

to Mobile he got out at a station to stretch his legs and the engineer asked him if he would like to have a ride in the engine. The president accepted the invitation and in the run to the next station engineer Hunter proudly exhibited to him everything about the engine, and showed him how the various levers, etc., worked.

"Better climb down backwards," said the engineer to his guest when the latter started to get off in the ordinary way.

The president, whose "two-thirds Irish blood, as he says, gives him a quick wit, responded instantly: "I hate to back out of anything."

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In a recent debate on socialism at one of the chautauquas in Ohio, Hon. J. Adam Bede, commenting on the discussion of his opponent, Emil Seidel, said: "He has told you many things, but nothing to the point. His arguments are like the Mother Hubbard dress; they cover everything, but touch nothing."

In his rebuttal Seidel declared: "Mr. Bede has adroitly avoided the issue and explained nothing. His arguments are very much like the present close-fitting, diaphanous dress; they touch everything and cover nothing."—Everybody's.

