### A Mystery In A Freight Car

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I am a brakeman on a freight train One day during the winter season, when we had come to a stop, I was walking alongside the train and saw a thin smoke coming out from under one of the cars. Thinking it to come from a hot box, I stooped to examine the truck, but the running gear was as cool as a cucumber. Then, looking up. I noticed a small tin pipe protruding from the bottom of the car. through which smoke was coming in little puffs.

"Well, I'll be jinged!" I said to myself. "Here's a freight car, sealed with lead, that hasn't been opened since it started three days ago, and a steam engine in it. Am I in my right mind, or have I tumbled off the brake wheel where I was sitting a spell ago."

I stooped a trifle lower and craned my neck in a little further in order to get a better view. There was the pipe, evidently a part of a leader from a gutter belonging to the roof of a house. It extended a few inches downward, then turned with an elbow, the second part extending about a foot rearward. As I looked the puffs continued as regular as those coming from a locomotive making a steady

What to do I didn't know. I was afraid to notify the conductor for fear I'd find out that I'd had a stroke and saw things that didn't exist. Something occurred just then that made me think I'd surely gone daft. I heard a girl's giggle.

There wasn't any connection between a steam engine and a girl shut up in a box car, especially a sealed box car, but there was a good deal to excite curiosity. I stopped worrying about myself and began to wonder what there was inside that car. I stood off. looked at it and walked all around it. A freight train is made up of differ ent kinds of cars, and this car was es pecially different from the others. It looked as though it might have been a caboose turned into a box. The thing most noticeable about it was a door at one end. Why I nadn't noticed this before I don't know unless it was be cause the end was only about two feet from the end of another car

I saw that there was or had been a lock on the door. There wasn't any knob, but a nail had been put through the screw hole of the steel piece on which the knob had been fixed. climbed up on the coupling and tried to turn the nail to open the doordidn't succeed. I listened, but every thing was still. But I didn't forget that giggle, and pretty soon I knocked. In a few moments I heard whispers with in. Then all of a sudden the door was pulled open, and there stood a boy and

Besides these, I got a view of the car. There was a carpet on it, the worse for wear: in one corner was a mattress with bedclothing; in the center was a pine table, and at one side was a cook stove. And I noticed that the stovenine was run down instead of up or horizontal and passed through a hole in the floor."

Please don't give us away," said the girl, going for me with a pair of blue eyes not many could resist.

"You'd better let me come in." I answered. "If the conductor or any of the train hands should come along there'd be no need of giving you away." I went inside and shut the door after me. Then I asked, "Will you be good enough to tell me what this means?"

"We're a bride and groom," said the young feller, who couldn't have been over seventeen years old. "On our wedding trip," the girl

added. "A bride and groom on your wedding trip!" I exclaimed. "How did you git

"I'll tell you all about it," said the boy. "We're not only on our wedding trip, but we're a runaway couple." "Are you sure you're not a pair of

escaped lunatics?" The girl laughed: the fellow looked

kind of queer and talked on. "We were engaged, but neither her dad nor mine would let us git married till we were older. I had a clerkship in a railroad freight house, and I managed to git hold of this car, and one night when you men were making up this train I give the engineer a signal to book up against it, and the next time he backed up against a car this was in the train. I'd fixed the

door and put in the bridal furniture." "The bridal furniture!" I said, looking around. "So this is a bridal chamber, is it?"

"Well, it's all we got," he answered. 'What have you had to eat?" I

"Bread, bacon, eggs and a few other things. There's our stove. We get a good enough draft when the train's

moving. "And when it isn't moving you fan

"Just so."

Hearing some one coming. I put my finger to my lips, and when the sound had passed I went out and shut the door. That was the most original and I wouldn't have given the chil- with life. dren away for a farm. I couldn't make up my mind whether they were really on a honeymoon journey or playing they were married, as children do.

When we got to the end of the run they disappeared, and I never found out what had become of them.

A Manly Man.

He-You say you like a manly man. What is your idea of a manly man? She-Well, for instance, one who doesn't stay and stay and stay just because he knows the girl isn't strong enough to throw him out.

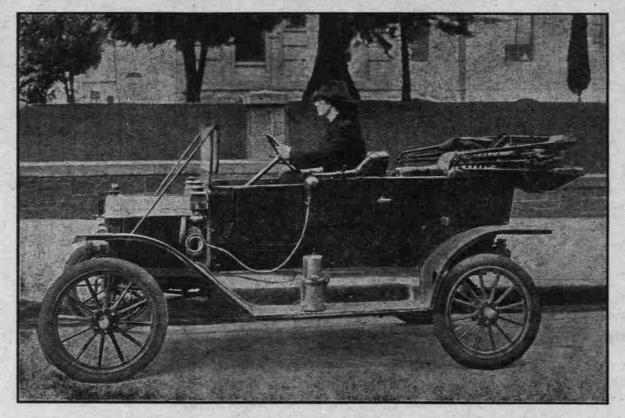
Her Mistake.

Settlement Worker - Mercy, little boy, are you fighting with that child? The Little Boy-Me! Naw, I ain't fightin' wit' him. What's eatin' youse? He's me sparrin' partner.-Cleveland

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### Car on Exhibition at Elliott's Garage

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE. A FALSE PHILOSOPHY.

"There's nothing in it."

Which was my friend's way of expressing the result of his inventory of ed as the champion of America, perhuman life and the values supposed to sistently sidestepped Frank Slavin, Joe reside in human living.

I knew his manner of tife. boyhood he had sought only his own mind. personal pleasure. His education, business, habits-even his marriage-had been considered entirely from the standpoint of his own personal good. He was "successful."

His ambitions had been largely realized. But he was not happy. He was Dan McKetrick, John's face was black discontented and pessimistic. Almost angrily, he demanded:

"What are we here for, anyway?" I said to him that I had found life ing character. I believed that one

For the future in the distance, For the good that I can do. To be sure, I had not lived up to my ideal, but it was my firm belief that mortals are shut up to the proposition that in order to be happy they must plan to make others happy. Where-

upon he said: "I don't believe that rot." I am sure he did not believe it. It was totally contrary to his entire phi-

losophy. He said: "Look about you. Every fellow is for himself, and the devil takes the hindin is the David Harum rule to 'do the other fellow first.' The man who does otherwise will get left."

There are a lot of people who proeed on that philosophy. But it does not work!

philosophy-and David didn't-somehow miss the way. Though "successwedding trip I ever saw or heard of, ful," they are weary and disgusted

> The philosophy is wrong. Put the other system-the plan of unelfishness-on the very lowest plane, the plane of success, and-it works! Is mere personal happiness your highest desire?

> If so you are doomed to disappointment, disillusion. The time will come I hen you will find nothing in life that is worth while. Mortals are built that way.

> Not long after the expulsion from Eden, Eve saw Adam digging in the ground with something. "What is that implement?" she in-

> "That? Why, that's a spade!" replied Adam, thinking no wrong, Whereupon Eve blushed violently. "Oh, mercy!" she cried, and averted her face. In other words, it was long

> enough after the expulsion for the sense of propriety not only to have come into being, but to have gained considerable headway as well. - Puck.

### SPICY SPORT CHATS

By TOMMY CLARK. like the old days."

Quite true, John. There is not a heavyweight in the land who would not gladly meet Jack Johnson. In the "old days," John, there was one heavyweight who could not be coaxed to fight Peter Jackson, the real champion. And that same heavyweight, who pos-Goddard and several others who looked at all dangerous. You know him, He was inordinately selfish. From John. His last name was-well, never

Jack Denning, the New York welterweight, the day after he defeated Marcel Moreau, the Frenchman, went to a doctor to have his hand examined. and when he returned to his manager. with gloom.

"What's the matter with your mitt?" blithely asked Dan.

"Terrible!" replied Denning. "The very good and its values of a satisfy- doctor says it's suffering from pheriosphthisis." McKetrick made one jump to the

> phone. "Hey." he shricked to the doctor, "is that thing going to kill Denning?" "No." piped the M. D.: "that's Latin

for an abrasion."

John McGraw is right when he says the ordinary quality offerings and that it is just as important to watch prices are generally 25c a box higher. what the players eat as it is to have morning practice. There is no doubt that many players have ruined themselves by reason of satisfying their appetites. Overloaded stomachs are a most. The only Golden Rule I believe is found that the players who are real stars do their playing on empty ston-

It is a fact that the average manager does not give the matter of enting of his players enough attention. This is particularly true of young players, Those who live the David Harum who, coming up to the big league, where good hotels are furnished, try to establish new eating records, with the result that their chances for making good are decided slim.

> There will be a singular condition of affairs in the major leagues this year In the National league it has been variously asserted that the Giants, Phillies, Cubs, Pirates, Reds, Brooklyns and Cardinals will finish in the first division. This leaves only the Bostons for the second division. In the American league the different claimants have the Athletics, Highlanders. White Sox. Detroits, Red Sox and Naps for the first division, so that he second four will consist of only Washington and St. Louis.

> A minor league player named Katz was fined \$2.50 for assault and battery last summer. He said he couldn't control his temper when a would be humorist yelled, "Well, Tom. how is Mrs. Katz and the little kittens?"

An elm tree will live about 600 years | 11c spring, 10 to 11c, and roosters, It is said to be in its prime at 150

### Obeyed the Call.

What's happened? Hub-A truck driver | 35c. nearly ran over me, and I called him down. Wife-But your black eye? that the crop of heavyweights is "not Hub-Oh. he obeyed my call.-Boston \$1.25 to \$1.50; turnips, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Transcript.

> "Well," said the Biliville neighbor, "I reckon your John is satisfied now that he's safe in congress."

"No," said the old lady, "jest as soon as he gits his shoes polished, puts on a biled shirt and takes a ride in a ortermobile he'll wonder why it didn't occur to him to run for president."-Atlanta Constitution.

Louis-They say she will get a million the day she marries Fred. Louise -Well, it's worth it.-Chicago News.

## **BIG IMPROVEMENT** IN PRICE OF APPLES

There is a better feeling in the apple market. Prices are giving response to the improvement but no serious advances are at present anticipated.

The improvement affects principally This is due to the decreased supplies of ordinary quality and the greater

Apple prices are ruling along Front Street, Portland, from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a box for good quality. Extra fancy serious proposition for athletes, and it apples are practically out of market but fancy stock is not quoted above \$2.20 to \$2.50, and there is plenty of this quality at the price.

Apples that formerly sold around \$1.25 are now firm at \$1.50 per box. This is the quality that finds the principal call at the present time and any scarcity of offerings naturally brings quick response from the price.

According to information, no large lots of apples are available at any point. For that reason the shipments must of necessity be confined to the local territory.

Prevailing Oregon City prices are as DRIED FRUITS-(Buying)-Prunes

on basis of 6 1-4 pounds for 45-50's.
Fruits, Vegetables.
HIDES—(Buying)—Green hides, 5c 6c; salters, 5 to 6c; dry hides, 12c to 14c; sheep pelts, 25c to 75c each. Hay, Grain, Feed. HAY—(Buying)—Timothy, \$12 to

\$15; clover, \$8 to \$9; oat hay, best, \$9 to \$10; mixed, \$9 to \$12; alfalfa, OATS—(Buying)—Gray, \$27 to \$28; wheat, \$28 to \$29; oil meal, \$53; Shady Brook dairy feed, \$1.25 per 100

FEED-(Selling)-Shorts, \$26; rolled barley, \$39; process barley, \$40; whole corn, \$39; cracked corn, \$40;

bran \$25. FLOUR—\$4.50 to \$5.25. Butter, Poultry, Eggs.
POULTRY—(Buying)—Hel.s, 10c to

Butter—(Buying) — Ordinary country butter, 25e to 30c; fancy dairy,

Wife-Mercy! Look at your face! EGGS-Oregon ranch eggs, 30c to

POTATOES—Best buying 85c \$1 per hundred.

BEEF-(Live weight)-Steers, to and 5 1-2; cows, 4 1-2c; bulls, 3 1-2c VEAL-Calves bring from 8c to SACK VEGETABLES - Carrots, hundred; Australian, \$2 per hundred. 13c, according to grade. MUTTON Lvestock, Meats.

lambs, 4c and 5c.

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