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The Monthly Echo.

Vol. I.

ENGLISHTOWN, N. S., APRIL, 1883.

No. 4.

HOW HE SAVED THE TRAIN.

The usual crowd of autumn liars were gathered in the store, occupying all the grocery seats—the only gross receipts that the proprietor took no pride in—when a little, bleary-eyed, weazen-faced individual sneaked in by the back door and slunk into a dark corner.

"That's him," said the ungrammatical bummer with a green patch over his left eye.

"Who is it?" asked several at once.

"Why, the chap who saved a train from being wrecked," was the reply.

"Come, tell us about it," they demanded, as the small man crouched into the darkness, as if unwilling that his heroic deed should be brought out under the glare of the blazing kerosene lamp.

After much persuasion, reinforced by a stiff horn of applejack, he began:

"It was just such a night as this—bright and clear—and I was going home down the track, when, right before me, across the rails, lay a great beam. There it was. Pale and ghastly as a lifeless body, and, tight as it appeared, I had not the power to move it. A sudden rumble and roar told me that the night express was thundering down, and soon would reach the fatal spot. Nearer and nearer it approached, till, just as the cow-catcher was about lifting me, I sprang aside, placed myself between the obstruction and the track, and the train flew on unharmed."

The silence was so dense for a moment, that one might have heard a dew drop. Presently somebody said:

"What did you do with the beam?"

"I didn't touch it," he replied, "but it touched me."

"Well," persisted the questioner, "if you couldn't lift it and didn't touch it, how in thunder did the train get over it?"

"Why, don't you see?" said the sad-faced man, as he arose from his seat and sidled toward the door. "The obstruction was a moonbeam, and I jumped so that the shadow of my body took its place, and—"

Bang! flew a ham against the door; and if it had struck the body of the retreating hero, there would have been a much bigger grease spot frescoed on the panel of the door.

"HASN'T IT, GEORGE?"

There is quite a good joke now going the rounds at Vallejo, Cal., says the *Wheatland Graphic*. A young lady visiting there is sweet on a certain young journalist. One morning the pair started out for a long ramble over in the Contra Costa hills. Being gone all day they returned in the evening completely worn out and fatigued. The young lady and gentleman were met by a party of their friends soon after their return, and were asked as to what kind of time they had. Now the young lady has a very unhandy habit of proving any assertion she may make by appealing to any friend that she happens to have with her at the time. So, as usual, away she went and answered the inquiry as follows:—"Oh, we had a fine time. But climbing over rocks and bushes has made me black and blue all over, hasn't it, George?" (appealing to the young man who had gone out with her). George said emphatically that he'd be hanged if he knew anything about it, and now the young couple get no rest from the chaffing of their friends. — *Texas Siftings*.

THE COLONEL.—Several weeks ago, by special enactment of the legislature, the governor offered a reward of two hundred dollars for an Arkansas man who is not a judge, colonel, major or captain. The next day, a plain, unassuming gentleman called on the governor and said:

"I have the honor, sir, to claim the reward you offered for a man who is neither a judge, colonel, major or captain. I am neither of these."

"I am glad to meet you, sir," said the governor. "Just sit down a moment until I attend to a little matter of business." The man took a seat and the governor went into an adjoining room and after a moment called:

"Colonel."

"Yes, sir," said the gentleman arising.

"That's all right," remarked the governor. "I see you are a colonel. Porter, please show the military gentleman to the door and admit the next man."

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We have appointed Mr. B. Wright our Special Agent for Great Britain. He is authorised to receive subscriptions and advertisements for the ECHO. His address is 33 St. Paul's Road, Camden Square, London, N. W. England.

ADVERTISERS!! ATTENTION!!

Wishing to increase our subscription list as quickly as possible, we have decided to issue a SPECIAL EDITION of the May number of

3000 COPIES.

Advertisers will readily see the advantage of having their announcements appear in the May number of the "ECHO." The THREE THOUSAND COPIES of that number will be carefully circulated among the *buying class* throughout the Dominion of Canada and the United States. Remember our exceedingly low rates:—5 cents per line; 50 cents per inch; \$3.00 per column; \$5.00 per page.

We intend that every advt. in the May number shall pay the advertiser well and we shall circulate the whole 3000 COPIES to the best possible advantage.

We also call your attention to the Dealers' Directory. Every advertiser should send his card for insertion in that department.

Send us an advertisement at once for insertion in the May number. You will not regret it.

All advts. for insertion in May number must be in by May 20th.

We will accept Canada and U. S. postage stamps (if clean and unused) in payment for subscriptions and advertisements if in sums less than one dollar.

WE want every stamp, coin, and curiosity dealer to send us a trial advt. for insertion in the May number of the ECHO. We shall send a large number of copies to collectors all over the world. Send us an advt. at once.

WHEN writing to any firm whose advertisement appears in this paper, please say "I saw your advt. in the MONTHLY ECHO."

PUBLISHERS finding this notice marked are invited to exchange papers regularly.

Advertisers!! Note!! 3000 Copies of the May "Echo" to be circulated.

WE should like every one to subscribe and compete in the Word Hunt. In it we offer you a chance to win many times, the subscription price by taking a little trouble in making up a list. If you are not already a subscriber, don't forget to enclose 4 3ct. stamps with your lists and get the ECHO one year.

EDITORS desirous of suspending their papers would do well to write to us; as we wish to increase our circulation as rapidly as possible, we will fulfil their subscription lists at very low rates.

OUR WORD HUNT.

The word this month is,
MINERAL,

and for the largest list of words made from it, we will give the following prizes: 1st, "Myron Holley," 328 pp., bound in cloth, price \$1.50; 2nd, "A Tramp Abroad," by Mark Twain; 3rd, "Camp Life;" 4th, "Tricks and Diversions with Cards;" 5th, 100 Nice Foreign Stamps. To the next five, a nice chronos.

CONDITIONS.

Only words found in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, latest edition, without the Supplement to be used

All lists must be arranged in alphabetical order and be numbered. No proper names, abbreviations, contractions, prefixes, suffixes, or obsolete words are to be used. No letter to be used twice in the formation of a word. Competitors must be Subscribers to the ECHO; subscriptions may be sent in with the lists, however.

All lists must be in by May 30th. Names of prize-winners will appear in the June number.

The prizes offered in our February number were awarded as follows:

- 1st. Mrs. H. W. Hamilton, Robella, Pa. 119
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- 3rd. E. W. Lane, Hill, N. H., 112
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The above are the number of *correct* words sent in by each competitor. We hope every one to whom a copy of the Echo is sent this month, will compete in the Word Hunt. It costs nothing to try. and if you use a little care in making up your lists, you will be almost sure of winning one of the prizes. Now, see what you can do in making up a list on the word—*Mineral*—and be sure address your list to

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REMOVALS.

Mr. John M. Hubbard, Publisher of the “Granite State Philatelist” has removed from Lake Village, to; Laconia, N. H. Mr. W. G. Karpe, Proprietor of the “Philatelists’ Journal,” has removed from Plymouth, Wis., to Los Angeles, Cal. The N. E. Card Co. have removed from Woonsocket, R. I., to New York City. Their new address is 75 and 77 Nassau St.

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