## THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Scene, a boarding-house. - Wife Why do you always sit at the piano, David? You know you can't play a note!"

David: "Neither can anyone else while I am here !"-[Punch.

The discovery that the center of a cake of artificial ice is generally opaque, while the part first frozenthe outside—is generally clear, has been made by Sacerdote, as reported in La Presse Medicale. Says the Medical Record, in an abstract: "As the water freezes slowly, all the impurities are pushed away from the part first freezing. Whatever the character of the water which is frozen, that obtained by melting the outer, clear parts is almost perfectly pure, while the central, opaque parts contain the impurities. Bacteria do not escape this law, but will be found centrally congregated."

A hotel man in New Hampshire was surprised to see one of his woman guests come down stairs several nights running, fill her pitcher from the water cooler in the hall, and return quietly to her room again. Accordingly, on the fourth or fifth night, he approached her politely, took the pitcher from her hands and filled it himself.

"If you will ring, madam," he said, "this would be always done for There is no occasion for you ever to come down yourself for water." And he carried the pitcher up to her room for her, and pointed to the bell beside her bed. "That is the bell," he said.

The lady started in surprise. "That the bell," she exclaimed. "Why, the bellboy told me that was the fire alarm, and I wasn't to touch it on any account except in case of

'Among J. J. Hill's novel ideas of railroad construction and operation was that of having his own sleeping cars on the Great Northern. "Uncle Jim," as he is known from one end of the line to the other, reserved the right to name the cars, and, without exception, he drew upon the language of the Chippewas.

As an etomologist (if the word may be allowed), the great financier was a success, but in one instance, according to The Post, of Philadelphia, his unfamiliarity with Indian terms led him to make a mistake.

One of the newest and handsomest sleepers Hill christened "Wambus-But the Wambuska, in spite of furnishings, proved unpopular Uncle with the travelling public. Jim gave the matter little concern until one day his private car happened to be riding in the same train with the Wambuska. At a station where the train stopped for a connection, Uncle Jim alighted.

His attention was immediately attracted to three trappers, who were standing at the side of the Wambuska, jabbing each other in the ribs and laughing heartily. Hill tip-toed toward the trio, as near as he could without being seen. He was rewarded by hearing another explosion of laughter as one man pointed toward the sleeper. Hill stooped and peered under the car, almost sure there must be something wrong with the construction of the underpinning. Dismayed, he tapped one of the trio on the shoulder and inquired the cause of their laughter.

That name, W-a-m-bbefore the trapper could finish he gave way to another spell of laughing.

What's the matter with it?" asked Hill.

"What's the matter with it? Why, Wambuska in Chippewa means, 'Where the bugs are!' answered the trapper.

The sleeper went into the shops at the end of the run, where, by aid of painter's brush, "she" was rechristened.-[Saturday Night.

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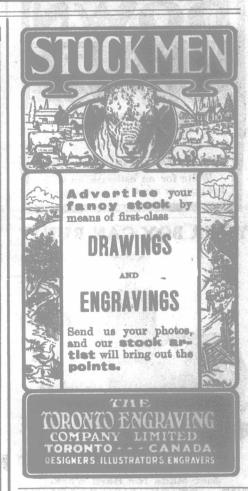
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