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MY FASTEST RUN
ON THE
"GREAT WESTERN FLYER" — NO. 630

By Fred B. Horsch.

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THE "Great Western Fly-
er" was the largest en-
gine on the road. She

was a triple expansion engine and had ten driving wheels, while her cylinder was big enough for a child's playhouse. Her smokestack, as well as her cab, whistle, domes, and bell, did not stand but about a foot and a half higher than her boiler, and she had a record for speed.

On this particular evening we left Welch's siding, which is about a

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hundred miles west of St. Louis, well on to half an hour late. This was something very unusual for the "Great Western Flyer", although a trans-continental train, had never before been more than five minutes late.

The west-bound freight which we should pass sixty miles west of St. Louis would be upon us before we could gain the double track if it were not late or we did not make unusually quick time.

The throttle was now wide open and we were tearing over the country at a rate of 90 miles an hour, the fastest I had ever run my engine.

As we thundered into South Pt. where the branch manager lived, who should appear on the station platform

but the manager himself. As we drew up he cried amidst the pantings of my flyer, "What yer stopping here for?"

"To take in water," I replied,

"You can't make the double track. Don't stop to take in water here," he said in one of his bossiest tones.

"I'd like to know who is running this engine," I said, "You or I? I think that I come as near running it as anybody," and with that I called to the brakeman to uncouple the engine from the twenty coaches. I then backed up to the tank and let my engine have its fill.

When we were coupling the engine back onto the train I heard the manager "spitting out his spite" on the telegraph operator.

Again we were started on our race for life with the throttle

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wide open as before.

When we were about five miles from the double track I heard the freight's hoarse whistle ring out on the still night air. That whistle nearly sent the blood curdling through my veins. I strained at the throttle but it was wide open. She was running at the highest rate of speed. Again I heard the whistle, and then a low, distant rumble. Finally the freight's headlight burst into view. It looked like a demon of destruction with its one gleaming eye.

The rumble increased to a roar, and the roar to a deafening roar. One more blast from the whistle, but we were safe. I closed the throttle with

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a jerk, put on the brake and brought the train to a stop.

By this time the roar had decreased to a faint rumble, and the passengers had come flocking out to see what had brought us to such a sudden stop, for they were unaware of the race we had been running.

I turned around not to see my fireman in his usual seat but in a faint on the floor of the cab.

The conductor ran for water and he was soon brought to, and then we resumed our journey reaching St. Louis only four minutes late.

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concluded on back cover page.

LET'S LAUGH!

SLIPS OF THE TONGUE.

Everybody is presumed to have heard of the man who said to a stranger whom he found in his seat at church one Sunday morning, "I beg your pardon, sir, but you are occupewing my pie." A near relative - probably a descendant - of this man, who answers to the name of Jones, was dining with a friend. The soup had been brought on, and the wife of the host was apologizing for it.

"I am afraid you will find it seasoned too highly, Mr Jones," she said. "I tell Susan every day of my life not to use so much salt and pepper in her cooking, but it doesn't do any good."

"The soup is all right, Mrs. Irons, the guest hastened to assure her. "It's exactly Susaned to seat my taste."

-The Youths' Companion

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THE USE OF POLICEMEN

A little city urchin was on his first visit to the country, and with him was a young artist, who went in order to make some sketches. The boy was about six years old, says a writer in the New York Tribune, and when the train stopped the artist lifted him into the waiting farm wagon, and they jogged off through beautiful rolling pasture, miles on miles of green velvet.

The little fellow was much excited with the scene. "Say," he said, "they must need a lot of cops here,"

"Why?" inquired the artist.

"There's so much grass to keep off of."

A driverless auto is even more formidable than a driverless horse.

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* * * Conundrums * * *

1. When is a bed not a bed?
5. " is a girl not a girl?
10. " is a hat not a hat?
2. What is a lake?
4. " kin is a door mat to a door?
6. " ruler waits on his people?
8. " is a waist of time?
3. Why is a cat's tail like the earth?
7. " is a hen immortal?
9. " is the letter E like death?

FACTS & FANCIES

The kindergarten method of bringing home by a concrete illustration the significance of large statistics, often used by some newspapers, is greatly improved in this case taken from "The Liverpool Post:"

"Suppose," said the wise orator—

“though 'tis a thought stupendous—
Suppose a baby one year old, with arms
of the tremendous,
Lenth of 93-odd million miles,
Should, in a freak of fun,
Reach up and touch the sun,
That child would be,

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Years old,
I'm told,
Before it learned,
Its hand was burned”

People who eschew all modern slang phrases and who deem the use of them a mark of ill-breeding no doubt will be a bit surprised to know that the commonly used word “shopping” was a slang word until past the first quarter of the 19th. century. Bee's “Dictionary of Sports and Slang,” published in 1825, defines the word as follows: “Shopping—Among women! going about from shop to shop, buying little articles perhaps, perhaps not, but always pulling about great quantities of goods.

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EDITORIAL.

“Dog-days!”

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Four extra pages this issue!

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The “Glorious Fourth” passed by with its usual number of accidents.


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The newspapers used larger headlines to tell the news of the conviction and death of Charles Tucker, than for any battle of the Russo-Japanese War.

Arrangements have been made so that The Stamp Record is now the official organ of the American Archaeologists' Association. We hope that all our readers will find interesting all the reading matter devoted to this organization.

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Illustrations become more and more necessary to the up-to-date newspaper and magazine. So many half-tone cuts are used in every number of a weekly like "Harper's" or "Leslie's" that a special force of men is required for this branch of newspaper work.

 We wish our readers to take notice that the "Facts & Fancies" in this issue were copied from the Newburyport Daily News.

STAMP NOTES

The Czar Nicholas of Russia, the Queen of Italy, and the King of Spain are all stamp students and collectors.

The finest collection of stamps in the world is owned by Count de Ferrary of Paris, and is valued at a million dollars.


A Mr Daveen, of Manhattan has a collection valued at \$400,000. A Mr Sussdorf's collection is worth \$200,000 Charles Gregory a Brooklynate, is worth a hundred thousand dollars, in stamps.

On May 6, 1840 the English government adoped the penny post system. Brazil followed England in 1843, after which came the United States in

1847, Russia the next year and Tuscany Belgium, New South Wales the next year. Other countries followed soon after.

From an article published in the New York Tribune recently, we extract the following:

Stamps were not in use before 1840. Before that time, the postmasters in the United States in large towns and cities, kept a private account with all well known persons, and at the end of each month rendered a bill for postage.

 Copied from The American Boy.

“The pants do not make the man” but it takes a man to make the pants.

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ANSWERS TO CONUNDRUMS on page 12.

- 1- When it is a little buggy.
 - 2- A hole in the tay-kettle.
 - 3- It is far to the end.
 - 4- A Step-father.
 - 5- When she is a little sulky
 - 6- The king of Servia.
 - 7- Because her son never sets.
 - 8- The middle of an hourglass.
 - 9- It is at the end of life.
 - 10- When it becomes a pretty lady.
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Some may think that our association is not going to amount to much, but when they consider the fact that it has been organized since June 15 and that we have six members with as many more applications, already, they will see better. We are not going at it like some do—we take in only live collectors and students who will be a credit to the association.

We have made arrangements with Bro. Horsch to let us use THE STAMP RECORD as our official organ for the next three issues. Horsch publishes a clean, interesting, sheet and will allow us plenty of room.

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