

## WOMAN RAN A CAR.

MRS. MABEL BRIERLY OF PORT JERVIS, N. Y. HANDLED THE BRAKE.

She Liked Running an Electric Car, But Her Husband Protested, and the Company Informed Her She Must Pursue Her Studies Elsewhere.

A young woman has shown that her sex is quite capable of handling the electric juggernaut with skill and safety, says the New York Herald. She is Mrs. Mabel Briery, of Port Jervis, N. Y., who has been learning in Middletown how to be a motor-woman. She has been accompanied by an instructor during the week she was on trial.

After one week of operating the brake her services were dispensed with, but she has determined to follow her newly adopted profession elsewhere. Her husband remonstrated with the superintendent, and the latter concluded that the woman's presence on the car was giving the road too much notoriety.

Mrs. Briery was much depressed, but declared she would go to Port Jervis and get a position on the electric road there, as she was determined to make it a life business in spite of years and taunts.

The car from which Mrs. Briery hoped to graduate belonged to the Middletown Goshen Traction Company, and was used as an express car between Middletown and Goshen. The forward end was used to convey boxes and bundles sent by express, while the rear was partitioned off as a smoking car.

Mrs. Briery went on duty at 7 o'clock in the morning. The track leads out of Middletown through the streets and then among fields and woods to Midway Park and Goshen. As soon as the express car was out in the open, where there is little danger of accident, the motorwoman threw the cape of her mackintosh back over her shoulders and grasped the brake with one hand and the controller with the other. She answered the caution of her companion with the remark that if she could handle a bicycle she could take care of a trolley car.

She knew how to modify the current and take the car around curves with out a jolt. If a row got on the track, as sometimes happened, she jangled the goggles until the animal fled in dismay. She likes the work and means to continue it.

Mrs. Briery is tall and strong, and thirty years old. This is the account which she gave of herself and of the reasons which led her to engage in her novel occupation.

"My name before I was married was Mabel McIntyre. My mother lives in Matamoras, where she is a nurse. My husband, Charles Briery, left me, and I was forced to support myself and my three children as best I could."

"I tried first one thing and then another, working at almost anything that I could get to do. Finally I became an agent for a household article, and sold it all through the State, using a bicycle to get around. I find it is a man's work, and when I have finished all about running a car I am going back to Port Jervis to try for a position on the new road there. I don't think the work is hard. Anyway, it is a lot better than doing housework for some fretting woman."

Mrs. Briery's entrance into a field which has hitherto been occupied exclusively by men has aroused some opposition among the latter. One of them wrote a note to her a short time ago and left it where she would see it, telling her that she had better go back to Port Jervis (and not be trying to run men with families out of jobs) in Middletown. Another man has offered her work cutting wood in Callison, and promises not to charge her anything for board. A citizen of Middletown has written to her to say that he will give her a pair of boots if she will wear bloomers. She has not accepted the boots.

She has even had a proposal of marriage through the notoriety which her work has given her. A short time ago she received a letter from Scranton, Pa., signed by James Runyon, of that place, telling her that he has a good salary from the Scranton railroad and would like to correspond with her concerning matrimony.

Perhaps however, the motorwoman may come to the conclusion that it will be better to go back to her own home and resume her place in the ranks of matrons whose names are not heard beyond the circle of their friends. Her husband is anxious to have her adopt this course. He went to Middletown a day or two ago to ask her to return to Port Jervis, where he promises to establish a home for her. When he arrived he found that his wife had just left for Goshen on the express car, and he was obliged to wait for an hour for her return.

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## OF REAL INTEREST.

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A Vienna scientist has written a learned article to prove that dogs laugh.

Danish lighthouses are supplied with oil to pump on the waves during a storm.

In the United States 390,000 cubic feet of pine is used annually in making matches.

The price of fuel at Shanghai, China, is seldom more than about \$10 per ton for foreign coal.

When a chameleon is blindfolded it loses all power of changing its color, and its entire body remains of a uniform tint.

There is a rosary in the British museum made of the vertebrae of a snake's backbone. Another is composed of rat's teeth.

German production of pig iron in the first half of the current year was 4,000,000 tons, against 3,600,000 in the same time in 1898.

Of the Vatican's 11,000 rooms, Pope Leo has reserved for his personal use only three—a small parlor, a little dining room and a bedroom.

At a recent meeting of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Dills advocated the use of English as a universal language for men of science.

American farmers own cows to the value of \$369,239,993, a sum equal to more than one-half of the capital of all the national banks in the United States.

A shellfish known as the pianna in the Mediterranean has the curious power of spinning a viscid silk, which is made in Italy into a regular fabric.

Jerusalem is now nothing but a shadow of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is about three miles in circumference, and is situated on a rocky mountain.

The spruce gum crop of Maine, the largest in the State's history, in the neighborhood of thirty tons, worth about \$63,000, has been harvested and sent to market.

It is now proposed to construct a canal connecting Germany with European Turkey. The financial success of the Kiel canal has given rise to this project.

The art of self-defense is inculcated early among some of the wilder tribes of the Caucasus, who instruct their children as soon as they can walk in the use of the dagger.

An enterprising western firm is making arrangements to set up a modern American sawmill in China, where lumber is still sawed by the primitive methods of a century ago.

Peter A. Porter, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., claims to have proved by careful study that it was Champlain and not Cartier who made the first reference to Niagara Falls in literature.

The authorities in Algeria gave \$40,000 toward fighting the grasshoppers. In one section 3,200 camels were employed to carry the material for burning over the places where eggs had been deposited.

The Italian statistician, Luigi Bodio, reports in the Giornale degli Economisti that the Italian railways carried in 1897 nearly 12,500,000 foreign passengers, of whom 6,219,813 traveled first class, 5,688,444 second and only 239,000 third.

In Nelson (New Zealand) if you use the telephone you must not give the number; you must name the party you want, and the exchange girl will cheerfully tell you whether he is in or out; if the latter, where he is and when he will be back.

A German officer has invented an acetylene searchlight which can be carried by one man and which will illuminate everything within a distance of 100 yards. It is expected to be of great use in searching for the wounded after a battle and in bridge building at night.

## PHONOGRAPH

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## BRIC-A-BRAC.

The spruce timber of Norway and Sweden is nearly exhausted. In the English church women are being elected to the office of church warden.

The British Archeological School in Greece has resumed the work of excavation in Milo.

At leadville, this past winter, the snowfall was 21 feet, and at Ruby, Col., it was 43 feet 8 inches.

The Peace Society of Copenhagen had succeeded on March 21 in collecting 300,000 signatures to an appeal for disarmament.

An artificial rubber, as good as the real thing, is now made of glue and glycerine mixed with a sulphur oil, such as ichthyol.

An electric lamp for use under water—a consummation that has baffled electricians for years—has been produced by a German firm.

Cerebro-spinal meningitis has broken out among farm horses in the vicinity of Gratersford, Montgomery county, Pa., and many are dying.

The German army includes more than 10,000 military musicians. Other powerful nations on the continent employ rather less numbers in military bands.

In 20 years the American Bible Society has distributed 350,000 bibles in Mexico. In the same time the British and Foreign Society has distributed 157,000 copies.

Most of the animals for American zoos came from the Old World, but the young hippopotamus Cyrus is to be sent from the New York zoo to Germany.

Statistics published in Montreal show that 20,000 people have left the province of Quebec for the States this year. Most of the emigrants have gone to manufacturing centers.

Norwegian legislators propose that girls who do not know how to knit, sew, wash and cook should be refused permission to marry. Daughters of wealthy men are not to be exempted.

In Russia 65,000 students are engaged in a sympathy strike. They have ceased to attend lectures because the students in the University of St. Petersburg were prohibited from enjoying holiday revels.

Since the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the new pastor of Plymouth Church Brooklyn, has been preaching sermons on the characters in well-known novels, librarians throughout the city report a greatly increased demand for the novels themselves, and the men at the street book stands are hardly able to meet the new demand.

A Manchester, England, doctor, after five years' observation and experience of influenza, states that cinnamon is the best drug to cure the disease. It may be taken as a decoction or in the form of lozenges.

The Arkansas Supreme Court has decided that a man cannot excuse jury duty because he has not paid his poll tax. Heretofore the fact that a man had failed or had refused to pay poll tax has excused him from such service.

"Mahjak" is the name of a new mineral, of a lustrous black, discovered on the island of Barbadoes. According to experts, it is petrified petroleum mixed with solid organic matter. It will form a valuable fuel, far superior to coal.

The story of the finding of the sea serpent on the island of Sawarow, on the British Columbia coast, has been explored by a Sydney scientist who declares the bones found are those of a zibib, a rare species of the whole family.

Colts P. Huntington and associates have purchased the Texas Mexican Railroad, which runs from Corpus Christi to Laredo, Tex., a distance of 160 miles. It is a narrow-gauge line, and it will be immediately changed to standard width.

The American Church Missionary Society has charge of a movement to build Protestant Episcopal hospitals at Havana and Matanzas. Committees have already been appointed to undertake the raising of a fund of \$200,000 for the purpose.

Estimated expenditure for the British navy during the coming year is, in American values, \$132,970,000. Our own Congress appropriated for similar purposes this spring \$56,098,783. Ten years ago, in 1889, Great Britain spent only \$69,210,000 on its navy and the United States \$21,378,809.

A doctor was summoned at Gosport England, for riding a bicycle on the footpath, and he raised a novel defense. He stated that there was an act of Parliament which gave a doctor permission to take the shortest cut when on his way to an urgent case. After an adjournment to allow him to produce the act, the magistrates have decided in his favor.

The recently published army returns for the year 1897 give the nationality of Great Britain's 219,283 soldiers then serving as 158,566 English, 16,485 Scotch, 26,374 Irish, 8,275 Indians and colonial, 142 foreign and 2,551 unknown. These figures say the Regiment, prove that the Englishman has the largest amount of military enthusiasm, and serves his country to the extent of 5.50 per 1,000 of the population.

The most remarkable advertisement yet is that of an English firm that offers to every married woman who buys a pound of its fifty-cent tea for five consecutive weeks a pension of \$2.50 a week in case of the death of her husband, provided he was in good health when she began to buy the tea. The pension is to continue as long as she remains a widow.

## CHOICE OF Gifts

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HE COULDN'T HELP IT.

The Journalist Struck Herd Lines but the Dutchman Viewed it Philosophically.

The funniest interview I ever had or heard of, relates Julian Ralph in his reminiscences, was when I was on the staff of the New York Sun. I had been sent to look up some one in a suburb of the city. The address was a number on Fourth street, but, to my amazement, I found three such streets in the place. The house I sought was not in any of them. Tired and almost discouraged I turned into a cobbler's shop, over a last in the glare of a swinging lamp, I cleared my throat and said:

"I beg your pardon, but I am a reporter of The Sun."

"Well, well," he said soothingly, before I could finish the sentence, "you cannot help dot."

I could not continue for a full minute, so struck was I by the unexpected philosophy and wisdom of his reply. I could not help being a reporter, and I knew it. When I explained that I wanted an address on Fourth street, and had already been to three Fourth streets, and would like to know if there were any more, he lifted his hammer and poised it in the air for half a minute.

"You want to know if there is some more of those Fourth streets?" he asked. "Well, I will tell you. I had lived here twenty years, trying to find some things out, and I didn't find anythings out yet."

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

If from the generals in the war The one's who's most alert It seems to me, amongst the rest, Is General Joubert.

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"Very. Perkins was beating his wife when I came in."

"What?"

"I say Perkins was beating his wife, but of course he stopped when I came in."

"Well, I should hope so."

"I begged him to go right on, but he said some other time would do just as well."

"You begged him to go on."

"Why, yes, I didn't want to spoil the fun, you know."

"Oh, you brute!"

"Eh?"

"Do you mean to say you could have looked calmly on while he beat his wife?"

"Certainly. Why not?"

"I thought you had at least a spark of manhood left. I suppose you will be beating the next."

"Yes, I think I could if you would play cribbage with me."

"Play cribbage?"

"Yes, that is what Perkins and his wife were doing."

"You horrid thing."—San Francisco Examiner.

NOT GRIEF STRICKEN.

Appalling Indifference to Death Exhibited in a City Tenement Building

"I thought my ambulance service had hardened me against unpleasant surprises," said a young doctor who does considerable work on the lower east side, "but sometimes it seems not. For instance, yesterday morning when I called on an old woman patient in a big tenement down town I found she was dying, and I was shocked to see lying asleep close beside her on the narrow bed a young girl of about 15."

"I aroused her at once and explained to her that her grandmother was within a few minutes of death. I thought naturally that she would jump out of her unpleasant position, without thinking long about the manner of her jumping. But I fooled myself. She just glanced at the old lady and shook off my hand sullenly and muttered 'You lemme 'lone' then she turned over to go to sleep again without moving away an inch."

"The rest of the family went on with their chattering and wailing, and when I left the house after the end had come to the grandmother the girl was still sleeping there, refusing to have her morning nap disturbed, and somehow my system was considerably jarred by the thing."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

N. NEBRASKA.

We are full of trouble here in Nebraska. For the people poor each year, in Nebraska.

Yes, our grand old party ship Now is "grounded" on every trip—Bryan has us on the hip in Nebraska.

When he says a thing is so, in Nebraska. True or not, it has to go, in Nebraska.

Tariff, silver—naught, I vow, Has escaped that bulging brow—in Nebraska.

Silver's case is but of court in Nebraska. But new fads are Bryan's forte in Nebraska.

He's had twenty, I suppose, But his Filipino pose Is the latest one that "goes" in Nebraska.

While the farmer farms his farm, in Nebraska. Bryan views with great alarm, in Nebraska.

The encroachments of the strong 'Gainst the weaker, which is wrong—This has ever been his song in Nebraska.

THE SCULPTOR.

Thought is a sculptor. Lo! his hand Graves lasting grooves on round, soft face, With lines of cunning and command, Of lust, of laughter, grief, or grace.

He from the marble of the flesh Evokes the angel of the Man; "Canst make this foul block fair and fresh!"

We plead: he proudly cries, "I can."

Yet of that waiting marble know, Oh, soul, the sculptor, hidden by thee, Can shape a thing of shame and woe Whereat hell laughs, "Twas carved for me."

It is the chisel of thy will Wherewith his fadless art is wrought. Consummate, deathless is his skill; Oh, soul, beware the sculptor, Thought.

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