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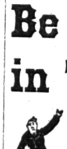

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Trains run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH			STATIONS.	GOING SOUTH.		
Frg't Pass No.5	Pass No. 3	Mix No. 1		Mix. No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Frg't No. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	Detroit, G.R. & W.	P.M	A.M.	P.M.
6 05	3 15	7 40	Mich. Cen.	9 40	11 50	
8 50	5 15	8 15	PONTIAC	8 00	10 45	4 0
9 15	5 40	8 28	Ramos	7 48	10 22	3 5
9 30	5 50	8 40	Coles	7 37	10 15	2 5
10 10	6 00	8 55	Oxford	7 25	10 10	3 0
10 50				7 13	10 05	1
11 08	6 10	9 05	Shoup	6 56	9 53	1 2
11 25	6 16	9 17	Leonard	6 46	9 46	1 2
11 55	6 30	9 40	Dryden	6 30	9 32	12 5
12 30	6 40	9 44	Imlay City	6 18	9 19	12 3
12 55	6 50	Lv	Lum	6 05	9 07	11 5
1 13	7 00	10 03	Kings Mill	5 50	8 59	11 0
1 30	7 15	10 20	Branch	5 33	8 45	10 5
2 50	8 38	10 39	Cliff'rd	4 56	8 30	10 0
3 25	9 10	10 50	Kinderhook	4 26	8 05	9 0
3 40	8 04	10 59	Wilmot	4 16	8 55	9 0
4 14	8 12	11 07	Deford	4 14	7 50	9 1
5 15	8 40	11 25	Caseville	4 00	7 41	7 5
5 43	8 41	11 43	Sagetown	3 40	7 26	7 5
6 05	8 52	11 50	Owendale	3 30	7 12	7 5
6 15	8 56	12 00	Linkville	3 20	7 15	7
6 35	9 10	12 15	Bergen	3 00	7 00	6 5
6 40	9 12	12 18	Berne	3 0	6 58	6 4
7 00	9 25	12 35	Caseville	2 4	6 45	6
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Lv.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.

GOING NORTH, Mixed Train No. 7		GOING SOUTH Mixed Train No. 8
Stations	a.m.	Stations a.m.
Pontiac	5 30	Pontiac 6
Eatons	5 51	Eatons 6
Coles	6 00	Coles 6
Oxford	6 05	Oxford 6

All trains daily except Sunday.
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Cars leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 6:30 a. m., and every half hour thereafter until 8:30 p. m., and hourly until 12 o'clock midnight.

First car leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m., and hourly until 11:00 p. m. Last car waits for the theaters.

On Sundays first car leaves one hour later than the time given above.

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A blond woman is not always fair. If you harness Love it will kick the traces.

Be sure the consequences will find you out.

Some people are spoiled children all their lives.

Diplomacy is the art of never telling the truth.

Love letters are the poetry of youth as well as its requiem.

The greatest curse that can blight a life is an unwise infatuation.

Don't cry over spilled milk. Ice cream is just as good this season.

The man who knows it all rarely knows enough to amount to anything.

Why will a woman wear a fifty-dollar bonnet and a 98-cent pair of shoes?

People who waste their own time always want to waste everybody else's.

When a man paves a road with good intentions he had better keep it dark.

When you loan anything be sure that its loss will not inconvenience you.

When people are in love, they are apt to waste time over the waist line.

Women always try to show the cloven foot that a man tries to conceal.

Freedom of conscience is often only a grandiloquent name for very loose morals.

If men lived absolutely pure lives newspapers would have to go out of business.

The best woman on earth is the combination of "perfect lady" and "perfect gentleman."

A man thinks he understands women before matrimony—afterwards he knows he doesn't.

The man who wishes to fascinate a woman should never allow her to see him in a bathing suit.

Many women never turn to piety until after they have exhausted "the world, the flesh and the devil."

One who has never done a kindness does not deserve credit for generosity when giving liberally to charities on a deathbed.

People who think they are not superstitious will turn pale if a picture falls from the wall or a hand glass happens to get broken.

If women could often see themselves as other see them (with the placet open in the back) they would walk with a less satisfied air.

A woman is always at her best in widow's weeds. Many an ugly woman looks sweetly pathetic when her angel husband is at peace. The grass widow doesn't need any weeds, but she gets there just the same.

Fame is the blare of trumpets that drowns the minor prelude of past endeavors.—Kate Thyson Marr.

It hurts a man's feelings to have a woman appear as clever as he thinks himself.

AFTER

One who was rich picked out a spot
He built himself a costly tomb.
That all the people might know where
He rested when his work was done.
The marble glistened in the sun;
The white shaft towered in the air.

A teller where the crowds were great
Had love of men big in his heart;
He sang to make the sighing glad,
And preached for peace with all his art,
His song died on his lips one day.
They laid the ill-clad form away.
From all the costly tombs apart.

Broad paths are beaten to a spot
Watched now with loving, jealous care?
And rich and poor and great and small
Fare far to stand uncovered there.
High on the hill, seen from below,
A rich tomb stands, but few men go
To see what name the shaft may bear.
—S. E. Kiser, in Harper's Magazine.

An Old Story.

BY MARCUS D. BOWERS.

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The train slowed up at a little town scarcely more than "a broad place in the road," and a young couple got on board. Then entered a second-class coach, filled with second-class people, at least such they were supposed to be, for money makes humanity first-class, and lack of it the commoner.

The girl was young with roses, such as youth and health and virtue have a way of painting in a country maiden's cheek, but in her eye she wore a frightened expression—a glance you've seen in the eyes of a captured rabbit. She was dressed in white with gay little colored ribbons at her throat and neck, while her hair was curled and fell around her shoulders, giving her face the appearance of a child, while her figure bespoke young womanhood. When they were seated, she pressed her face against the car window; and looked back longingly at the little country town, until the tears filled her eyes, and distance hid the top of the white church tower, then she turned and looked at the man beside her and bit her lips to hide their quiver, but the big, burly fellow with a huge diamond in his flashy red necktie, and with a face and neck of even a deeper carmine, didn't seem to understand, excepting that he hated "fool tears," and told her so, and in a moment she seemed a woman, and a slightly pinched expression spread over her face, "I'm all right now," she said, and vainly tried to smile, while he taking matters in his own hands, talked earnestly and authoritatively, and she, like many creatures reared as she had been, liked this display of "protective tyranny."

Fellow passengers nudged one another, and all agreed they were bride and groom, though one old lady remarked aloud, "'Twas mighty funny her ma didn't come down to see 'em off, or give 'em a basket of lunch, or nuthin'"—while her companion wondered "why in the land of the livin' she 'didn't do up her hair, so long as she got married!"

He didn't leave her side during the trip to "the city"—"jest like a bridegroom," the old lady remarked again—"never seen one who could get further than ye could throw a yearlin' calf, but that business don't last, bless ye, and the girl that a fellow will set up and fan 'til he's plumb wore out, and the girl's hair is in a perfect mess—that man'll by and by let her cook, wash and iron and nurse a little baby from mornin' 'til night, and ye won't ketch him fannin' her either!"

When it was growing dark and the crossing of switches, the passing of side-tracked freight cars, the twinkling of electric lights, and the shriek of engines told of the close proximity of "the city," of which she had heard all the eighteen years of her life, but never had seen, she grew restless and kept asking her companion if the train wasn't "pretty nigh to the station," while he—well, he didn't altogether appear the happy bridegroom he was supposed to be.

When the train at last stopped with the sizzle of released steam, she clutched his arm and said: "Oh, John, ye are real, real sure the minister'll meet us ain't ye? For what'd I do if he didn't?"

There was wild appeal, fear, hope and doubt in her tone, but some way he didn't seem touched.

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A six-foot bluecoat twirling his polished "billy" paced his beat in front of the Central station, and mused on

"Oh, John, ye are sure the minister'll meet us; ain't ye?"

the beauty of Mary Murphy, Mrs. Van Alstyne's pretty nurse maid. The maintenance of law and order was troubling him very little, when at his elbow he heard a voice, and turning beheld an old man with snowy hair and beard. In his eye was a soft, kindly expression, and his voice was gentle and low.

"Could you tell me, sir, if my daughter got off the train here to-day from Rockville—she—"

"My dear sir, you must remember this is not Rockville, and thousands get off the trains in a day——"

"Certainly—certainly," the old man hastened to explain," I was going to say she is a pretty girl and——"

"Of course," dryly remarked the policeman under his breath, "they all are!"

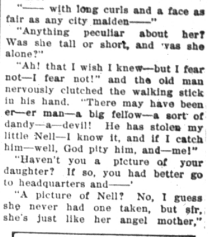
"—with long curls and a face as fair as any city maiden——"

"Anything peculiar about her? Was she tall or short, and was she alone?"

"Ah! that I wish I knew—but I fear not—I fear not!" and the old man nervously clutched the walking stick in his hand. "There may have been—er—an—a big fellow—a sort of dandy—a—devil! He has stolen my little Nell—I know it, and if I catch him—well, God pity him, and—me!"

"Haven't you a picture of your daughter? If so, you had better go to headquarters and——"

"A picture of Nell? No, I guess she never had one taken, but sir, she's just like her angel mother,"



"Anything peculiar about her?" and he drew from an inside pocket an old-daguerreotype in a little black leather case, and with trembling fingers opened it, revealing the face of a young girl with long dark curls and wide-open, frank eyes like those of a little child, who believes all things good, because untried.

"My Nell's just like her, sir, for all the world, and when her mother died and left her to me, she said: 'John, don't let Nellie get out of your sight!' and do you know, sir, she ain't never been—until—until that man came a courtin' her, and she'd plead like to take rides with him, and now—now where is she?"

He replaced the picture in his pocket, and inquiring what car to take to police headquarters, tottered down the street, a bent, humble, little figure, carrying next to his bursting heart, a picture of Nellie's mother!

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Three days later a solitary, white-haired man, who seemed to have suddenly added twenty years to his age, boarded an out-going train from the bustling city. Into the express car was lifted a plain casket and within was the form of a sweet-faced girl with a wealth of curls around her shoulders. The old man failed to notice the inquiring glances of the other passengers, as he muttered and read again and again a crumpled note:

"Dearest Pa:—I couldn't bear to come home again and so I'm going to the river. He fooled me, Pa, and the minister didn't meet us. Forgive me, pa, if you ever get this letter. From your Nell."

HAIL STONES HELPED CHURCH.

Story Illustrating Resourcefulness of the Country Editor.

The country editor is of the most versatile and resourceful of mankind. Perhaps he gets those valuable qualities while performing the various and multifarious duties of his profession—sweeping out the office, kindling fires, setting type, making up the forms, setting down the paper, inking the roller, pulling the hand press, kicking the job press, soliciting advertisements, gathering news items, writing editorials, and so on ad infinitum. But regardless of how he gets them, Editor Round of Atlantic has just illustrated this point. A violent hailstorm broke the window lights out of all the churches of the town. The pastors didn't know how to raise money to make the necessary repairs. They called on Editor Round for advice. He cogitated a moment, and then, thumping his desk with his arm—made brawny by pulling the aforesaid hand press—exclaimed: "Advertise a hailstorm for to-night. Gather up those hailstones and freeze ice cream with them. I'll print the handbills for you to circulate." The scheme was adopted. Strange the preachers hadn't thought of it before. The entire town turned out to experience the novelty of eating cream frozen with ice that had dropped from the clouds, and the churches of Atlantic now have new window lights. As an admiring contemporary says: "There's your arbiter of destiny. Blucher drove up at the right moment."—Kansas City Journal.

Decrease in Gambling.

The income of the gambling establishment at Monte Carlo fell off by $60,000 last year.