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For she's as fair as Shannon's side, And purer than its water, But she refused to be my bride Though many a year I sought her;

Yet, since to France I sailed away, Her letters oft remind me That I promised never to gainear The girl I left behind me. She says: "My own dear love, come

home, My friends are rich and many, Or else abroad with you I'll roam A soldier stout as any; If you'll not come, nor let me go, I'll think you have resigned me."

My heart nigh broke when I answered

To the girl I left behind me. For never shall my true love brave A life of war and tolling; Aud never as a skulking slave I'll trend my native soil on;

But, were it free, or to be freed The battle's close would find me To Ireland bound-no message need From the girl I left behind me.

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Opportunity. Master of human destinies am L. fame, love, and for une on my footsteps Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate

Deserts and sens remote, and, passing by Hovel, and mart, and palace, soon or late knock unbidden ouce at every gate! If sleeping, wake-if feasting, rise before turn away. It is the hour of fate, And they who follow me reach every

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe Save death; but those who doubt or hes Condemned to failure, penury, and woe, Seek me in vain and uselessly implore,

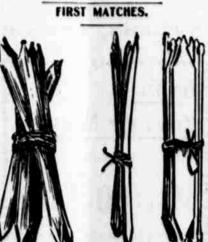
John J. Ingalla WOMEN IN SLEEPING CARS

I answer not, and I return no more.

They Do Not Take to These Conventences of Travel with Good Grace. "When a woman passes her first night in a sleeping car she experiences a timidity that is most disagreeable," remarked a member of the gentler sex who travels considerably. "Her first impulse is to remain up the entire night, but as lateness approaches she becomes so fatigued and her eyes grow so heavy that she decides to retire. She goes to her berth and, after drawrng the curtains carefully, starts to remove her clothing. Fearing that some of the other passengers may be able to penetrate with their inquisitive eyes both the dim illumination of the car and also the curtains, she becomes

nervous with alarm. "Thoughts of train robbers likewise flit through her mind, and she hesitates again and again about turning removes a few more of her wraps but still refrains from undressing and climbs beneath the blanket. The comes the terrifying thought that omeone might by mistake enter her shelf, and really her mind is thrown into a state bordering upon hysterics. At last she quiets down and gradually falls into a troubled doze. Glad the night is over, she is awake at the first streak of dawn and hurriedly replaces a few garments she mustered up

enough courage to remove. "Then she seeks the tollet department and awaits her turn at the washbowl. After fooling some time with the oddly arranged faucet she asks for instructions and proceeds with her primping. She always finds she has ost her comb or brush and usually forgets and leaves her engagement ring lying upon the sink. The soap is not the kind she is accustomed to, and between all these dreadful things and the horrid lurching of the train she is certainly relieved when destination is reached. After a few such experiences, however, she becomes accustomed to travel and rather likes it." Pittsburg Dispatch.



The first sulphur matches, now upward of a century old, appear very awkward according to our modern ideas of convenience. They were known as "spunks" and varied in length from five to seven inches. These were generally packed in bundles of a dosen, tied together with bits of straw. The matches illustrated herewith were made in 1830, and are preserved in York Museum, England. They were even less satisfactory than they appear since the sulphur refused to strike

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"Not all of them," replied the Southern youth, dismally; "some of them say 'no, indeedy.' "-Philadelphia

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