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Government Control of Railroads.

An instructive object lesson in government control of railways has been developed by the debates in the Brazilian congress, growing out of the bill to lease the Brazilian Central to a foreign syndicate. The Central, with its branches covers 500 miles of the best coffee producing districts in the republic. The main line extends from Rio Janeiro in the north to St. Paul in the south, with an important branch west to the state of Minas. The road was built several years ago by the government at an expense of \$150,000,000 and earned for a time an income of \$16,000,000 annually, several millions of this being clear profit. Of late years, employment on the road has been given as a reward for political activity, the partisans of one party succeeding those of another with various changes of administration. In many cases the salaries were largely disproportionate to the character of the services performed, while in nearly every case except where experts were employed, the appointees were unfit for their places. The debates in the congress, which disclosed these facts, also showed conclusively that the road instead of being a paying investment is steadily losing money at the rate of \$2,000,000 a year. Through the new president, Senor Pereira, who was elevated on the 19th ult. from the vice presidency to the position of chief magistrate of the republic, by reason of the temporary retirement from office of President Moraes, the unsatisfactory service of the road was brought to the attention of the congress, with a strong recommendation that it be placed in the hands of private parties. It appears that a syndicate has been formed in London which will pay the Brazilian government \$90,000,000 for a 90 year lease of the road, the latter with all improvements to revert to the republic at the end of that period. The syndicate is entirely satisfied from an examination of the road that not only will its earnings enable it to pay the Brazilian government \$1,000,000 a year for the use of the road, but that it will still leave a handsome profit. The bill has already passed the lower house and is now in the senate, where late advices from Rio Janeiro state it will be also favorably acted upon. It is believed, if the pending arrangement is satisfactorily concluded, that all the other roads in Brazil now supported by the government at a loss as a consequence of political manipulation, will also be leased to private parties either in the republic or in Europe.

Christmas Superstitions.

It is considered very unlucky to look a gift father in the mouth.

To give a friend a present which cost you seven dollars and get in return a silk handkerchief worth twenty-eight cents is a sign that you will eventually make a frantic effort to present yourself with a series of swift kicks.

It is considered a very evil omen to permit your wife to present you with a box of cigars on Christmas morning. If you let the stove smoke them the evil may possibly be averted, but if you attempt to smoke them yourself—well, you've been warned in time, that's all.

It is considered most unlucky to have fourteen relatives drop in on you for dinner Christmas day, just when your wife has cooked according to one of those 87-cent newspaper menus.

When you see a small, bright light in your room when you return just before daybreak from a Christmas-eve gin rickey festival it is a sure sign that your wife is awaiting you with outstretched arms, &c., &c., ad lib. If, however, you see thirty-four small, bright lights it is an omen that you'll have trouble in locating the keyhole, and that you don't care a tinker's epithet how many hours your wife has waited for you.

If you find a large piece of molasses candy in your hair it is a token that your little boy was the recipient of more Christmas taffy than he knew just what to do with.

It is considered very bad luck to make \$25 present on a \$15 salary.

It is a sign of impending misfortune if you forget to give the cook a handsome present.

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After a Record.

"Strange," said the man with the strong cigar, absent-mindedly.

"What's strange?" asked the man with the meerschaum.

"I was thinking of a friend of mine who claims to have found an absolutely perfect fountain pen."

"Always writes, never dips ink and never gets out of order?"

"That's what he says."

The man with the meerschaum pipe shook his head.

"What do you think of it?" he asked.

"I hardly know what to think of it. He's joined no liars' club that I know of, and yet everything indicates that he is working for a record."—Chicago Post.

He—I thought you said your love for me was as strong as iron and as true as steel; pray, how do you account for your numerous flirtations? She—Well, you see, the iron and steel works have shut down for the present.—Up-to-Date.

ECZEMA!

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT



REV. CHAS. FISH

Methodist Minister, Toronto

Few men better known or more highly esteemed in the ministerial ranks in Canada than the gentleman whose portrait accompanies this. Although now retired from the more active work in the ministry, he has held almost all the more important charges throughout Ontario as a pastor in the Methodist Church. He is one of the pioneer preachers. A few words of his to fellow-sufferers will be taken in the spirit which he intends them, feeling that in publishing to the world the great benefits he has derived from his great cure he is but doing his first duty to man, and, in a measure, fulfilling the old command, "Do unto others," etc.

About ten years ago I felt the beginnings of what is commonly known as Eczema. The disease commenced in my ears and spread entirely over both sides of my head and also developed on my hands. During those ten years I was a great sufferer. I tried many supposed remedies and some of the best physicians—specialists on skin diseases—treated me. Beyond affecting temporary relief, I received no more benefit and all failed to effect a cure. Some time ago I was led from reading and investigating some reliable testimonies I read in the newspapers to try Dr. Chase's celebrated Ointment. The first box gave me so much relief that I felt warranted in persevering. As I write this I am just commencing on the fifth box, and, judging from the rapid improvement effected, I am certain that before the box is completed I shall be completely cured. I think my cure almost a marvel, and shall be pleased at any time to answer any inquiry from like cause. Having suffered so much myself, I give this testimony for the benefit of others.

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How bleak and cold the word absent sounds; and yet, bleak and cold as it does sound, how infinitely short it falls of the reality! When at a distance from those we love, although surrounded with all the heart could wish for, how futile seems every enjoyment, and uninteresting every pleasure!

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It must always be remembered that the actions of public men will be subjects of thought to a future period, when interest is stifled and passion is silent; when fear has ceased to agitate, when discord is at rest, and when conscience has resumed its sway over the human heart. Nothing but what is just, therefore, can finally be expedient, because nothing else can secure the permanent concurrence of mankind.—Sir A. Alison.

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