

only, and report direct to him in matters pertaining to stock, etc., etc."

"At the conclusion of the paper, the chairman having announced it open for discussion—one member suggested that there were one or two more qualifications that general storekeepers should have, viz.: 'A pair of wings and a 'Halo.'

"Now gentlemen, you will see that a railroad storekeeper has not a bed of roses by any means. If to be a successful storekeeper, it is necessary to have all the qualifications mentioned, I am afraid there are very few of us who will be able to come up to them. When I read it, it put me in mind of that portion of the Litany of the Anglican Church, 'where after each paragraph the response is 'Good Lord deliver us,' and I heartily say 'Amen.'"

I have endeavoured to give you in a condensed form some idea of the many duties required in the "running" of a "stores" department, but it would be impossible to give you all the minor details necessary for the handling of same in a paper of this kind. I have not attempted to evolve any new ideas, but simply tried to explain one of the "systems" with which I have been connected, and in conclusion, I would thank you for the patient hearing given to me.

I trust I have at least interested you in this particular line.

Chairman,—

You have all heard the very able manner in which Mr. Herriot has delivered this paper and same is now open for discussion.

Secretary,—

I would like Mr. Herriot to explain more fully his card system of keeping stock.

Mr. Herriot,—

At one time we had a loose leaf ledger, now we are using a card system. The cards are about 4 inches by 6 inches. On the top of each card is shown the name of the article, the location and the storehouse. Our storehouses are numbered A, B, C, etc., A, general stores; B, iron; C, Structural stock, bridges, etc., and so on down to the letter "L." The card also shows the maximum and minimum quantity of the article, which you should never run over or under. Of course in the case of special material or when a large contract comes along you order specially for it. The lower part of the card is ruled off in columns showing the requisition number the material is ordered on, the date received, receiving slip number. That is