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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

DELAWARE Rail Road Line.



PASSENGERS' TIME TABLE.

ON and after SATURDAY, January 1, 1870, Passenger Trains will run as follows, until further notice. All trains Sundays excepted.

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.		
LEAVE.	A.M.		LEAVE.	P.M.	A.M.
Delmar,	10.45		Phila.	5.00	8.30
Laurel,	11.05		Baltimore,	2.15	7.25
Seaford,	11.30		Wilm.	6.25	10.10
Bridgeville,	11.50		New Castle	6.45	10.30
Greenwood,	12.80		Bear,	7.00	10.50
	A.M.	P.M.	St. Georges	7.15	11.00
Farmington		12.15	Mt. Pleas't	7.30	11.15
Harrington	7.00	12.35	Middletown	7.50	11.35
Felton,	7.15	12.50	Townsend	8.00	11.45
Plymouth,	7.20	1.00	Blackbird	8.05	11.50
Canterbury	7.20	1.00	Sassafras,	8.15	12.00
Wil. Grove	7.25	1.05			P.M.
Camden,	7.35	1.15	Clayton,	8.20	12.05
Dover,	7.50	1.30	Smyrna,	8.30	12.15
Mooreton,	8.05	1.45	Brenford,	8.25	12.10
Brenford,	8.10	1.55	Mooreton,	8.35	12.20
Smyrna,	8.05	1.50	Dover,	9.55	12.40
Clayton,	8.20	2.05	Camden	9.05	12.50
Sassafras	8.25	2.10	Wil. Grove	9.15	1.05
Blackbird,	8.35	2.20	Canterbury	9.20	1.10
Townsend,	8.40	2.30	Plymouth,	9.20	1.10
Middletown	9.00	2.45	Felton,	9.30	1.20
Mt. Pleas't	9.10	2.55	Harrington	9.45	1.40
St. Georges	9.25	3.10	Farmington,		1.55
Bear,	9.36	3.25	Greenwood,		2.05
New Castle	9.55	3.45	Bridgeville,		2.15
ARRIVE.			Seaford,		2.35
Wilm.	10.15	4.05	Laurel,		2.55
Phila.	11.45	5.40	ARRIVE.		
	P.M.		Delmar,		3.10
Baltimore	1.15	8.10			

FREIGHT TRAIN, with passenger car attached will leave stations named at the following Changed Hours, (subject to delays incident to freight business,) viz.: Going South, leave Wilmington about 3.00 A. M.; New Castle, 4.00; Middletown, 6.00; Clayton, 7.15; Dover, 8.50; Camden, 9.10; Felton, 10.05, and be due at Harrington 10.30 A. M. Going North, to leave Harrington about 3.20 P. M. Felton 4.00, Camden 5.05, Dover 5.45, Morton 6.10, Clayton 7.00, Middletown 7.25, New Castle 10.30, and be due at Wilmington 11.00 P. M. This train will stop to take passengers only at stations named, but will set down passengers at any regular stopping place between Harrington and Wilmington, except Hare's Corner, State Road, Delaware Junction and Dupont.

New Castle Trains.—Leave New Castle for Wilmington and Philadelphia at 7.40, A. M.

Leave Philadelphia 11.45 A. M. and Wilmington 1.00 P. M., for New Castle.

SMYRNA BRANCH TRAINS.—Additional to those above leave Smyrna for Clayton 11.45, A. M., 8.10, P. M. Leave Clayton for Smyrna, 8.40, A. M., and 2.10, P. M., to make connection with trains to and from Dover, and Stations South.

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Change of Hours.

On and after Monday, January 17th 1870, Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.	
LEAVE.			LEAVE.	
Easton,	6.00	P.M.	New York,	8.40 A.M.
Woodland,	6.15		Baltimore,	2.40 P.M.
Cordova,	6.25		Philadelphia,	5.00
Hillsboro',	6.40		Wilmington,	6.25
Ridgely,	6.50		Clayton,	8.40
Greensboro',	7.05		Kenton,	8.55
Goldsboro',	7.15		Slaughter's,	9.10
Henderson,	7.25		Marydell,	9.20
Marydell,	7.35		Henderson,	9.30
Slaughter's	7.45		Goldsboro',	9.40
Kenton,	8.00		Greensboro',	10.00
ARRIVE.			Ridgely.	10.10
Clayton,	8.10		Hillsboro',	10.20
Wilmington,	10.15		Cordova,	10.35
Philadelphia	11.45		Woodland,	10 45
Baltimore,	1.15	P.M.	ARRIVE.	
New York,	4.00		Easton,	11.00

FREIGHT TRAIN,

WITH PASSENGER CAR ATTACHED:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.	
LEAVE.			LEAVE.	
Easton	10.30	A.M.	New York	12.30 P.M
Woodland	10.50		Baltimore	7.25 A.M.
Cordova	11.05		Philadelphia	8.30
Hillsboro'	11.25		Wilmington	10.10
Ridgely	11.40		Clayton	12.15 P.M.
Greensboro'	12.05		Kenton	12.25
Goldsboro'	12.25		Slaughters	12.45
Henderson	12.35		Halltown	1.00
Halltown	1.00		Henderson	1.15
Slaughter's	1.15		Goldsboro	1.25
Kenton	1.35		Greensboro'	1.50
ARRIVE.			Ridgely	2.00
Clayton	1.55		Hillsboro'	2.10
Wilmington	4.10	P.M.	Cordova	2.25
Philadelphia	5.40		Woodland	2.40
Baltimore	8.10		ARRIVE.	
New York	10.20		Easton	3.05

By the above arrangement, close connections will be made both ways, and passengers will arrive early both in New York and Baltimore, and will be able to visit Philadelphia and Baltimore and return same day.

All freights must be at the various stations in time to be loaded and manifested at least thirty (30) minutes before the starting of the trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours. J. L. CALDWELL, Supt.

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Angry words are lightly spoken
In a rash and thoughtless hour;
Brightest links of life are broken
By their deep, insidious power.
Hearts inspired by warmest feeling
Ne'er before by anger stirred,
Oft are rent past human healing
By a single angry word.

Poison drops of care and sorrow,
Bitter poison drops are they,
Weaving for the coming morrow
Saddest memories of to-day.
Angry words! oh, let them never
From the tongue unbridled slip;
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.

Love is much too pure and holy,
Friendship is too sacred far,
For a moment's reckless folly
Thus to desolate and mar.
Angry words are lightly spoken,
Bitterest thoughts are rashly stirred,
Brightest links of life are broken
By a single angry word.

Love in the Family.

"Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up the trust;
Oh, break it not, lest all the leaves
Shall scatter and be lost."

Little boys and girls, have you any brothers or sisters? If you have, love them *a great deal*, for you do not know how long you may be together. And even if you should live to be old men and women, do you not think it would make you happy to remember that when you were children you never quarreled? And if you have lost a darling little brother, or a gentle, loving sister, there is nothing that makes you feel so sad as that sometimes you were unkind and angry.

"Children do you love each other?
Are you always kind and true?
Do you always do to others
As you'd have them do to you,"

We heard of a brother and sister who loved one another very much. He was the older; and was taken ill and died. They laid him out on his little bed, and his mother took his little sister to look at him. I cannot tell what she felt and thought as she stood and looked at his sweet face as white and cold as marble; but she wept very much. At last she said:

"Mother, may I take hold of his hand?"

After a little time she placed it in hers, when the dear child, lifting it up and stroking it gently, said:

"This little hand never struck me!"
Oh, how pleased she was to think of that!

"Little children love one another."
"Little children love each other;
Never give another pain;
If your brother speaks in anger;
Answer not in wrath again."

THE GREAT MYSTERY.—The body is to die. No one who passes the charmed boundary comes back to tell. The imagination visits the land of shadows—sent out from some window of the soul over life's restless waters—but wings its way wearily back without a live leaf in its beak as a token of merging life beyond the closely blending horizon. The great sun comes and goes in the heavens, yet breathes no secret of the etherial wilderness. The crescent moon cleaves her nightly passage across the upper deep, but tosses overboard no signals. The sentinel stars challenge each other as they walk their nightly rounds, but we catch no syllable of their countersign which gives passage to the heavenly camp. Between this and the other life, there is a great gulf fixed, across which neither feet nor eye can travel. The gentle friend whose eyes we closed in their last sleep long years ago, died with rapture in her wonder-stricken eyes a smile of ineffable joy upon her lips, and hands folded over a triumphant heart; but her lips were past speech, and intimated nothing of the vision that enthralled her.

DARK HOURS.—There are dark hours that mark the history of the brightest years.—For not a whole month in any of the thousand of the past, perhaps, has the sun shone brilliantly all the time. And there have been cold and stormy days in every year. And yet the mists and shadows of the darkest hours were dissipated, heedlessly away. The cruelest of the ice fetters have been broken and dissolved, and the most furious storm loses its power to alarm. What a parable is all this of human fear, of our inside world, where the heat works at its destined labor. Here, too, we have the overshadowing of dark hours, and many a cold blast chills the heart to its core. But what matters it? Man is born a hero, and it is only by darkness and storms that heroism gains its greatest and best development and illustration; then it kindles the black cloud into a blaze of glory and then storm bears it rapidly to its destiny. Despair not, then, disappointment will be realized. Mortifying failure may attend this effort and that one; but only be honest and struggle on, and it will all work well.

WHO ARE HAPPY?—Lord Byron said:—"The mechanics and workingmen who can maintain their families are, in my opinion, the happiest body of men. Poverty is wretchedness; but even poverty is, perhaps, to be preferred to the heartless, unmeaning dissipation of high order." Another author says: "I have no propensity to envy any one, least of all the rich and great; but, if disposed to this weakness, the subject of my weakness, would be a healthy young man, in full possession of his strength and faculties, going forth in the morning to work for his wife and children, or bringing them home his wages at night."

A PERSON who was sent to prison for marrying two wives, excused himself by saying "that when he had one wife she fought him, but when he got two they fought each other."

About Some Common Errors in Speaking.

Some older persons may find it useful to look over the following from our contributor, Anna Hope:

"What a fuss some people make when they are sick!" a child exclaimed to me, and immediately added, "why don't you say persons?" you always do. She remembered that she had been told that people means a nation, and should not be used, as it often is, where persons only are referred to. Illy is frequently used instead of ill. There is no such word as illy. Persons may be ill prepared for any occasion, but they can never be illy prepared for anything. Tasty is a vulgarism. Tasteful is the proper word.—We often hear certain kinds of food spoken of as healthy or unhealthy for us. Vegetables may be healthy or unhealthy in themselves, just as we may be ill or well, but for us they are healthful or unhealthful. Somethin is sometimes used for something. It is not uncommon to hear his'n, her'n, our'n, your'n, their'n, instead of his, hers, ours, yours, theirs. These words are evidently contractions of his own, her own, our own, etc., but they are never proper. "I must go up stairs and be a getting ready for meeting." Omit the a and be "getting ready." "I must be a doing something," is a kindred wrong expression. "Just as leave as not" should be "just as lief as not." Say, "So far as I know," and not "Fur's I know."—"I should like to do it," not "I should love to do it." We love that which has life.—We may love a cow, but we must like beef. We cannot love apples and pears, and puddings and meats, but we like them. We must not git them of our friends, although it may be very kind to get them. Do not talk about reading the ad-ver-tise-ments in a newspaper—place the accent on ver, and say advertisements. Tell not your friends that your Charley is a mis-chiev-ous boy, but if you wish to mention the fact, you can say he is mischievous. If he should try to run away, make no attempt to ketch him.—Simply endeavor to catch him. Neither should you tell him interesting stories, those that are interesting will please him quite as well. If he tells you he would drather go to see his aunt, you can tell him you would rather he should stay at home. If he is dissatisfied and cries, do not say to him, "What maksh you cry!" Indeed never change the sound of s into sh before the letter y, as is so frequently done. "He is a nish young man." "Ash you please." "We passh your house," etc. Do not say, "Have you lit the lamp?" but "have you lighted the lamp?" Elder and eldest are applied to persons, older and oldest to things. Less refers to quantity—few to numbers. "No less than a hundred persons were at the party," should be "No fewer than," etc.—Remember that you are taught by others, and learn yourself. You may teach a child his lessons, but you cannot learn them to him. He learns by his own efforts.—*Amer. Agriculturist.*

A MISER'S PRAYER.—Among a variety of curious papers of late Mr. Ward, of Hackney, was found the following, in his own hand writing, which may appropriately be called the Miser's Prayer:

"O Lord! thou knowest that I have nine estates in the city of London, and likewise that I have lately purchased an estate in fee simple in the county of Essex: I beseech thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake; and as I have a mortgage in Hertfordshire, I beg of thee likewise to have an eye of compassion on that county, and as for the rest of the counties thou mayst deal with them as thou art pleased. O Lord, enable the Banks to answer all their bills, and make all my debtors good men. Give a prosperous voyage and return to the "Mermaid" sloop, because I have insured it, and as thou hast said the days of the wicked are short, I trust in thee that thou wilt not forget thy promise, as I have purchased an estate in reversion, which will be mine on the death of that profligate young man, Sir T. L. Keep my friends from sinking, and preserve me from thieves and house-breakers; and make all my servants so honest and faithful that they may attend to my interests, and never cheat me out of my property, night or day.

RISK OF GREAT EATERS.—Dr. Hall says that great eaters never live long. A voracious appetite, so far from being a sign of good health, is a certain indication of disease. Some dyspeptics are always hungry, and feel better when eating; but as soon as they have finished eating they endure torments so distressing in their nature as to make the unhappy victim wish for death.—The appetite of health is that which is inclined to eat moderately when eating time comes, and which, when satisfied, leaves no unpleasant remainder. Multitudes measure their health by the quantity they eat; and out of ten persons, nine are gratified with an increase of weight, when in reality it indicates an increase of disease, showing that the absorbents of the system are too weak to discharge their duty, and the tendency to fatten to obeisety increases until existence becomes a burden, and sudden death closes the painful history.

MARK TWAIN'S FORTUNE.—A celebrated fortune teller of the Hub, told Mark's fortune the other day, as follows:

Yours was not, at the beginning, a criminal nature, but circumstances changed it.—At the age of nine you stole sugar; at fifteen you stole money; at twenty-five you committed arson; at thirty—hardened in crime—you became an editor. Since then your descent has been rapid. You are now a public lecturer. Worse things are in store for you—you will be sent to Congress; next to the penitentiary; and finally happiness will come to you again—all will be well—you will be hanged.

It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles—the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.

THE memory of good actions is the starlight of the soul.

Wit and Wisdom.

—Men who dot the i's—Pugilists.

—When is a thief like a seamstress?—When he cuts and runs.

—Dogs can't sing Old Hundred, but they can howl like sixty.

—How to find happiness—Look in a dictionary.

—A lady, describing an ill-tempered man, said, "He never smiles but he feels ashamed of it."

—If an oyster can chase an elephant up a sour apple tree, how many shoe-strings will it take to make a lamp-post fat?

—A young lady being asked whether she would wear a wig when her hair turned gray replied, with great earnestness, 'Oh, no, I'll dye first.'

—To bring out a moustache—Tie it to a strong cord, twenty-one feet long, to the other end of which tie a heavy smoothing iron, and throw the latter from a fourth story window.

—"Husband, I wish you would buy me some pretty feathers." "Indeed, my dear little wife, you look better without them."—"Oh, no," said she coaxingly, "you always call me your little bird, and how does a bird look without feathers?" "Why, dressed, of course."

—A sea captain, being at a ball, had been accepted by a beautiful partner, who, in the most delicate manner possible, hinted to him the propriety of putting on a pair of gloves. "Oh," was the elegant reply, "never mind me, ma'am, I shall wash my hands when I've done dancing."

—A mother, who had with her a little daughter, was examining the figure of a horse on a tombstone, and wondering what on earth it was an emblem of. There was nothing to explain it in the inscription. 'Mamma,' said the little one as they moved away, 'I shouldn't wonder if she died with the nightmare.'

—"No, spos'n you was to be turned into an animal," said Jim, "what would you like to be, Bill?" "Oh I'd like to be a lion," replied Bill, "because he's so——" "Oh, no, don't be a lion, Bill," interrupted little Tom, who has had some recent painful experience at school; "be a wasp, and then you can sting the schoolmaster."

—The following is a verbatim report of a conversation which recently took place between a father and his model child:

Father.—"My son, which would you rather do, learn a hymn or eat a bun?"

Model Son (who had been questioned before.) "Father I would rather learn a hymn."

Father.—"Then my son, you shall have two buns."

—A minister was on his way to church one Sunday morning, and saw a boy on the river bank fishing.

"My boy," said the clergyman, "don't you know it is wicked to catch fish on Sunday?"

"Guess I haint sinned much yet," said the boy, without taking his eye from the cork, "haint had a bite."

Minister coughed and went on.

—An Irish woman who had kept a little grocery shop, was on her death bed when she called her husband to her bedside. 'Jamie,' she faintly said, there's Misses Malony, she owes me six shillings. 'Och!' exclaimed her husband; 'Biddy, darlint, ye're sinsible to the last.' 'Yes dear; and there's Misses McCraw, I owe her half a sovereign.' 'Och! be jabers, and Biddy, and ye're as foolish as you ever was!'

—Three brothers, bearing a remarkable resemblance to one another, are in the habit of shaving at the same barber's shop. Not long since one of the brothers entered the shop early in the morning, and was shaved by a German who had been at work in the shop only a day or two. About noon another brother came in and underwent a similar operation at the hand of the same barber. In the evening the third brother made his appearance, when the German dropped his razor in astonishment and exclaimed:

"Vell, mine Got! dat man has de fashtest beard I never saw. I shaves him dis mornin', shaves him at dinner times, and he goes back now mit his beard so long as it never vash!"

—A certain Methodist preacher, happening to be in company with a good housewife who prided herself upon making the best cakes, sauces, and fries in the country, took occasion to reprimand what he conceived to be the spirit of gluttony in the good lady. She had been expatiating with a considerable degree of apparent relish upon the comparative merits of butter, lard, dripping, etc., for shortening, for making cakes, pastry, etc., when the preacher said that he could tell her what was better than anything she had mentioned: "What's that?" said she. "God's grace," replied the man of devotion. To which the lady, who was rather hard of hearing, retorted: "Goose grease! O, goose grease is very good, I know, but I always like butter a good deal better."

—The following good and truthful story is told by a gentleman who went to visit some old Indiana friends in Boone county, Iowa:

The family consisted of the husband, his wife and two grown sons. The good old lady was the only one of the family who did not take a little of the "O be joyful." Sitting by the fire a few minutes, the old man tipped him wink, and the visitor followed him out. Stopping by a tree, he pulled out a long-necked bottle, remarking, "I have to keep this hid, for the boys might get to drinking, and the old woman would raise the d—l."—They took a drink and returned to the fireside. Soon Tom, the eldest son; asked the visitor out to see a colt, and taking him behind the barn, pulled out a flask, remarking, "I have to keep this hid, for the old man will get drunk and the d—l is to pay;" and they both took a drink and returned. Soon Bob stepped on the visitor's toe and walked off, the visitor following. As they reached the pig pen, Bob drew out a good sized bottle, remarking, "You know the old man and Tom will get drunk, and I have to hide this." The visitor concluded he couldn't stand it to drink confidentially against the whole family, and started for home.

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