

Times Have Changed.

Some Americans who had long lived in England spent last summer in Maine, and wishing to play golf, got permission from a farmer to use some pasture-land, and there laid out links. The Youth's Companion says:

"The farmer's old servant, scandalized by the sight of tall athletic girls in scarlet coats, armed with iron-headed clubs, striding over the fields, one day reported to his master:

"Them girls in the pasture scare our cows!"

"The farmer scratched his head. 'Hiram,' came his leisurely answer, 'times are changed since we was young. Used to be the cows scared the girls!'"

They Put Them Back.

The mastery of detail which belongs to Sir William Van Horne is well illustrated in a story which is told in the Cosmopolitan of a practical joke—for Sir William has a keen sense of humor—which he played upon the head of a department on the Chicago and Alton. In some way he had learned that on a certain night-run a number of the trainmen were in the habit of taking cushions from the coaches with which to make themselves comfortable in the baggage-car. Late one night he wired to the head trainman of the crew a message which was delivered by the agent at a small way-station. It contained only four words, but it filled the hearts of the men with consternation—"Put back those cushions."

A Railroad Puzzle.

Railroad time-tables sometimes furnish as much of a puzzle as a problem in mathematics. Those that wrestle with them may enjoy the following from a Scotch paper by way of variety:

"Are you good at solving riddles?" Inquired Ross of Reid the other day.

"What have you got," replied Reid.

"Well, supposing a train leaves London for Edinburgh, and travels sixty miles an hour, and another train leaves Edinburgh for London at the same time, and travels fifty miles an hour, which will be the farthest from London when they meet?"

Reid pondered a moment, and then confidently replied, "I should say the train which left London, seeing that it travelled ten miles faster than the other."

Ross laughed, and told Reid to try again, but the latter maintained that he was right.

"Umph!" remarked Ross, preparing to mount an approaching tram-car, "now don't you think both trains would be the same distance from London when they met?"

"And, when Reid thought a moment and saw through the puzzle, Ross was several hundred yards away.

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