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## PRACTICAL LESSON IN THRIFT.

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**I**N order to “instil” its employes “with the principles of thrift and economy” the Pere Marquette Railroad has figured out and presented a table showing the cost of various small articles, commonly wasted, in terms of mileage for a ton of freight.

The table shows that every time a postage stamp is used needlessly the Company must haul a ton of freight three and a half miles.

Every time a lead pencil is wasted the Company must haul a ton of freight two miles.

Every time a lamp chimney is broken the Company must haul a ton of freight ten and a half miles.

Every time a station broom has to be replaced the Company must haul a ton of freight thirty-five miles.

Every time a track shovel is lost the Company must haul a ton of freight ninety miles.

Every time a gallon of engine oil is spilled the Company must haul a ton of freight fifty miles.

Now, take notice:—

1. No mention is made of the number of miles that a railroad company must haul a ton of coal every time one of the wives of a railroad director spends \$50,000 for a diamond anklet, such as Mrs. Louis Winterfeld created a mild sensation for wearing (and exhibiting as she wore it) at the Ritz-Carlton: that’s all “in the business.”

2. No mention is made of the number of miles the railroad company must haul a ton of freight every time a railroader is railroaded to kingdom come: that costs nothing; it even brings in dividends.

3. (Last and not least.) The table prepared by the Pere Marquette Railroad Company is published with approving mien in the July number of the *Railroad Employes' Magazine*.

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