly Hidden, Even From Servants' trivance is then made by an expert. The opening of the safe door is made so carefully that it appears as if the side of the wall moves outward as if by magic. The spring which controls

The clumsy safe which formerly held this mechanism is often concealed in the precious stones and documents of the picture molding or cornice some distance from the safe itself. wealthy has practically been To make it doubly secure, so that no one would accidentally touch

spring and reveal the hidden safe with can afford to keep abreast of the times in such matters, and in its place have its treasures, there is usually a second spring. The first one consists chiefly been introduced curiously wrought in removing a small piece of the molding or wooden base of the trim, and fessional burglar would have great this discloses nothing but a bare surface of wood. A little examination difficulty in finding. Modern exploswill show, however, that this wooden ives and electric burglary tools have surface is divided into little square made it almost impossible for safe lines. One of these squares holds the manufacturers to produce steel boxes second hidden spring. By pressing it in a certain way it will spring open the that cannot be broken into, and while door of the safe located probably half they assure protection against proa dozen feet away. Consequently, if workmen or crvants should accidentfessional safe-breakers in bank vaults by the help of electric alarms and ally knock off the piece of molding or wooden base which reveals the second other devices, they no longer trust enspring, the secret would still be intact. tirely to steel boxes in private houses

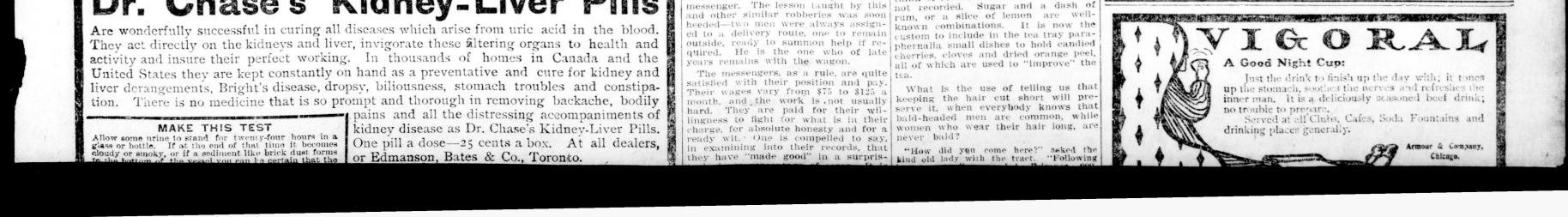
to keep out thieves. A little secrecy Attendant (at insane asylum) has been found to be worth more than This man seems to be innately cruel. a foot of chilled steel. The old-fash-For a time he thought he was Nero." ioned home or office safe in a direct Visitor-"What is he now?" "Oh, now he thinks he's the band on an excursthat the diamonds, jewellery and spare he thinks he's t cash and valuable documents are kept ion steamboat."

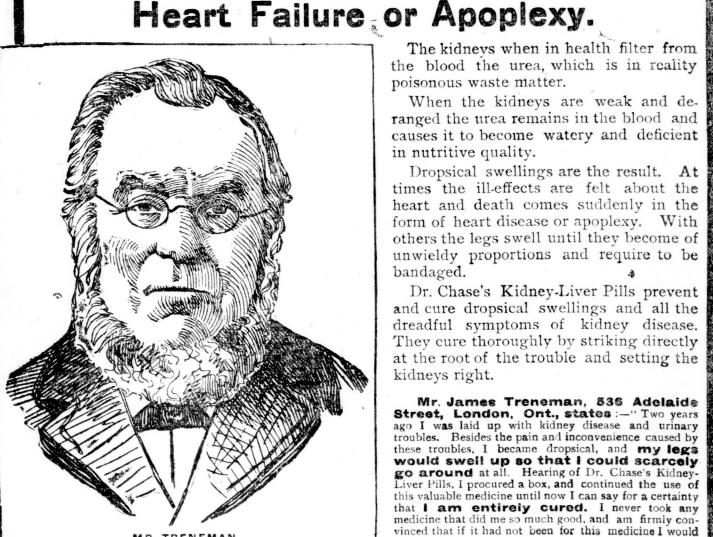
Principal-"Well, did you get that money owing by Smith say I did not. Smith?" Collector-"I'm sorry to d not. There were a number of Smiths at that address, all of whom de-nied being your debtor. One even threw me out. Principal-"That's the one. Call on him again

"Is your son gifted in any way?" asked the visitor. "I should say he The is," answered Mrs. Corntossel. "About

fresh lady fingers with them and tive. A square of a couple of feet or soldiers to every ten thousand of her

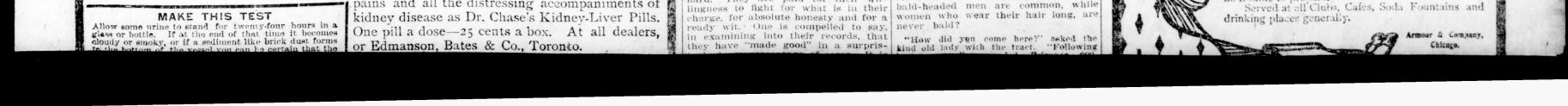
more is taken out of the plaster, and population. serve with pienty of sweet cream. True lovers of tea contend that the fragrant brew is ruined by the addi-the safe is lined with plush for holding Boy in the Corner—"When does yer tion of sugar and cream. What they diamonds and precious jewels, and expeck ter get over it?





## Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

not be working to-day."



Backache, deposits in the urine, pain, smarting and scalding when urinating, loss of flesh, rheumatic pains and headache himself and any amount of treasure placed in his care. But he did failafter leaving Pleasant Hill, Missouri, Kidney Disease while he was peacefully sleeping.

Old

Louis.

Now, the idea that Ivers could sleep hrough the robbery of his car seemed The altogether preposterous to the express officials, and they sent out a detective from St. Louis to take him in charge, pending investigation. But that programme did not please Ivers, for he was as anxious as the company to ind the clever robbers. He suspected

and defying the officers sent out by the And then old Dick Ivers went back

did not lose his job.

It was the custom of express com-

leliveries of money packages in ity to send a single man on foot to

suppositious lawyer in an office near the company's building. Miller was given this and a number of other

packages to carry to their destina-tions. The "lawyer" had taken an down and bound, and his the stomach has hard work to digest floor or ceilings of the house.