

# LET'S LAUGH

## Objected to the Statement.

"We all make fools of ourselves at times, your worship," said a man who was charged at the Lambeth police court with insulting behavior.

"You can only speak for yourself," retorted Mr. Biron. *London Tit-Bits.*

## In Memoriam.

"My word, Jacob," said Steinberg, "that is a beautiful diamond you have in your pin. How much did it cost?"

"I paid \$1,000," replied Jacob.

"One thousand dollars! Good gracious," exclaimed Steinberg. "Vy, I did not know you ver vorth so much money."

"Vell, you see," explained Jacob, "ven der old man died he left \$1,000 for a stone to be erected to his memory, and dis is der stone." *Kansas City Star.*

## Lost Too Much Ground.

The chief was berating a patrolman.

"Why did you let that crook get away from you?" he demanded. "You saw him enter the house."

"Yes, chief."

"And you saw him come out?"

"Yes, chief."

"Then why didn't you dance right after him?"

"I did dance after him," protested the patrolman, "but you see he was doing the tango and I was using the hesitation." *Judge.*

## Once Too Often.

Parson Black (sternly) "Did you come by dat watch-melyun honestly, Bruddeh Bingy?"

The Melon Toter " 'Deed I did, pah-son; ebry day fo' nigh on two weeks!"

*Puck.*

## Wise and Otherwise.

Miss Green "I suppose you adopt a special diet when you are writing."

Popular Author- "Quite so! I eat oat meal when I am writing a cereal story, and so on." *Boston Transcript.*

When your wife says she has nothing more to say, pick out an easy chair, take off your coat and vest and shoes, and prepare for a two-hour session while she says it.

## His Better Half.

"Here my dear," said the husband, producing his purse. "here is \$50 I won playing cards over at Brown's last night. You may have it to buy that dress you wanted."

Reluctantly the conscientious wife took the money; then said, with an expression of rigid rectitude:

"I simply shudder at the thought of using money gained in such a way. Henry, promise me that after you have won enough for me to buy the hat to go with the dress you will never touch those awful cards. I don't want my husband to become a gambler."

## He Meant Well.

A man who had married his cook was giving a dinner party, and between the courses the good lady sat with her hands spread on the table cloth.

Suddenly the burr of conversation ceased and in the silence that followed a young man on the right of the hostess said pleasantly:

"Awful pause."

"Yes, they may be," said the old-time cook with heightened color; "and yours would be like them if you had done half my work."

*Ft. Smith, Ark., December 21, 1914.*

**TO ALL FOREMEN:**

*I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and many, many more years of joyful happiness to come.*

*Looking over the past record of the year 1914, I feel duty bound to extend to you my sincere thanks for your hearty co-operation and good service rendered.*

*I trust that you continue in this spirit and with even a more determined effort to return this just courtesy to the St. L. & S. F. R. R.*

*You can show your best appreciation of your employment by increased good service.*

*Yours truly,*

**A. SCHERREY,**

*Division Roadmaster.*

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*Springfield, Mo., December 22, 1914.*

**AGENTS, TRAINMEN, ENGINEMEN and  
OTHER EMPLOYEES:**

*The co-operation you have extended along claim preventive lines during the past six months, which has resulted in a \$95,000.00 decrease in freight claim payments up to and including December 21, is very much appreciated. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

*Yours very truly,*

**G. E. WHITELAM,**

*Supt. F. L. & Claims.*

# SAFETY FIRST

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## **A. L. Howard, Brakeman, Tupelo Sub-Division, Amory, Miss.**

What railroad service really is and should be, in my opinion are described in the one word - "Prudence."

Prudence would suggest the doing of the best possible things in the best possible way. It forecasts for danger and avoids it. Every fellow-employee is respectfully asked to duly consider the value of this one word in the performance of our varied duties and see the results that will follow. Prudence suggests proper construction, proper operation and proper co-operation.

In order to promote Safety First, prudence would suggest the most scientific construction of everything and every part of everything from the smallest even to the greatest parts. It suggests that nothing be done grudgingly or stinted but that proper allowance be made that all construction work of every class may well and truly be done with Safety First in view, which appeals first to Officials and follows all along down the line.

Prudence suggests Safety First in operation along every line. Every one in the service of the Frisco Lines is a unit of great value, operating within his own particular sphere, learning and performing to the best of his skill and knowledge in order to bring out Safety First in each operation. Looking well to cars of lumber, that they are properly loaded that none may fall along the right-of-way, so as to endanger section men or any person along the lines. Looking well to see that all car doors are properly secured so they will not fall while trains are in motion, calling attention to the great danger of going between cars while in motion, and should you see any one going between such moving cars, call

their attention in kindness to their great danger which will be remembered in after time.

In co-operation prudence suggests that each individual working in harmony and agreement with every other individual for Safety First, first of all will learn to perform his part in a way and manner so as to fit in perfect harmony with all that is performed by every other operator, appreciating life and limb and the general well-being of every one with whom we come in contact. One particular thought that I wish to advance is the special care that passenger train crews should exercise in the interest of passengers, in giving them correct information along all lines, caring for the dependent and helpless, showing politeness to the aged, thus making the thought of Safety First the first thought of construction, operation and co-operation.

## **Birmingham Meeting.**

An enthusiastic audience of Frisco employes and their families gathered at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Birmingham, Ala., Monday evening, November 30, for a Safety First Rally.

The meeting was presided over by F. G. Faulkner, assistant superintendent, who opened up the program with a few well-chosen remarks explaining the object of the meeting, bringing in the history of the Safety First movement.

W. B. Spaulding, chairman of the Central Safety Committee, next entertained the audience with stereopticon views illustrating the proper and improper way of handling work in the different departments. This lecture was not only entertaining, but instructive as well, and unquestionably much good will be derived from it.

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Short addresses were also made by M. J. Murphy, of Springfield, Division Freight Agent Snooke and others.

Unfortunately Superintendent Carr, who is chairman of the Southeastern Division Committee was called out of town and was unable to attend the meeting.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended, which included a large number of employes and their families from out of town.

Aside from other benefits, meetings of this kind are bound to promote a spirit of good fellowship as they are a means of employes and their families getting better acquainted with each other.



## Club Dance.

The annual masquerade ball of The Frisco System Club of St. Louis, at the Rock Springs Turner Hall, November 14, was a decided success in every way and was largely attended by the club members and their families.

This club, which was organized September, 1913, has for its motto "good fellowship, fraternity and safety to one another," and these social affairs are given to afford the members opportunity of getting better acquainted.

After the grand march four prizes, which were donated by Rock Springs merchants, were awarded to the parties most handsomely dressed and those wearing the most comical costumes.

The Safety First idea was not overlooked in the masks of those in attendance, as will be seen from the accompanying reproduction showing the mascot of the Club. The little one is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Max Hosang, former president of the Club, and incidentally it might be mentioned that a representative of The Frisco Man certainly "spilled the beans" when he asked Mr. Hosang the name of his little son.

At a recent business meeting of the Club the following officers were elected: Earl Petri, president; E. P. Norris, vice-president; Claude Stroupe, financial secretary; P. Lang, corresponding secretary, and William Bomparte, treasurer.

Circular No. 524, issued by Superintendent C. F. Hopkins, of the Southwestern Division, advises that the spur track recently put in at Mile Post 450 will be known as Lozier Spur.

Superintendent C. H. Baltzell was "Master of Ceremonies" at the swimming match recently pulled off at the Y. M. C. A., Thayer, Mo.

The match consisted of a 40-foot dash, 40-yard dash, 80-yard relay, fancy dive, long distance plunge, barrel-punting match and water base-ball game.

# Woman's Department

MRS. E. G. NEWLAND,



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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Somehow, at Christmas time we like to hunt up that beautiful story by Dickens, "The Christmas Carol", and read again of Marley's Ghost and Scrooge and Tiny Tim, and feel like saying with Tiny Tim "God Bless us every one."

We have so much cause for gratitude this year, if we but compare our peaceful prosperous land with war blackened countries across the sea, and it should make us earnest and thoughtful as the time draws near of "peace on earth, good will towards men". We should be filled with a desire to help in every way possible to lessen the sum total of suffering and sorrow in the world.

Let us get away from our four walls, find a mountain top and get a vision of life. Look down upon the world in all its need, like Carlyle in Sartor Resartus when he describes thus, a great city at night: "These fringes of lamp light struggling up through smoke and thousandfold exhalation some fathoms into the ancient reign of Night, what thinks Bootes of them as he leads his hunting dogs over the zenith, in their leash of sidereal fire. That stifled hum of midnight, when traffic has lain down to rest; and the chariot wheels of vanity still rolling here and there through distant streets are bearing her to halls roofed in and lighted to the due pitch for her; and only vice and misery, to prowl or to moan like night birds, are abroad; that hum, I

say, like the unquiet slumber of sick Life, is heard in heaven. Under that hideous coverlet of vaporers, what a fermenting vat lies simmering and hid! The joyful and the sorrowful are there; men are dying there, men are being born, men are praying—on the other side of a brick partition, men are cursing; and around them all is the vast void Night. The Grandee reposes within damask curtains; Wretchedness cowers into truckle beds, or shivers hunger-stricken into its lair of straw; while Councilors of State sit plotting and playing their high chess-game, whereof the pawns are men. The Lover whispers to his mistress that the coach is ready; and she, full of hopes and fears glides down to fly with him over the borders; the Thief still more silently sets to his picklocks and crowbars or lurks in wait till the watchmen first snore in their boxes. Gay mansions are full of light and music and high swelling hearts; but in the condemned cells, the pulse of life beats tremulous and faint and bloodshot eyes look out through the darkness for the light of a stern last morning. Six men are to be hanged on the morrow; comes no hammering from the Rabenstein? Their gallows must even now be o' building. Riot cries aloud and staggers and swaggers in his rank dens of shame; and the Mother, with streaming hair kneels over her pallid dying infant, whose cracked lips only her tears now moisten. All these heaped