THE MODERN FAST TRAIN

SCORES OF HANDS KEEP IT IN TRIM.

Immaculate Cleanliness the Rule in Every Section of the Flyer.

When the baby is washed and scrubbed and dressed and groomed to go to church for the first time for his christening, no greater pains are taken over him than are taken every day to make the modern luxurious railroad "flyer" look spick and span.

Grooming an express train is a most difficult and expensive business. While the most extravagant of up-to-date dandies would not dream of having more than three or four valets, at most, the express will have anywhere from a hundred to a hundred and fifty, each doing his own special part of the work.

The ministrations of this army of servants are paid every day, at the end of a trip, which is often not more than a day's run. When the engine and its train of cars have done their work they are promptly rubbed down and attended to, just like a boxer after he has finished his bout, or an athlete after a foot race.

The crew of men who work aboard the flyer have nothing to do with looking after it at the end of the run. Special staffs of men are kept at the roundhouse and the car sheds for that purpose.

In number they equal two companies of soldiers, and they are as well drilled as any military force. Each man has his own particular work to do, and knows exactly how to do it. Very few orders need to be given, but when one is necessary it is obeyed

"ON THE JUMP."

When the locomotive enters the roundhouse a company of these civilian soldiers immediately swarm all over her, cleaning and polishing her until she looks as smart as a new pin. Even the wheels are rubbed over with oil, until they take on a beautiful lustre. Oil is also used to rub down the outside of the cars. Water is no longer used nowadays, for it cracks the paint, while oil improves it, and gives it a beautiful color.

Some of the men who swarm aboard the locomotive "knock her fire," others clean all the flues and dampers, the firepan and the machinery, and take aboard coal and water for the next day's run; yet others carefully test the air brakes, ejector pump and other parts of the machinery, examine the wheels, wipe down everything below the running board with oil, fill up the oil cups on the drivers, and generally put the locomotive in first-class shape for the next run.

It must not be supposed that this is the work merely of laborers. Several thoroughly trained experts, each with his special branch of knowledge, go most carefully over all the essential parts of the engine after each run, examining and testing them. It is not a perfunctory examination, although it is a daily one; for the men know that if there is any mishap on the run, which can be traced back to their negligence they will be "fired" to a dead certainty.

When the passenger takes a railway journey, therefore, especially if he rides behind a good modern flyer, he may feel sure that everything which skill and forethought can do to make the trip a safe one has been done.

After the car has been taken down to the yards by a switch engine, it is pounced upon by

A SMALL ARMY OF MEN,

who give it a sort of a preliminary rub-down, and afterwards a most thorough grooming, before it is taken back to the station for the next run.

The carpets are all taken out of the car and blown by compressed air, a thorough way of cleaning them, which is not adopted even in the most expensive hotels once a week, let alone once a day. The mattresses, cushions, pillows and seats are also taken out and blown by compressed air. The wood work, glass, and brass work all over the car are cleaned and polished by dozens of men, and the exterior woodwork is rubbed with oil.

All the running gear of the car is most carefully overhauled. Steamfitters, electricians, engineers, and other experts examine in their special departments, and the lights and air brakes are rigidly tested. The cups on the journals are filled with oil, every part of the wheels examined, and, in short, just as thorough a test made of the running gear as in the case of the locomotive herself.

If there is a case of sickness during a run the conductor must locate it. It is his duty to report, on arrival at the yard, exactly the seat in which the sick person sat. A space in the car is closed around this seat, and is most carefully fumigated and disinfected, no matter what the nature of the sickness may have been. Whether it was infectious or not, the railroad officials take no chances with the health and lives of their passengers. This regulation applies generally to all railroad cars not merely to the palace cars.

Another large staff attends to the provisioning and equipping of the car from the commissariat department, which is attached to the station yard.

A special force is even told off to take towels and other articles to the sleeping cars. It goes without saying that these are renewed every day. Even if there are a lot of unused ones aboard, they are taken off the car and replaced. No linen makes two consecutive journeys. Neither does a cake of soap or a hair brush or a comb. The porter is given a box before each run, filled with soap, brushes, combes, and other toilet articles. The brushes and combs which have been used once are thoroughly cleansed and sterilized before being sent out again.

THE EQUIPMENT

of the dining car is, of course, a great business. A small army of caterers, cooks, wine stewards, and waiters see to it; and woes betide any one of them if the man in charge of the car finds anything missing after the train has started on its run!

If he discovers so much as a spoon or a salt cellar out of place there is going to be trouble when he returns. He is an autocrat of the deepest dye. Even the skipper of an ocean liner is far less despotic, far less prone to find fault. Even the engineer who runs the locomotive does not cast a more critical eye over the work that has been done for him than does the autocrat of the dining car.

Passengers are sometimes inclined to denounce the meals they get on the palace car. Of course, they are not as good as the finest productions of the kitchens of the big hotels, but when the circumstances under which they are cooked are taken into account, it must honestly be admitted that they are marvels. Sympathy is often bestowed on the cook of an ocean liner, but his task is a simple one compared to that of the culinary genius of the palace car.

When the cars are ready for the run they are taken by a switch engine down to the station, to be coupled to the locomotive.

The locomotive which makes the run never, under any circumstances, hauls the cars to their yards, or does any menial work about the station. It would be an unspeakable degradation. My Lord the Flyer, must have a switch engine to relieve him of his load immediately he comes into the station, just as the engineer has a man to take his place when he reaches the round-house.

Before the cars are coupled to the engine the air brakes are once again tested, prior to the run, by means of steam pipes placed in the station platforms for the purpose. If they are found to be all right the cars are coupled up, and the run begins on schedule time, with locomotive and coaches all beautifully groomed.

But if anythiug is found to be wrong with the running gear of one of the cars, or if its numerous valets have not been able to get it spick and span in time, to the perfect satisfaction of the superintendent of the yard, it is sent back, and another car is put in its place.

MARRIAGE BROKERS.

In Italy there are any number of matrimonial brokers, and the business is quite a regular institution. In their offices there are books with the names and particulars of all the marriageable girls, rich or poor, who live in the district, and the brokers go about endeavoring to arrange engagements in exactly the same way as they would do ordinary trading business. It depends entirely upon their success whether they receive any payment for their efforts or not.

IT WAS NOT A FAITH CURE

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED MRS. ADAMS' BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

She Did Not Believe in Them, but To-day She Is Strong and Well.

Collingwood, Ont., Jan. 30—(Special).—Mrs. Thos. Adams, who moved here about two years ago from Burk's Falls, is one of the many Canadians who once had Bright's Disease and are now strong and well. Like all the others she was cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I was eight months an invalid," says Mrs. Adams, "and no one can tell what I suffered. My doctor said I had Bright's Disease and Sciatica, but I got no relief from anything he gave me. At last a friend of my husband induced me to give Dodd's Kidney Pills a trial. I had no faith in them, for I thought I never would get better, but after taking three boxes of them I was able to do my work. I have had good health ever since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Sunlight Soap will not burn the nap off woolens nor the surface off linens.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Octagon Bar.

IN A TARTAR RESTAURANT.

Curious Customs Which Are Observed in These Places.

Two French missionaries, Fathers Hue and Gabet, who went through China to Tibet half a century ago, discovered on the way—or perhaps being French they knew before they started—that the easiest way to go through a strange country peacefully is to conform to all its customs and confine one's expressions of amazement to the quiet of one's own room. They observed closely and followed the lead of their neighbors and made copious notes on everything.

"When we entered the great market town of Tolen Noor (Seven Lakes)," they wrote, "we knew not where to take up our abode. We wandered about for a long time in a labyrinth of narrow, tortuous streets encumbered with men and animals.

"At last we found an inn. We unloaded our dromedaries, deposited the baggage in a small room, foddered the animals, and then, having affixed to the door of the room a small padlock which the landlord had given us, we sallied forth in quest of dinner.

"A triangular flag floating before a house in the next street indicated to our joyful hearts an eating-house. A long passage led us into a spacious apartment, in which were symmetrically set forth a number of little tables. When we had seated ourselves at one of the tables, a teapot the inevitable prelude in these countries to every meal, was set before each of us. You must swallow infinite tea, and that boiling hot, before they will consent to bring you anything else.

"At last, when they see you thus occupied, the comptroller of the table pays you his official visit, a person of immensely elegant manners and ceaseless colubility of tongue, who, after entertaining you with his views on the affairs of the world in general and in each country in particular, concludes by announcing what there is to eat, and requesting your judgment thereon.

"As you mention the dishes you desire, he repeats their names in a measured chant for the information of the governor of the pot. Your dinner is served with admirable promptitude; but before you commence the meal etiquette requires that you rise from your seat and invite all the company to partake.

"'Come,' you say, with an engaging gesture, 'come, my friends; come and drink a glass of wine with me; come and eat a plate of rice.'

"'No, thank you!' replies everybody in the room. 'Do you rather come and seat yourself at my table. It is I who invite you.'"

"By this ceremony you have 'manifested your honor,' as the saying is, and you may now sit down and eat in comfort, your character as a gentleman thoroughly established.

"When you rise to depart the comptroller of the table again appears. As you cross the apartment with him he chants over again the names of the dishes you have had, this time appending the prices, and terminating with the sum total, announced with especial emphasis. Then, proceeding to the counter, you deposit the amount in the money-box."

"Good heavens, man," exclaimed the long-suffering patient, "you've pulled out the wrong tooth a second time." "Never mind, sir," returned the dentist, encouragingly. "I'm bound to get the right one next time, for there were but three in your mouth when I started."

Tom—'If a church be on fire, why has the organ the smallest chance of escape?" Fred—"Because the engine cannot play on it."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

"Let me see," said a young lady in a stationer's shop; "I want one hundred sheets of note-paper, and—well—how many envelopes should I get?" "Is it for love-letters, miss?" asked the shopman. A charming blush was the reply, and he continued, "Oh, well, I think half-a-dozen envelopes will be enough."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, &c.

Traveller (waiting for train already twenty minutes late)—"Porter when do you expect that train to come in?" Porter—"Can't say, sir. But the longer you wait for it the more sure 'tis to come in the next minute."

To Those of Sedentary Occupation.—Men who follow sedentary occupations, which deprive them of fresh air and exercise, are more prone to disorders of the liver and kidneys than those who lead active, outdoor lives. The former will find in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills a restorative without question the most efficacious on the market. They are easily procurable, easily taken, act expeditiously, and they are surprisingly cheap considering their excellence.

It is a woman's privilege to change her mind, but every good housekeeper is thoroughly decided on the superiority of Blue Ribbon Tea

POULTRY

We can handle your poultry either alive or dressed to best advantage. Also your butter, eggs, honey and other produce.

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KOREAN WOMEN.

In no country is the life of women more pathetic than in Korea, where it might be termed imprisonment with hard labor from the age of seven until death. Little girls are secluded from the time of their betrothal. At an age varying from ten to sixteen years they are married to men they have never seen, and go away to take their places as menials

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows

Knicker—"I remember that night. The wind was biting——" Bocker—"I never knew that the wind could bite." Knicker—"What! Did you never hear of the teeth of a gale?"

A Sure Cure for Headache.—Bilious headache, to which women are more subject than men, becomes so acute in some subjects that they are utterly prostrated. The stomach refuses food, and there is a constant and distressing effort to free the stomach from bile which has become unduly secreted there. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are a speedy alterative, and in neutralizing the effects of the intruding bile relieves the pressure on the nerves which cause the headache. Try them.

Breathless Hunter—"I say, boy, did you see a fox run by here?" Boy—"Yes, sir." Hunter—"How long ago?" Boy—"It'll be a year last Christmas!"

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Gentlemen,—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of La Grippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of Inflammation.

Yours,
W. A. HUTCHINSON.

CAKES.

Mrs. Huswife—I always make fruit cake so that it will keep at least five months.

Mr. Newliwed—Huh! that's nothing My wife made a cake once that might easily have been kept a year.

Mrs. Huswife—Indeed?

Mr. Mewliwed—Yes, nobody would eat it.

It is an Officer of the Law of Health.—When called in to attend a disturbance it searches out the hiding-place of pain, and like a guardian of the peace, lays hands upon it and says, "I arrest you." Resistance is useless, as the law of health imposes a sentence of perpetual banishment on pain, and Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was originated to enforce that sentence.

She—"It must have been an awful storm to blow away the lighthouse." Cholly—"Terrible, my dear, but it could only be through carelessness that there was a lighthouse in such an exposed place."

Why suffer from weak nerves, want of appetite and general debility, letting the loss of sleep and rest impoverish the system and thin the blood, when such a really meritorious remedy as Northrop & Lyman's Quinine Wine may be had at any drug store. This article is highly recommended by the members of the medical faculty in case of indigestion, general debility, loss of appetite and nervous affections of all kinds. It is also specially good to children and delicate females, and to business men, students and those who have much brain work. It is pleasant to the taste and contains nothing injurious to the most delicate constitution. Remember you ask for Quinine Wine, prepared by Northrop & Lyman, Toronto, and we are sure you will be satisfied that you have full value for your money.

WHY HE CANNOT SUCCEED.

He does not do to-day what he can possibly put off until to-morrow.

He does not think it worth while to put contracts or agreements in writing.

He prefers to incur debt rather than to do work which he considers beneath him.

He risks all his eggs in one basket when he is not in a position to watch or control it.

He thinks it will be time enough to begin to save for a rainy day when the rainy day comes.

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The "Land of Sunshine, Fruit and Flowers." Round trip tourist tickets on sale daily.

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Situated on direct line of Grand Trunk.

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Those who need a rest should spend a few days or weeks at this delightful resort. Best of hotel accommodation.

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DEEP SOIL GRAIN AND GRASS farms for sale; near Yorkton, Assiniboia; on crop payments. James Armstrong, 4 Richmond street east, Toronto.

Barber—"You're getting frightfully bald, sir." Customer (savagely)—"Well, I don't see how that concerns you." Barber—"Excuse me, sir, but it does. You soon won't have any hair left to cut, and then I shall lose a customer."

For Over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for millions of mothers for their children while teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP." 22—08

Riley—"So Casey was killed by th' explosion? Who broke th' news to his widdy?" Rooney—"Big Tim Houlihan." "Did he do it gintly?" "He did. He began by askin' her to marry him."

Time tries all things, and as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup has stood the test of years it now ranks as a leading specific in the treatment of all ailments of the throat and lungs. It will soften and subdue the most stubborn cough by relieving the irritation, and restore the affected organs to healthy conditions. Use will show its value. Try it and be convinced of its efficacy.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

"No, he isn't in the milk business any more. He has opened an institute for drunkenness."

"The idea! Why, he has no knowledge of medicine at all."

"What of that? You don't have to have to open a saloon."

DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE ... 25c.

is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

The largest pontoon bridge in the world is at Calcutta, and is a permanent structure.

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Dolly—"Jack said that he had a business engagement to-night." Dasherley—"Yes; he mentioned something to me about asking old Millyuns for his daughter's hand."

Use Lever's Dry Soap (a powder) to wash woolens and flannels.—you'll like it.

"Oh, my friends!" exclaimed the orator, "it makes me sad when I think of the days that are gone, when I look around and miss the old familiar faces I used to shake hands with."

Those whom neglected coughs have killed were once as healthy and robust as you. Don't follow in their paths of neglect. Take

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