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When the first really fast mail between Omaha and San Francisco reached Evanston, Wyo., at the foot of the Wasatch mountains, it was fifty minutes late. There it was met by a powerful engine in charge of a reckless engineer, Bill Downing by name. Captain James B. White, ex-superintendent of the railway mail service, tells in his reminiscences how Bill made up the fifty minutes.

The distance to Ogden is seventy-six miles. "I shall not be happy," said Downing to one of the newspaper reporters who were to make the run on this first fast mail, "until I have done that seventy-six miles in seventy-two minutes."

When he threw the lever and opened the throttle the train made a start that settled everybody's dinner. And once the train was fairly under way it seemed as if the curves on the line were all straightened out by the tremendous speed.

Going down Weber canyon the pace was awful. "Three miles in two minutes" gasped Captain White.

But Downing did not reduce the speed. Down the winding line of Tapoca gulch the rear coach was swinging from side to side. You could hear the wheels grind on the curves and feel the continuous striking as they bore first against one rail and then against the other.

Faster and faster the train swept along, roaring over bridges, tearing through tunnels, rocking round pronortories. Some of the newspaper men fainted through nervous exhaustion, and many of the other passengers had already succumbed.

Suddenly, in rounding the reverse loop in Antelope gap, the rear coach careened till it hung by one wheel on the rail. As soon as the moment of suspense was over General Manager Dickinson sprang to his feet and called:

"Pull the bell rope, quick, Brown, and run forward and tell Downing to stop this if he wants us to reach Ogden alive!"

Then, not to risk another such second, the general manager sprang to the rear platform and twisted up the brake with all his might.

The seventy-six miles of intricately curved track were covered in sixty-five minutes. It was a hair raising record, and several passengers who went through the experience did not recover from the shock for a long time.

**OUR PUZZLING TONGUE.**

**Seize a Foreigner Striving to Try to Master English.**

In spite of certain undeniable disadvantages the English language steadily makes headway. There are few tongues so hard to master. One foreigner who has had his troubles, but has won his way to a perfect command of the language, has presented in the Bookman some of the humors and some of the difficulties which belong to this richest of living languages.

As a boy I heard a fantastic Turkish legend which to my mind aptly illustrates the actual facts concerning the origin and formation of modern English.

After creating the first parents of each of the races, the story runs, Allah took a large piece of meat and, cutting it into slices, distributed them among all the people to serve them as tongues. For some reason the Englishman was absent when the others received their share. At last he came into the presence of his Maker and in mute humility begged him to put a tongue into his mouth. But nothing was left of the meat. So Allah was obliged to cut a little piece from the tongues of all the others, and, joining these pieces, he fashioned a tongue for the Englishman.

The orthography of the English language does not by any means contain all of a foreigner's troubles. One of the most perplexing characteristics of the English tongue is the fact that, as a rule, the same word has different meanings. My dictionary gives to the verb see, lead, hold and draw fourteen, eighteen, nineteen and thirty-two meanings respectively. Now, for a foreigner to be able to distinguish all these various meanings is a tremendous task. The words which have only one or two meanings are comparatively few. Is it surprising that a foreigner is often puzzled by the numerous and sometimes opposite meanings of many an English word? Just as an illustration, consider the perplexity of a persevering Frenchman over the meaning of the word "fast."

"Zis horse, sair, he go queer. What you say?"

"Yes; he is a fast horse."

"Ah, pardon, monsieur, but your friend say he make fast his horse and he tie him to a post so he not go at all."

"Very true; he is made fast by being tied."

"Ah, sat cannot be. He cannot go fast. But what you call a man that keeps fast?"

"Oh, he is a good man that does not eat on fast days."

"But I have seen one bon vivant, who eat and drink and ride and do everything. Ze people say he is a bad man—he is very fast."

"True, that is called living a fast life."

"Ah, certainment. Zen all so days of his life must be fast days."

"No, of course."

"Eh bien. Does he eat every day?"

"Certainly he does."

"Zen how can he keep fast?"

"Why, he keeps going, to be sure."

"Vy, you tell me to stand fast when you want me to keep still and go fast when you want me to run. How can I understand?"

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**They Look Like Specks of Dust and Are Used in Watches.**

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The fourth jewel screw is next to invisible, and to the naked eye it looks like a grain of dust. With a magnifying glass, however, it is seen to be a screw with 260 threads to the inch, and with a very fine glass the threads may be seen quite clearly.

These little screws are four one-thousandths of an inch in diameter. It is estimated that an ordinary thimble would hold 100,000 of them. About a million are made in a month, but no attempt is ever made to count them.

In determining the number 100 of them are placed on a very delicate balance, and the number of the whole amount is calculated from the weight. All the small parts of the watch are counted in this way, probably 50 out of the 120.

After being cut the screws are hardened and put in frames, about 100 to the frame, heads up. This is done very rapidly, but entirely by the sense of touch instead of by sight, so that a blind man could do it as well as the owner of the sharpest eyes. The heads are then polished in an automatic machine, 10,000 at a time. The plate on which they are polished is covered with oil and a grinding compound, and on this the machine moves them very rapidly by a reversing motion until the polish is perfect.—Exchange.

**THE ROOKER REBELLED.**

In the early days of missions in Persia the people were naturally suspicious of the missionaries and were constantly on the lookout for something in their houses which would exert a baleful influence upon native visitors. A Persian lady, calling one day on an American missionary lady, wished to sit in a rocking chair, which was something she had never seen before. She got up into it with her feet and attempted to squat upon her heels, as she would have done upon the floor, with the result that she and the chair both took a tumble backward. Hence there went abroad a report that the missionaries kept in their houses a machine for converting people to Christianity.—Los Angeles Times.

**Nothing Forgotten.**

There is nothing—no, nothing—inno-cent or good, that dies and is forgotten. Let us hold to that faith or none. An infant, a prattling child, dying in the cradle, will live again in the better thoughts of those that loved it and play its part through them in the redeeming actions of the world, though its body be burnt to ashes, or drowned in the deep sea. Forgotten! Oh, if the deeds of human creatures could be traced to their source, how beautiful would even death appear! For how much charity, mercy and purified affection would be seen to have their growth in dusty graves!—Dickens

**Setting Him Right.**

Sapleigh—Would you—er—advise me to—er—marry a beautiful girl or a sensible girl? Hammersley—I'm afraid you'll never be able to marry either, old man. Sapleigh—Why not? Hammersley—Well, a beautiful girl could do better, and a sensible girl would know better.—Pittsburgh Press.

**Over His Head.**

"It is seldom nowadays that you find a man familiar with Epictetus." "Hum! That's true. Still, science has made rapid progress in the treatment of contagious diseases."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Innane.**

"Madam, can I sell you a vacuum cleaner?" "No, sir; we haven't got any vacuum in this house that need cleaning."—Exchange.

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