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Ishpeming - There is scarcely a branch of railroad work that keeping track of the rolling stock of the road, and few people outside of the railroad service are aware of the difficulties that beset the car accountant. An incident relative to the subject came under the reporter's notice a few days ago and the fact that the scene is laid "at home" will make it doubly interesting. For months a box car, that for present purposes may be known as no. 1458, has been bothering the man who keeps track of the cars on the South Shore. He had it traced to a certain station and there all track of it was lost. In the mountainous regions of the far west a car has been known to tumble down a precipice and thus become lost, but here such a thing could not happen. The subject of the mysterious car grew upon his mind to such an extent that he determined to find that car or perish in the attempt. Accordingly he went, a few weeks ago to the station at which place the car was last heard from and started after the truant box car. Coming down the line to a point but a few miles above Ishpeming, he went in on a branch to a mine that is a small shipper and where the track is not kept open in the winter. A mile or so out on the branch he suddenly ran into no. 1458. Upon investigating he found that a farmer who lived in the vicinity had been and was still using the car as a barn, there being six horses in the car at a time. It is needless to say that the track was ploughed out the next Sunday and the farmer's barn is now engaged in the wheat traffic.

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Equipment - Box Cars