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A long-suffering traveller on a single track railroad ventured to complain to an attendant of the exasperating unpunctuality of the service.

The employee remonstrated in virtuous indignation.

"I've been on this line now upwards of eight years—" he began.

"Have you, indeed?" interrupted the other, sympathetically. "At what station did you get on?" The attendant did not pursue the subject.

But the Pen is Mightier

In some parts of Ireland it is a custom among bank clerks to speak of one another as "officers" of the bank; but little Jim Bender, the recently imported Cockney waiter in a County Mayo hotel, was not aware of the custom.

"Have you seen any of our officers here this morning?" asked a lordly knight of the quill of Jim a few days ago.

Jim glanced keenly at his interrogator. "Yussir," he answered promptly. "It isn't three minutes ago since one of 'em went out—with his sword be'ind 'is ear!"

Both on Their Guard

A plumber was sent to the house of a wealthy broker to make repairs, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. He was taken by the butler into the pantry, and was beginning his work when the woman of the house entered.

"James," she said to the butler, with a suspicious look at the plumber, "remove the s'fver from the sideboard at once and lock it up."

The plumber turned calmly to his assistant and handed him his valubles.

"Tom," he said, "take my watch and chain and these few coppers home to my wife at once, and tell her to keep them safe for me."

Accommodating

An Irishman has oftentimes such particular regard for the feelings of a stranger, that, rather than contradict him, he will appear to acquiesce in many things that he could not be expected to believe. I said, he will appear to acquiesce. A tourist who was sailing upon Loch Erne once wished to test the alleged character of Irishmen for politeness. Now there was a regular squal on, and at a moment when the old boatman was engrossed and had all his energies bent to keep the little craft before the wind, the inquisitive one, leaning over to the old boatman, shouted in his ear "Very little wind to-day." "Very little, indeed," was the reply, "but what there is of it, it is mighty strong!"

A Stickler for Promptness

A certain merchant in Boston is noted for being a stickler in the matter of promptness, to the extent that he has been known to walk out of church because the services did not begin promptly, and to leave his sister alone in a strange city because she was four minutes late in keeping an appointment. Not long ago he overheard a forceful exposition of his peculiarity.

He had walked out to his stable and was about to go in when he heard the new groom within say to the coachman, "Is it throe, Dolan, that the boss is cracked about doing things on time, and goes into a fit whin annybody is late?"

"Throe? Throe?" cried Dolan. "Let me tell you, Ryan, how throe it is! If the boss had promised to mate himself at fifteen o'clock and was late, he'd find himself gone when he got there. That's how throe it is!"

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