

# SAFETY FIRST

Of late The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company has been severely arraigned in political and press attacks. The former will be answered in due time in the court.

I would, however, ask the indulgence of the press and the temporary cessation of its hostilities for a few weeks, pending the reconstruction period through which the Company is now passing.

No railroad in the country is fully equipped with No. 20 cross-overs, but the Public Utilities Commission of Connecticut has ordered that all trains in that state shall come to a full stop before switches are thrown at anything less than No. 20 cross-overs.

This means to maintain the efficiency of our service a half million dollars to be expended in reconstruction of cross-overs, switches and signals, and the materials therefore have been ordered. Meanwhile in compliance with the order of the Commission there is a necessary slowing down, making for irregularity in the train service especially during the winter months when it is more difficult to make up with safety for the running time cut out of our schedules.

It is believed that a new time schedule pending this reconstruction period will insure greater safety. It should be put into effect, according to present plans, about February 2nd.

Reconstruction of cross-overs will follow, and in a few months the old time schedule should be restored and maintained with the greatest punctuality consistent with safety.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Main Line should be maintained as the safest railroad in the United States. It has been largely rebuilt and its electrification inaugurated during my administration, and no passenger loss has been met with by reason of this reconstruction.

I desire now that this newest reconstruction shall be had without accident and therefore ask the indulgence of the public and the press, and particularly the press, because attacks upon a railroad management during a reconstruction period have possibilities of demoralization in the personnel and working forces that directly increase the hazard of railroad travel.

Generally speaking, the hazard of railroad travel is less than that of street or other highway travel, but the responsibility in railroad travel is more directly upon the authorities who are held in full measure of responsibility for every accident whether or not such may be due to causes absolutely beyond their control.

At the present time the traveling public and the press can assist in increasing the safety of travel by rail on our lines by suspending criticism and judgment concerning delayed trains for a few weeks.

## CHARLES S. MELLEN, President

NEW HAVEN, January 11, 1913.



### Fromeoman's Vio-Paint

Bring to the boiling point and let boil without stirring, until mixture will spin a thread when dropped from the tip of a spoon. Four syrup gradually, while heating constantly, on the whites of two eggs, beaten until stiff, and continue beating until mixture is nearly stiff enough to hold its shape. Return to saucepan, place in large pan containing a little boiling water. Remove and beat until mixture will hold its shape. Flavor with one-half teaspoonful of vanilla.

### MATTERS CONCERNING WOMEN

The Big Sisters, an organization of New York women who undertake to put under good influence young girls who have some far away or got so far into trouble as to come before the courts, has been quietly doing a notable work which is described by a writer in the New York Times. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt is the president of the Big Sisters organization. Mrs. Willard Barker, Jr., is the treasurer. Mrs. Willard D. Straight, Mrs. William May Wright and Mrs. Lewis S. Morris are the members of the executive committee, and Mrs. Madeline W. Evans, as secretary, is the personal representative of the society at the bar of the children's court.

parents an effort is made to place the girl with some good family that will treat her more or less as one of its members. If it is a case of juvenile delinquency one of the Big Sisters looks after the girl in her own home, where she is visited at frequent intervals. Books are furnished for her to read, suitable work is provided for her to do and now and again she is taken by the Big Sister to see some good play or other entertainment, varied by an occasional motor trip through the parks, to the country or the seashore. In fact every effort is made to give her encouragement to keep on her good behavior.

In charge of such a girl to see that she associates with clean-minded boys and girls of her own age, and that her general surroundings are acceptable. The Big Sister keeps close watch over her in her school, social and home life. At the proper time the girl is taken by the Big Sister to her church and placed in a Sunday school class. And just here quite often she meets her greatest handicap. Although the girl is cautioned not to talk of her past or to divulge the circumstances that brought her within the guardianship of the Big Sisters, nevertheless the facts very often become known in one way or another.

### KITCHEN CRAFT

#### LITTLETON COOKIES

Cream one cupful of butter and add gradually, while beating constantly, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and three eggs well beaten. Add one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in one and one-half tablespoonfuls of hot water and two cupfuls of flour mixed and sifted with one-half teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of cinnamon; then add one cupful of chopped English walnut meats, one cupful of raisins, seeded and chopped, and one and one-fourth cupfuls of flour. Drop by spoonfuls one inch apart on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven.

#### WELLESLEY LOAF CAKE

Cream one-fourth cupful of butter and add gradually, while beating constantly, one-half cupful of sugar. Beat the yolks of two eggs until thick and add one-half cupful of milk alternately with one and one-fourth cupful of flour mixed and sifted with two and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking-powder, then add whites of two eggs, beaten until stiff, two squares of chocolate, melted, and one-fourth teaspoonful of vanilla. Turn into a buttered and floured shallow cake-pan, and bake in a moderate oven 40 minutes. Remove from pan, cover with Wellesley frosting, and when frosting is set, pour over, a little at a time, one and one-half squares of melted chocolate, and spread evenly, using the back of a spoon.

### OATMEAL BISCUITS

One cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of oatmeal, one heaping tablespoonful of sugar, one tablespoonful of lard, half a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one egg, a little cold water, quarter teaspoonful of salt. Mix in a basin the flour, oatmeal, sugar, soda and salt, with the lumps well rubbed down. Melt the lard, and beat up the egg well with a little cold water. Pour the hot lard among the dry ingredients and mix well, then the beaten egg and just enough water to wet all well. Knead it a little on a baking board, and roll out quite thin, spread in small rounds or quarters of large ones and bake in a moderate oven for 10 minutes, or till the cakes are a pale brown color.

### CHEESE TOAST

Grate six ounces of cheese, put it in a baking dish, and let it melt in the oven, adding three tablespoonfuls of milk, a little salt and pepper, and one level tablespoonful of butter, then spread it thickly over well buttered toast, sprinkle over with red pepper and serve very hot.

### FADS AND FASHIONS

Chiffon walets are still holding favor. The elbow sleeves of lace are bell shaped. Bright colors will dominate, especially in cotton stufts, crepe weaves are particularly fashionable. The fashionable sleeve for general street wear will be long. Another of the popular novelty colors will be shades of green. Belts and belt suggestions are no longer in the new separate coats. Illuminated leather trimming on lingerie dresses is entirely new. The new suit coats are cut in odd fashions, with skirts frequently draped. The new suit coats are cut in odd fashions, with skirts frequently draped. Printed silks will hold a prominent place in the fashions of the spring season. In some of the newest bodices and coats the underarm seam no longer exists. The pronounced change in skirt draperies is the lifting of the fullness in the front. Sheer batiste in new embroidered designs bids fair to be a favorite this coming season.

### THE RUSSIAN STYLES BID FAIR TO BE QUITE A PROMINENT FEATURE IN THE SPRING FASHIONS.

A new and attractive material, "serge Ottomane," composed many new chic tailor suits. Many lace-draped gowns have an underdress of rich broche, ivory or white satin couple. In addition to the draped skirts, many models have pleats in the sides, front and back. Dresses of white serge are again featured in smart Russian blouse and coat dress styles.

### THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD THIS EVENING

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### CANADIAN DUCHESS AGAIN IN HOSPITAL FOR AN OPERATION



Montreal, Jan. 11.—The Duchess of Connaught is at the Royal Victoria hospital here for an operation for appendicitis. She was brought here in a special train from Ottawa after her condition had become grave. She was under treatment here some months ago for the same trouble.

### ST. JAMES' PARISH BEGINS YEAR WITH BALANCE OF \$1,236

Excellent Showing of Catholics of Stratford Who Are About to Erect New Church (Special to The Farmer) Stratford, Jan. 12.—Completion of the congregation on the excellent results of the year 1912. Rev. M. J. O'Connor, pastor of St. James' parish, read his annual report at the masses yesterday showing that the parish is in better condition than ever before, and begins the year 1913 with a cash balance of \$1,236.86, and not a single encumbrance upon the parish property.

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### AMUSEMENTS

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