

**AUGUST**







About Railways. The publishers of Scribner's Magazine issue the following questions and answers in connection with the series of beautifully illustrated articles concerning railways now running in that popular periodical. It will be seen that a large amount of information is given in a condensed form:

How many miles of railway in the United States? One hundred and fifty thousand six hundred miles, about half the mileage of the world. How much have they cost? Nine billion dollars.

How many people are employed by them? More than one million. Who built the first locomotive in the United States? Peter Cooper. How long does a steel rail last with average wear? About 18 years.

What is the cost of a palace sleeping car? About \$15,000, or \$17,000 if vestibuled. What is the cost of a high-class eight-wheel passenger locomotive? About \$8,500.

What is the longest American railway tunnel? Hoosac tunnel, on the Fitchburg Railway (43) miles. What is the highest railway in the United States? Denver and Rio Grande, Marshall Pass, 10,852 feet.

What is the longest railway span in the United States? Cantilever span in the Poughkeepsie bridge, 568 feet. What is the longest mileage operated by a single system? Aitchison, Topoka and Santa Fe system, about 5000 miles.

What line of railway extends furthest east and west? Canadian Pacific railway, running from Quebec to the Pacific ocean. What road carries the largest number of passengers? Manhattan Elevated railway, New York, 525,000 a day, or 191,625,000 yearly.

What are the chances of fatal accident in railway travel? One killed in ten millions. Statistics show more are killed by falling out of windows than in railway accidents. What is the fastest time made by a train? Ninety-two miles in 95 minutes, one mile being made in 46 seconds, on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

What is the fastest time made between Jersey City and San Francisco? Three days, 7 hours, 39 minutes and 16 seconds, special theatrical train, June, 1886.

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stretching himself out comfortably in his coffin once more. Mr. Mathias was getting impatient as the third day drew to a close. He waited until the cemetery clock struck 11, the hour he had chosen to begin operations.

His plans had all been well laid. The wall of the graveyard bounded his property. He had on hand a complete suit of black clothes in which to array himself as a phantom druggist. In the graveyard only would he wear his shroud, to be in keeping with the predominating color of the locality. Once over the wall, he would assume his own dress.

Mr. Mathias dressed himself, and everything being all right, he tilted over the marble slab covering the vault, climbed up into the mortuary chapel, opened the door and walked out into the graveyard, with his winding sheet on his arm.

As soon as he got into the alley he unfolded the ample shroud and tried to cast it around his shoulders. But the sheet was quite heavy, and he failed in his attempt. Just as he was about to try it over his head a voice behind him said: "Hold on, I will give you a hand."

Not to realize what a disagreeable surprise this was, would be a certain proof that one had never been, at midnight, in a graveyard trying to put on one's shroud.

The voice that had addressed Mr. Mathias came from the sexton of the graveyard, Old Grimbot, an odd fish, well known in all the neighboring taverns. He drew near and looking Mr. Mathias full in the face, exclaimed: "Hello; is that you, Mr. Mathias? Already!"

Mr. Mathias, not a little embarrassed, kept on trying to wind his shroud about him, hoping that a ghostly appearance would rid him of his inopportune companion. It did not, however. On the contrary, Grimbot, kindly assisted him in putting on the sheet and arranged it so that the folds fell gracefully.

"I have just left my tomb," began Mr. Mathias in a hollow voice. "So I see," said Grimbot, interrupting him. "You seem to be in a much greater hurry than the others."

Mr. Mathias did not listen to him. He was taking long strides, walking on tip toe, just like a ghost. Grimbot kept up with him, and continued: "The idea does not come to the others so soon. They generally wait a month or two by."

Mr. Mathias suddenly turned toward him and extended both arms, exclaiming: "Excuse me, profane man! Begone!" "Tush!" said Grimbot in a fatherly tone. "Don't mind me; after all, I suppose you want only to take an airing like the other fellows."

Mr. Mathias kept on straight ahead, not deeming it worth his while to turn back, as he replied, in a hoarse whisper: "The dead, of course!" "The dead—who is talking to you about the dead? Why, man, I am alive, still living, don't you see?"

"Phew! that is an awful joke! But, see here, I am a good fellow. Come along and take a drink with me, and I will give you a pair of pinners in my hand."

Mr. Mathias was literally dumfounded. After a long stare, Grimbot took a bottle from a shelf, and filling two glasses, he took one and held it up, saying: "Here's to you, Mr. Mathias."

"Listen to me, good man," said Mr. Mathias. "You want to have your little joke at my expense."

"Well and good. But there is a time for all things. For a reason that concerns me only, I have allowed myself to be buried. Now, business of great importance requires my presence outside. Let me go, and I assure you, I shall pay you well."

Mr. Mathias began to feel uncomfortable. And no wonder, for Grimbot spoke with perfect composure, like a functionary who understood the responsibilities of his office. He was a medium sized, thick set man, with hands like a gorilla's. His eyes were black and glistening. A shiver ran through Mr. Mathias' frame as the idea struck him that the man was crazy.

graveyard peopled with ghosts. He tread in a fantastic world, the creation of a drunkard's brain. Mr. Mathias began talking, pleading, promising, supplicating. Why, how could he, the good kind, intelligent Grimbot, make such a mistake as to take him for a dead man, and he burst into a laugh.

"Here," said Grimbot, curtly, "enough of this! So long as you won't behave reasonably you will have to go in again."

"Go in again! Go in where?" "Into your home, of course. At the corner of the third division."

Mr. Mathias looked at the enormous hands. Overcome with terror, he glanced around, looking for an opening to escape through. There was but one, the door, and there was Grimbot propped up against it. Anyhow, he had to pass, cost what it may. So he rushed forward with a scream. Grimbot quietly put forth his open hand, into which the throat of his assailant fitted closely.

Mr. Mathias struggled and tried to struggle. The hand closed more tightly. Mr. Mathias slid down to the floor, kicked about for a little while and then remained motionless.

Grimbot, like one used to occurrences of this kind, picked him up, and, walking with the dignified step of a man conscious of having done his duty, he carried him back to the tomb, where he cast him into the crypt. He then kicked the slab back into its place, closed the grated door and resumed his walk among the tombs, muttering:

"Did you ever see the like? Wanted to go out, eh! And me lose my situation. Not much."

This is why Mr. Mathias' widow was able, shortly after, to marry the one she had always loved.—Translated from New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Terrible Tropical Snake. There are eight varieties of him (the fer-de-lance), the most common being the gray speckled with black, precisely the color that enables the monster to hide himself among the roots of the trees by simply coiling about them and concealing his triangular head. Sometimes he is a beautiful flower yellow; then he may never be distinguished from the bunch of bright bananas among which he hangs coiled; or he may be a dark yellow, or a yellowish-brown, or the color of wine lees speckled with pink and black, or a perfect ash tint, or black with a yellow belly, or black with a rose belly—all hues of tropical mould, of old bark, of rotting trees, of forest detritus. The iris of the eye is orange, with red flashes; at night it glows like incandescent charcoal.

And the fer-de-lance reigns absolute king over the mountains and the ravines; he is lord of the forests and the solitudes by day, and by night he extends his dominion over the public roads, the familiar paths, the parks, the pleasure resorts. People must remain at home after dark unless they dwell in the city itself; if you happen to be out visiting after sunset, only a mile from town, your friends will caution you anxiously not to follow the boulevard as you go back, and to keep as closely as possible to the very centre of the path. Even in the brightest noon you cannot venture to enter the woods unaccompanied; you cannot treat your eyes to the least danger; at any moment a seeming branch, a knot of lianas, a pink or gray root, a clump of pendant yellow fruit, may suddenly take life, writhe, swell, stretch, spring, strike, then you will need aid indeed, and must quickly fly for refuge to the shelter of a few heart-beats the striken flesh boils, tumefies, softens, changes color, spots, vicioleously, and an icy coldness crawls through all the blood. If the physician or the possessor arrives in time, and no artery or vein has been directly pierced, there is hope; but the danger is not passed when the life has been saved. Necrosis of the tissues begins; the flesh corrupts, tatters, tumbles from the bone; and the colors of its putrefaction are frightful mackerelies of the uses of vegetable death, of forest decomposition, the ghastly pinks and grays and yellows of rotting trunks and roots melting back into the thick fetid clay that gave them birth. You cannot see the trees mutilated; you crumble and dissolve as dissolves the substance of the balatas and the palms and the acacias: the Death-of-the-Woods has seized upon you!

And this pestilence that walketh in darkness, this destruction that wasteth at midnight, may not be extinguished. Each female produces viviparously from forty to sixty young at a birth. The haunts of the creature are in many cases inaccessible, inexplicable; its multiplication is prodigious; it is only the surplus of its swarming that overpersues into the open fields, and makes the high-roads perilous for sunset, yet to tread three or four hundred thousand on a single small plantation during the lapse of twelve months has not been uncommon. The introduction of the mangrove (the tobenoum) may, it is hoped, do much toward protecting the workers in the cane fields and on the cocoa and coffee plantations; but the mangrove's powers are limited, and give him such little help.—LAF-CADIE HEARN, in Harper's Magazine for August.

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