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HOW THE COVERNMENT WEIGHS THE MAIL EVERY FOUR YEARS.

During the Next Four Years as Muchas \$10,000,000 Will Be Pald To The Railroads---Object of the Work.

The quadriennial weighing of the mails for the fourth division of the United States has been completed.

Every four years the government orders a weighing of the mails on all the mail trains in the United States. This is done for the purpose of ascertaining what sum of money is due the various railroads of the country for transport-ing the mail pouches of the govern-

Though not a precise method by any means this plan enables the govern-ment to make a close approximation and to reach something like a definite conclusion. The proper method of course would be to weigh the mail each day and to make a settlement on the basis of each day's showing. This, however, would only tend to complicate matters as there would be no limit to the work that would be required. In addition the expense of such a plan-as this would be enormous and the employment of a vast army of clerks for this succial nurroses would be clerks for this special purpose would be

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In order to obviate this expense and In order to obviate this expense and to adopt at the same time a convenient and proper schedule the overnment has conceived the idea of having the mails weighed every four years. Accordingly the postal domain of the United States, which includes the geographical area of the government, is divided into four general divisions and the weighing of the mails is carried on the weighing of the mails is carried on specessively in each division. As for example the mails belonging to the fourth division will be weighed this year while, for next year, some other division is taken. In other words a system of rotation is adopted and while the mails in each division are weighed every four years there are not we division. every four years there are no two divisions whose mails are weighed at the

ions whose mails are weighted at the same time.

Having made this much clear the next question that arises is, in what manner is this weighing conducted and how can correct results be ascertained?

In order to make the scale of measurement a fair one the government pro-

rement a fair one the government provides that the mails shall be weighed on each train for not less than thirty successive working days., After carefully weighing the mails each day for thirty consecutive days a general average is taken and from this average the volume of business for the next four volume of business for the next four

years is determined.

This weighing of the mails is ordered each orange is wrapped-in various colored paper and placed in the box ready for shipment. A counter keeps tally of the boxes matter of fact the volume of business increases from year to year, but the same approximate results can be obtained by having the mails weighed only once in four years:

In some groves various machines are used. Thus one patent is a knife on a long pole, which is connected with a canvas tube. The orange separated from others in this way drops into the clute, and, by an arrangement of traps, drops from one to another, and finally.

IMAGINATION IN WAR.

More Injurious to the Courage of Soldiers than Bullets.

"In my opinion," remarked the college professor, who rose from the ranks during the last war to the position of colonel, "the imagination of men does

colonel. "The imagination of men does more injury to the cause than all the appliances of war yet discovered."
"In other words," caromed a Star reporter, "if a man didn't think he wouldn't be afraid of anything?"
"That's about it." admitted the professor. "I had a remarkable case happen to me during the better executed.

pen to me during the battles around Richmond. That is to say, it happened to another man, but I was-part of it. It was on a skirmish line, and I was lying behind a log with two other men—I was only a private then—one of whom was an inveterate joker, and the other was one of the imaginative kind of soldiers. In fact, he was so imaginative that he we almost scared out of his wits, and when the bullets and shells began flying through the woods, cut-ting off saplings, clipping linibs all around us and barking the top of the log behind which we lay, I thought the fellow would burst a blood vessel or go crazy or do some other fool thing me. crazy or do some other fool thing un-becoming a soldier. Tom, the joker, no-ticed the man's terror, and called my attention to it.

Then he reached out and dragged in "Then he reached out and dragged in a stick cut from the tree above us by a bullet, and flixing a pin in it proceeded to have his fun. The man was at the far end of our log, ten feet from Tim, and I was just beyond Tom on the other side, and, I am free to confess. was nervous enough to wonder at Tom's manner at such a time. Howver, 1 couldn't help watching his movements, and actually laughed to see him sliding the pin-pointed stick along toward the unsuspecting victim. Having got it at the right distance, he waited for a smashing volley of bul-lets, and just as it came he prodded the soldier in the back with the pin. Well, it was really funny to see the chap jump and yell and roll over and we both fairly howled. But it wasn't so his first startled action and Tom l iround at me in a scared kind of way. His surprise found expression is an and ne called to the man. There no answer, and he called again, the same result. Then he crept

to him and gave him a shake,

That brought no response, either, and That brought no response, either, and Tem diagsed him around so he could see his face. It was an ashy blue, with the eyes staring wide open, and the man was as dead as Julius Gaesar, with never a mark on him, save, per-

haps, that one pin scratch in his back."
"I should you think your joking friend could never have forgiven himself for that cruel joke." suggested the writer

"I'm sure he never would have," con cluded the professor. "because Tom was a good fellow and a brave soldier, but he never had much of a chance to, for when the next volley came he was on his knees beside his dead comrade trying to do something for him, and his head was just high enough above the log for a shell to clip the whole top of it off.-Washington Star.

PICKING THE ORANGE.

A Picturesque Scene In a Grove In California.

The picking of the orange in large centres in California, such as the San Gabriel Valley, Poniona, Riverside and Redlands, is announced by an addition to the floating population. Gangs of pickers—Mexicans, Chinese, Americans, men and boys—gather from far and near, and the groves are filled with laughter and song. Everybody is at work, and if the crop, as it is this year, is large, every one is feeling cheerful. is large, every one is reeing cheerin. The orange grove of the imagination is a stretch of trees filled with golden fruit, where one can lie in the soft grass and luxuriate in the sight. The actual grove, when beautiful to the eye, is not a place for lounging, as the ground is, or should be, kept continually plowed and irrigated. But the trees are attractive. Ever green, showing ripe and green fruit and white blossoms at the same time, they are an enigma.

A gang of men, under a leader or overseer, takes possession of a grove bright and early in the morning, two or three men being appointed to a tree, and the picking begins. Tall step-ladders enable the pickers to reach the top branches and each orange is carefully cut from the tree; if it is pulled and the skin broken it will soon decay. The pickers receive her each orange is carefully cut from the tree; if it is pulled and the skin broken it will soon decay. The picker wears a bag about his neck. and into this the fruit is dropped. When the bag is filled the fruit is handed to the washer or scrubber. The latter, generally a Chinaman, washes the black stain or rust from the fruit, pol-ishing it with a cloth, after which it is passed to the assorter. Sometimes passed to the assorter. Sometimes a simple machine is used, a runaway, so that the oranges of the same size will all collect together. This accomplished

drops from one to another, and finally rolls into a box uninjured. The ordi-nary method of picking, however, is by

The orange-pickers are usually a jolly lot, there being something about the business, apparently, that enlivens the spirits. The Mexicans and Americans labor in harmony, but an orange-picking team composed of Chinamen and Americans appears to work the reverse, The Chinese picker finds that his ladder gives way without warning, dropping him into the thorny tree or upon the ground. He is bombarded with oranges from unseen quarters, or finds his pigtail fastened to a branch. In other words, as a rule, his life in the orange grove is not as pleasant as it might be. He is strongly suspected by his fellows of working at rates that will not support a white man of family addicted to tax-paying.-Globe-Democ

Great Power for High Speed The large amount of fuel required for very high-speed racing boats has been the subject of thorough investigation by experts, in order, if possible, to reduce the quantity of coal necessary for this purpose. Some of the British tor-pedo boat chasers are thought to be the most perfect vessels of their class the most perfect vessels of their class in existence, but in order to attain a thirty-knot speed, they must carry sixty tons of coal. This is fully one-quarter of their entire sea-going displacement. Under high speed they consume between three and a half and four tone of coal an hour. To propel a vessel with a speed of even twenty knots an hour, the consumption of fuel is tremendous. Twenty-seven knots an hour is the best speed of the ordinary torpedo hoat. In order to reach the thirty-knot line fully 50 per cent, more fuel is required.—New York Work more fuel is required.—New York Ledger.

Capes of flowered silk are among the novelties. These are trimmed with jo All have full collars, or rather ruche chiffon, and are tied with broad ribbons at the throat. The silks are to be had in every known and un-known color, light or dark.

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