

EVERYBODY'S AIR BRAKE.

"Yes, sah," said Uncle Zach, "I've watched it forty years an' it's as I sez; de fust of May an' Christmas day of de same year allers comes on de same week day."

Further conversation proved Uncle Zach a most incredulous person. Chancing to mention Dr. Carver's feat of breaking glass balls with a rifle, he said:

"I heerd 'bout dat shootin' and knowed right off it wasn't squar': dat was a Yankee trick, boss, sho's you born."

"What was the trick?"

"Dar wuz loadstone put into de glass balls an' likewise onto de bullets; so when de bullet fly outen de gun, it an' de ball jes drawed tergedder, which, in course, brokes de glass—dat's de trick!"

Later, Uncle Zach observed a rope running along the side of the car.

"Boss, whut's dat line fur?"

"To apply the air-brake in case of accident." Then he had further to explain how the force of the brake was obtained, to which Uncle Zach responded:

"Look a-here, boss, you sholy don't spect me to b'leeve dat foolishness? Why, de biggest harricane whatever blowed couldn't stop dis train, runnin' forty mile an hour. An' you think I gwine to b'leeve a little rope full of wind under de kyars can do it? No, sah-ree!"

There are a great many Uncle Zachs who judge everything simply by appearances. The air-brake does not seem to be a very powerful thing, but power and efficiency are not necessarily equivalent to bigness and pretence. Philip Beers, Esq., who resides at the United States Hotel, New York City, and is engaged in raising subscriptions for the New York World Bartholdi pedestal fund, was once upbraided by a distinguished relative who was a physician, for commending in such enthusiastic terms, a remedy that cured him of Bright's disease eight years ago. He said: "Sir, has the medical profession, with all its power and experience of thousands of years, anything that can cure this terrible disorder?" No, no, that is true, there is no mistake about it but that Warner's safe cure is really a wonderfully effective preparation. That remedy is an "air-brake" that every man can apply and this fact explains why it has saved so many hundreds of thousands of lives.—Copyrighted. Used by permission of American Rural Home.

WHAT IS CATARRH?

Catarrh is a mucous-purulent discharge caused by the presence and development of the vegetable parasite amoeba in the internal lining membrane of the nose. This parasite is only developed under favourable circumstances, and these are:—Morbid state of the blood, as the blighted corpuscle of tubercle, the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxæmia, from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed respiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils and down the fauces, or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat, up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death. Many attempts have been made to discover a cure for this distressing disease by the use of inhalants and other ingenious devices, but none of these treatments can do a particle of good until the parasites are either destroyed or removed from the mucous tissue. Some time since a well-known physician of forty years' standing, after much experimenting, succeeded in discovering the necessary combination of ingredients which never fail in absolutely and permanently eradicating this horrible disease, whether standing for one year or forty years. Those who may be suffering from the above disease, should, without delay, communicate with the business managers—Toronto Mail, Messrs. A. H. DIXON & SON, 305 King St. West, Toronto, Canada. Inclose stamp for their treatise on Catarrh.

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LITTLE JACK—"My mamma's new fan is hand painted." Little Dick—"Pooh! who cares? Our whole fence is."

A MODERN Mrs. Malaprop was not so far out of the way when she said that some of the apothecaries dealt in dregs and comicals.

A BRIGHT story in grammar is told of a little school girl. "Quarrel," she parsed, "is plural." "Why?" "Because it takes two to make one."

"Yes," said Jones, "when my wife gets mad she reminds me of a vessel under weigh." "How so?" inquired Smith. "Because she's got her rancour up."

"Is the man honest?" asked old Hyson. "Honest as the day is long." "Ye-es," said old Hyson: "but then he won't do at all. I want him for a night watchman."

THERE are many perfumes which, when applied to the handkerchief, have a very agreeable odour for a few moments, and then die away, leaving only a sickly, disagreeable smell. Not so with Murray & Gannan's Florida Water; the longer it is exposed the more delicate and delightful becomes its rich aroma.

A LITTLE grammar is a dangerous thing. "Johnny, be a good boy, and I will take you to the circus next year." "Take me now, pa. The circus is in the present tents."

AN Arizona man has stopped taking an agricultural paper. He wrote to the editor asking how to get rid of gnats. The answer came in the next issue of the paper, "kill them."

THERE are times in a man's life when the whole sky seems rose coloured, and this old, dull world a paradise. One of these is when he has discovered a quarter in the lining of his last summer's vest.

"LITTLE boy, do you understand what is meant by energy and enterprise?" "No, pa, I don't think I do." "Well, I will tell you. One of the richest men came here without a shirt to his back and now he has got millions." "Millions! How many does he put on at a time, pa?"

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AN Irishman arrested for highway robbery on being brought before the magistrate asserted that he was more entitled to be pitied than punished. When asked to explain his meaning, he said: "Sure, the money wasn't in my pocket a week, when the dirty bank stopped payment and I was robbed of every shilling."

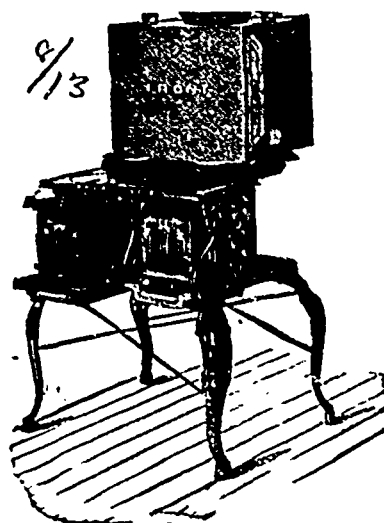
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A GENTLEMAN came home in the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal," at the South End, recently, and was surprised to find his wife clad in black. "Why are you wearing these mourning garments?" he said somewhat unsteadily. "For my late husband," was the significant reply. He has been in the house at ten ever since.

"Are you enjoyng your dinner?" asked Bobby of the minister, who was taking a Sunday dinner with the family. "Yes, Bobby," responded the minister, pleasantly. "Mamma said this morning that she thought you would, as she didn't suppose that with your small salary and big family you got much to eat from one week's end to another."

THE Rev. Mr. Slytes, of Bungton (to usher in up-town church)—"Will you show me to a pew, sir?" Usher—"You can take any of the back pews, sir." The Rev. Mr. Slytes—"But I am the Rev. Mr. Slytes, of Bungton." Usher—"That don't make any difference, sir. The back pews can be occupied by anybody who behaves himself."

"I like the mild spring air," said Deacon Gilpin, as he sat down on Squire McGill's porch floor the other morning for a friendly chat. "How fresh everything seems. Do you know of anything fresher than the gentle Spring zephyr?" "No, I don't know as I does," replied the Squire, "unless it is that 'ere paint your sitting on. 'Taint been on the floor over two hours."



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