

THE COAST MAIL.

A Nihilist's Escape. Fomin, the Nihilist, who escaped from the citadel of Wilna a few days ago, was no ordinary conspirator.

THE LIGHTKEEPER'S DAUGHTER.

Twilight settled darkly down on the rush of white-capped waters round the lighthouse base—twilight round the rocky shore—twilight folding the far-away land in its gray mantle—and I sitting by the little seat of a window, my chin resting on my hand, looking out over the darkness and desolation of the waving world of waters.

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More About Railway Speed.

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THE MORALITY OF OPERA BOUFFE.

Reform cannot be carried very far, for expurgated opera bouffe would be nothing at all. But Mr. Gran has persuaded people that he has been giving a series of operas which are free from reproach.

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Home Teachings.

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