

NEWS IN BRIEF.

(1). Picture.:- This is what two railway engines look like after a--  
 --head-on collision. One was pulling goods,--  
 --and the other passengers. The two drivers were killed, but--  
 --none of the passengers received serious injury, which is  
 remarkable considering the--  
 --terrible state of the locomotives. It's--  
 --practically impossible to tell t'other from which.

(2). Picture.:- Under this weather-vane Sir Walter Scott is said  
 to have watched the hanging of the infamous murderer Burke,  
 the body-snatcher.

That's just a tit-bit of unnecessary information. This  
 is the real story. The old Edinburgh weather vane will never  
 be 'vane' any more. It has been--

--humbled to the dust to make way for a new Sheriff Court  
 building.

(3). Picture.:- The River Seine has been misbehaving itself. Huge  
 waves from it have been rushing-

--along its banks and doing a considerable amount of damage--

--to piers and wharf sides. The current has turned itself--

--into a sort of tidal wave. It has reached a height of  
 over thirty-feet above normal tide level. It is providing  
 inland villages with a few stormy sea-side thrills.

(4). Picture.:- Feeling Spring in the air, stores are mobilising  
 their mannequins of all ages to display the season's  
 fine feathers. Dresses flounced to the feet are being  
 foisted upon us, all concealing top layers to keep us  
 guessing. The answer--

--is supplied at holiday-time. In warm sunshine butterflies  
 emerge from the chrysalis and the shape of things to come  
 is clearly seen.

Beach suits. Frills to put on and take off before  
 you swim. Down to the sea in slips.