### THE TRIP SLIP QUIP.

TRUE STORY OF "PUNCH, BROTHERS PUNCH WITH CARE!"

The Street Car Fa e Collecting Jingle That Drove Mark Twain Into a Literary Nightmare, and Its French

In the year 1876 there appeared in a Boston magazine that famous fragment by Mark Twain, "Punch, Brothers, has since moved round the world like a

wave of old ocean. The fragmentary bit of verse had a curious origin, and the true story of it is not unworthy of record in literary history. Early in the month of April, 1875, the horse car line of the New York and Harlem Railroad company, having adopted the punch system, posted in the panels of their cars a card of information and instruction to conductors and passengers, both of whom were indirectly requested to watch each other. It read as

"The conductor when he receives a fare must immediately punch in the presence of the passenger:

"A blue trip slip for an eight cent fare. A buff trip slip for a six cent fare.

A pink trip slip for a three cent fare.

For coupon and transfer tickets, punch the tickets."

The poesy of the thing was discovered almost as "immediately" as the conduct-or "immediately" punched, and all sorts of jingles were accommodated to the measure. In September the first poem appeared in New York and Boston news-

In January, 1876, Mark Twain's "Literary Nightmare" appeared with the following version:

Conductor, when you receive a fare, Punch in the presence of the passenjare! A blue trip slip for an eight cent fare, A bull trip slip far a six cent fare, A pink trip slip for a three cent fare; Punch in the presence of the passenjare!

Punch, brothers, punch with care, Punch in the presence of the passenjare! Mr. Clemens accompanied his jingle

with the following explanation: "I came across these jingling rhymes in a newspaper a little while ago and read them a couple of times. They took instant and entire possession of me. All through breakfast they went waltzing through my brain, and when at last I rolled up my napkin I could not tell whether I had eaten anything or not. I had carefully laid out my day's work the day before—a thrilling tragedy in the novel which I am writing. I went to my den to begin my deed of blood. I took up my pen, but all I could get it to say was, 'Punch in the presence of the passenjare.' I fought hard for an hour, but it was useless. My head kept humming, 'A blue trip slip for an eight cent fare, a buff trip slip for a six cent fare,' and so on, and so on, without peace or respite. The day's work was ruined. I could see that plainly enough. I gave up and drifted down town and presently discovered that my feet were keeping time to that relentless jingle. When I could stand it no longer, I altered my step. But it did no good. Those rhymes accommodated themselves to the new step and went on harassing me just as before. I returned home and suffered all the afternoon, suffered all through an unconscious and unrefreshing dinner, suffered and cried and jingled all through the vening, went to bed and rolled, tossed and jingled right along the same as ever, but there was nothing visible upon the whirling page except, 'Punch, punch in the presence of the passenjare!' By sunrise I was out of my mind, and everybody marveled and was distressed at the idiotic burden of my ravings."

The "Literary Nightmare" awakened horse car poets throughout the world. Algernon Charles Swinburne in La Re-vue des Deux Mondes had a brief copy of French verses, written with all his well known warmth and melody:

LE CHANT DU CONDUCTEUR. Ayant ete paye, le conducteur
Percera en pleine vue du voyageur,
Quand il recoit trois sous un coupon vert,
Un coupon jaune pour six sous c'est l'affaire,
Et pour huit sous c'est un coupon couleur—
De rose, en pleine vue du voyageur,

Donc, perces soigneusement, mes freres, Tout en pleine vue des voyageurs, etc. The Western, an enterprising St. Louis magazine, had a terrible attack, and, addressing "Marco Twain," it came out in . Latin anthem, with the following cho-

Pungite, fratres, pungite, Pungite cum amore Pungite pro vectore Diligentissime pungite.

Away out in the wilds of Nevada a man who had just been reading the "Literary Nightmare" stepped into an Austin muttering, "Punch, brothers, punch with care, punch in the presence of the passenjare!" when a retired prizefighter, who was snoozing in a corner, got up and, accosting the nightmare fel-low, demanded, "Whose ears are you go-ing to punch, you bloody duffer?" The other fellow tried to explain, but the fighter insisted that he (the other fellow) has said, "Punch, brothers, punch with care, punch that big fellow square in the

Later a New England editor said: "Mark Twain will sail for Europe on business in the spring but-

"If he plays any jokes on the captain there And don't come down with the reg'lar fare, The captain'll probably rip and tear And punch him in the presence of the passenjare!" -Rodney Blake in Literary Life.

The Term "Copper." While many police officials believe that the term "copper" as applied to policemen had its origin in the use of the copper badges that were formerly worn, an authority states that the word may be traced back to the Normans in the twelfth century and that it is a corrup-tion of "catch." The Normans not only applied it to the catchers of criminals, but to the implements used in catching or holding them. There were "hand cops," or handcuffs, in the twelfth centu-

cops," or handcuffs, in the twelfth century, and the Anglo-Saxons used foot cops.
In the "Yocabulum, or the Rogues' Lexicon," written by George W. Mateell in
1859, copped is thus defined:
Copped—Arrested. "The knuck was
ropper to rights, a skin full of honey was
found in his kicks poke by the copper
when he plucked him. The pickpocket
was arrested and when searched by the
officer a purse full of money was found in

officer a purse full of money was found in his pants pocket." This is the derivation of copper. There is an implied compliment in the sobri-

### LOOKING BACK

To the time when she was plucked from the very grasp of death, the natural impulse of the womanly heart is thankfulness for the means which saved her, and a desire to help other women in like case. Those are the

motives which prompted Mrs. Eva Burnett to write the accompanying testi-monial to the curative power of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This is only one cure out of thousands. No out of thousands. No one would dare say that the average woman was not as truthful as she is good. And it is the truthful testimony of scription" cures womanly diseases when all other

means and medicines absolutely fail. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It tranquilizes the nerves, restores the appetite and induces refreshing sleep.

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"I have intended for some time to write to you," says Mrs. Rva Burnett, of Russellville, Logan Co., Ky., "and give a testimonial in regard to what your medicine has done for me. My baby came in July, 1889, and I had congestive chills, and lay at death's door for ten iong weeks. I was in a dreadful condition and had six of the best doctors of the city. After everything had been done and I had been given up to die I asked my husband to get me a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. He had no faith in it, but he got it, and when I had taken it two weeks I was able to walk to the dining room to my meals, and by the time I had taken three bottles I was able to cook for my family of four, I can never praise Dr. Pierce and his medicine enough."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure bili-

#### The Local Newspaper. This is what Emerson P. Harris

thinks of a local paper: The rightly conducted newspaper contributes more to the well being of its community than any other private enterprise and is second in im-portance to the people, to no institution, unless it be the public school. The local newspaper that records all of the local happenings, tendencies and developments that are of interest to the people, has performed a very important service. If :n addition to this, the editor construes and matters, in a way to reflect the best sentiments of the people, he contributes a factor of local life, the value of which cannot be overestimated. The editor who has the ability and

is in touch with the community, so as to conduct a paper on these lines, has a hold upon the people, which not only gives him an honorable and dignified position, but should, with good business management, make him an adequate income and a valuable

To Humanely Kill Kittens. boly fact that m kittens brought into this world must in the interest of humanity be kill-ed, and the question is how it can be done most humanely. It is said by persons who have narrowly caped drowning that their sensations were not painful. We are inclined to think that putting kittens in an ordinary flower-pot, and then plung-ing it upside down in a pail or tub of water, is about as humane a method as can be found. The air escapes through the hole in the bottom (or rather the top) of the flower-pot, and it instantly fills with

#### water. How to Clean Oil Paintings.

Oil paintings may be cleaned by dividing a sound, raw potato, hav-ing previously removed the skin, and applying the flat, cut side to the surface of the picture. As the soaplike froth accumulates use a very soft piece of sponge and a little tepid wato remove it. The superfluous moisture will be readily absorbed by the careful application of a piece of chamois leather. As the potato gets dirtier cut off a thin slice and use

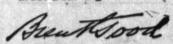
Those who feel better on drinking first disqualify themselves by drink for feeling good.

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Recognized the Domes Sherlock Holmes, Jr., stopped abruptly,

"Did you see that man with the bun-"Yes," the other answered. "What about him?"

"He is in love with his wife. He has to get up and start the fire for her in mornings, because they are not able keep a maid, and he is in the habit "Mr. Holmes, you surely do not expect me to believe you know all this simply from watching his movements here in the street? You must be

street? You must be acquainted with him, or possibly you have heard about "No. I never saw him until about minute and a half ago. I have never heard his name. No one has ever men-tioned him to me. Now, I will tell you how I have made my wonderful deduction, and you will see that it is very sim-ple. It is really too bad that you are not

ore observing. Did you notice that an tomobile passed down the street just before I spoke to you about him?"
"Since you mention the fact, I remem ber that one did whiz along. But what can that automobile have to do with the

"Everything. When it was nearly opposite this man, the operator of the con-cern rang his bell. The sound was like that of an alarm clock."

"Well?" "The man had been walking along with his head down, half dreaming. When the bell rang, he lifted his head suddenly and took out his watch to see what time it was. Now, isn't the case perfectly clear? You see, he thought he was at home in bed, that the alarm had gone off and that he must hurry to get up. All the rest is clear enough. If he didn't love his wife, she would have to get up first, and he could sleep serenely till she called him to breakfast, or if they kept a girl the clock would, of course, be on her mind instead of his."

Then, assuming a mysterious air, the great amateur detective peered down a coal hole in search of other problems.— Chicago Record-Herald.

#### It Is Badly Needed. "There is always a great future for the nventive man.

"The man who sees what is needed and then furnishes it, even if it is only a trifle, is the one that succeeds."

"There are opportunities on all sides if we only knew enough to grasp them."
"Do you happen to see any just now?" "I do. I see a grand one. Yes, sir. The man who perfects an invention that will enable the girl with a new spring parasol and the latest model bicycle to exhibit them both at the same time will place himself clear up in the front rank of millionaires."--Chicago Post.

#### Disappointed In Bells. "How did you find your married daughter getting along when you visited her in the city, Uncle Josh?"

"Oh, Bella's gettin along well enough, but she's just like all of them society folks now, and I don't think I could ever git used to their ways. The fust thing to give me a splendid big rockin cheer to set in, and the next thing was to tell me it wasn't good form to rock it."—Chicago Tribune.

Her Idea of It. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Tor-kins, "I wish you would save up your

money and buy a yacht."
"What for?" "We need so many things for the table, And winning races seems such a cheap way to get silverware." — Washington

## The Intelligent Typo. "Look here!" cried the foreman. "Aren't there any 'n's' in your case? You've used 'd's' for 'n's' all through this 'take.' How's that?"

"I dod't dow," replied the compositor, "udless it's because I've a cold id the head."-Catholic Standard and Times.

From a Safe Distance. "Why, Georgie, you didn't call on papa as you positively promised you would!"
"No, dear, I—I am going t-to notify
him a little later."

"B-y-y wireless telegraph."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In a Dressing Room. "Wouldn't you like to play the part of Cigarette in 'Under Two Flags?" asked the "first old woman." "Oh, yes, I'd love to," replied the som-brette, "The critics would be so apt to puff me, you know."—Philadelphia Bulle-

#### Minute Caution. "Every woman ought to know som thing about cooking," said the wise girl. "I don't know about that," answered Miss Cayenne. "In case of incompatibility it gives the husband a chance to blame her for his dyspepsia."—Washing-

The Place For Him. "I'm surprised at the stupidity of the

"What has he done now?" "Failed to engage that peerless wres-tling Turk as his bouncer of bill collects ors."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Equal to the Occasion. Antiquity Dealer-Madam, this Span ish coin is old-more than 100 years old. Madam-H'm! It is stamped 1870. Antiquity Dealer-Is that so? that, of course, is a misprint.—Chicage Record-Herald.

The Constitution and the Flag. "That Mr. Flagg from Boston seems "Yes. I think he must take me for the constitution the way he sticks to me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Proper Excuse. "Please excuse William from school to day." wrote the boy's mother to the teacher, "as he sat up late last night studying his lessons and is too sleepy to come today."—Tit-Bits.

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