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INDIAN VALLEY RAILROAD - The legendary haven of all good railroaders. Even the bindlestiffs (tramps) could ride this line all day free of charge or fear of bulls.

IRON SKULL - Boilermaker.

JANNEY - The coupling device on trains. Named for E. H. Janney, who invented it in 1870. Now common drawbar of all railroad cars.

JANNEY, TO - To couple cars together.

JAY ROD - Clinker hook.

JERK WATER - To fill a locomotive tender with water from a track pan without stopping.

JERKWATER TOWN - Any small inactive town. In the old days any town a train would not stop was considered to be of no importance, hence the name.

JERRY - Section foreman.

JOHNSON BAR - The large hand operated reverse lever of a steam engine.

JOINT, MAKE A - To couple up cars and/or engines.

KETTLE - Locomotive.

KICK*- To shove cars, letting them go in singles or groups into the various tracks by their own momentum.

KING SNIPE - Track gang foreman.

LACE UP - To couple up the air hoses.

LIGHTNING SLINGER - Telegrapher.

LINK AND PIN - The first and very dangerous typr of coupler, also any thing that is old fashioned.

LUNG - Drawbar.

MARKER - Rear signal lights or flags of a train.

MILL - Locomotive.

MODOK - A train for employes only.

NIGGER HEAD - The "T" pipe that divides the steam for the cylinders.
It is located in the smokebox. Also failure to couple.

NO BILL - Non union worker. Also a car without a waybill.

NOSE ON - To couple to the front end of a locomotive.

NUT BUSTER - Mechanic.

OP - Telegrapher.