

THE BAGGAGE-SMASHER.

BY A. E. BARTLETT.

Beside the trunks piled broad and high... The "baggage-smasher" stands; He views them with his lurid eye...

THE CUCUMBER.

The cucumber graceth the festal board... Enshrined in condiments rare, And the epicure gleefully rubbeth his paunch...

How Mr. Haynes was Cured of Borrowing.

BY CARLOS NOGGS.

There was a meeting of the Grange. The farmers came in one after another, and soon the little school house was filled with an anxious, happy assembly.

"Well, I'm not that sort o' citizen as wants to make hard feelings 'mong each other, but when I see a screw loose I want to take a screw-driver and tighten it."

This brief extemporaneous address was followed by wild cheering and excited stamping till the room was one dense cloud of dust.

"O, no. I just merely thought I would bring you over a few things. You wern't at Grange last night?"

"Come in," said Caleb. "Good morning," said Mr. Jacob Fuller. "I am on my way to market, and thought I would stop and loan you a few things."

"Tell you what it is," said he to his wife. "I'm growing 'spicious.'" "O' what?" she said.

"I hear, but what has come across you so suddenly?" "I don't think it has come very suddenly. If we had not been such fools we'd seen it before this."

"I'll give you to understand," said his wife, "that you shan't have a mouthful till I've had my say."

"What of it? Take them all back, I say, and we can buy our own things."

"But, Susan, it will cost a great deal. 'Can't help it. We must act independent. We'll buy our things after this.'"

"You are right," assented his wife. By the time the hour had passed, Mr. Haynes had bought another newspaper...

"Why, what is the matter?" said Caleb. "The fact is," said the old man, "I'm in a sort of a hurry, and I thought I might as well be a little lively."

"Horse Breeding." The first thing to be done in breeding horses is to select the best animals, and the first indispensable quality in such animals is a good constitution.

"It is a poor policy to go to the city and buy a broken-down mare thinking to make a breeder of her."

A CHINAMAN working at Nevada City, Nev., brought to his employer a Chinese Lily in bud, which he said would bloom in just twelve o'clock of the Chinese New Year.

The Farmer's Hired Man.

"I'm kinder lookin' around the market for a hired man," he explained, as he stopped at one of the stands and nibbled at an onion.

"What's the reason?" "Oh, a dozen reasons. First and foremost, times have changed, and the hired man has changed with 'em."

"Wall, I can't just say. Work is powerful pressing, but I'm going slow. Before I hire him I want to know whether he's a man who'll pass his plate for more meat and taters."

Railroad Methods.

EXTRACT FROM "GATH'S" LETTERS. "Has not the Central Pacific railroad been injured by the depreciation of mining interests?"

"Not so much by that as by their own policy. Although some of the great mines are exhausted, they are finding mines all over the country."

A bare-headed and bare-footed urchin being asked what his mother did for a living, answered, "She eats victuals, sir."

The Railroads.

The Atlantic Monthly is not considered a communistic or socialistic journal, nor "tainted" by the Grange.

If cabbages do not head properly, a pinch of salt to each head will be beneficial; or, better, give them a slight watering at night with weak brine.

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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM KALAMAZOO.

TIME-TABLE—MAY 9, 1880.

Table with columns for Westward and Eastward, listing train types (Accommodation, Local, Breving Express, Pacific Express, Mail, Day Express) and their times.

L. S. & M. S. R. R.

KALAMAZOO DIVISION TIME TABLE.

(Time 15 minutes faster than Kalamazoo.)

GOING SOUTH.

Table for L.S. & M.S.R.R. Going South, listing stations (Le. Grand Rapids, Ar. Allegan, etc.) and times.

GOING NORTH.

Table for L.S. & M.S.R.R. Going North, listing stations (Le. Buffalo, Ar. Alpena, etc.) and times.

CHICAGO & GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Corrected Time-Table—July 31, 1881.

WESTWARD.

Table for Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Westward, listing stations (Le. Port Huron, Grand Trunk Junction, etc.) and times.

EASTWARD.

Table for Chicago & Grand Trunk Railway Eastward, listing stations (Ar. Chicago, Le. Valparaiso, etc.) and times.

All trains run by Chicago time. CHAR. B. PECK, Traffic Manager.

