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[From the Phila. Sunday Mercury.] 1865 A RIDE IN THE CARS.

BY A. F. HILL.

Slow ! slow ! slow ! We're beginning to go ? The engine is working, Puffing and jerking-Faster we're gliding, Onward we're tiding, Off and away, So a final 'good-day' To that friend or relation Who came to the station

To see me away. With puff and blow, Away we go, Winding round hills, Leaping o'er rills And larger streams ; While the whistle screams, As much as to say, 'Out of the way !'

Forest and farms, Houses and barns, Fences, and hosts Of telegraph posts, Aud bushes and trees, On the left and the right, Dark bay as in flight, As swift as the breeze. And are soon out of sight.

The hours pass by As we onward fly : The flight of the day Fades gently away. As the golden sun-Il is days work done-Sinks in the west ; And still he don't rest. The stars peep out, And the moon, no doubt, Will soon cheer the night With her silvery light.

Why, we're stopping let's see-O, yes? it's for tea. Now a rush for the door, (Which never before Seemed so small); Twenty minutes is all The time we have

'Time's up ! all aboard !' [Late of the Army of the Potomae.] Is shouted and roared ; and Particular attention given to all Then, with flutter and flurry, To our places we hurry ; Supper is o'er, And we're off once more. the way, interview so encouraged Samuel, that he property, been all day, expressed a tender solicitude to know s gone, we move on. the real cause of her reported habitual take a sleep sudness. "Your busband, wasn't it ?" asked he, ination. asy sensation plamply. "Ah, no !" said she, with a heavy. er me creep. sided sigh. "But for my infant son, me seewho was born when I was seventeen. "Young piece. wasn't you? What did he die of? I suppose it was meas. les, teething--eh?" st be and ambition e my teet, ler, the seat, "No." "Then, what?" easy position. "I am not sure he is dead." a feat, "What? You don't mean to say he thout deceit. was lost ?" great skill "No-he was sent away, soon after he er will was born." defiance "Psho! What ye do that for? Is to science. that the child's father, up there in that ere pietur ?" p, half awake, "Alas ! it is. Oh. dear !" ve take "Aud is the old man dead ?" he shades of night ; "He is-he is !" sold Mrs. Nipkin, in og the light ittle rill a tremulous voice. "Ah, me! would I had never seen him." istle shrill "What do you wish that for ? le by; Say." "O, young man, don't press me so." rd still "I must. Say why." "Alas ! I-I-fell." dowy hill tly fly; "Must have hurt you--- how fur did base we swaep, you fall ?" rd leap "You jest at my misfortune." vild mountain scene-"I dou't jeest, a mite." or ravine-"Then, why do you seem so anxious ake, half usleep. to know ?" "Why, because, if you will have it at lastout beforehand, I am nothin' but a half past-SUB foundlin' shild, and '1y feelin's tell me at a station I am your long-lost son. re in creation, "Angels of mercy ! ng out, bayond doubt-"Yes, Ma'am. For years I have wandered in search of you, my mother Ain't you about forty year old ?" adation --stination. "About " "Well, as nigh as I know. I am twen. of children recently dis y-three, and put that to seventeen and shell in the woods near it jest makes it." entucky. While play "Can it be so ?" ell, it explosed, killing "Yes, on yes; easy. Dry your tears, lear ma, and tell me all about me ?" ine of the children. "Oh, son, I eannot." t a sparrow, and way "I stick to it. I say yes. Let on. it, but the sparrow said: eats until he washes hi struck at this remark sut as I expect. Heaven has fotched lown, and Legan to wash paw, but the sparrow eet ye." With this her a filial hug | and lather? vexed puss extremely Forgive the net'ral motion of a long-As long as I live I will ost soor, who now claps eye on his way. my face afterwards, mother for the fust time, as far's he can t . "How was it, then? Perhaps you to this day. remember.

From the New York Mercury. THE LONG-LOST SON.

BY W. O. EATON.

A shiftless, not to say shirtless, idlvagabond of a fellow, having wandere into a small country town and heggehis meal, was sitting upon a plank side walk, with his heels in the gutter. and while amusing himself at his dextarity at playing "stick" with a jack-knite, hthus soliloquized :

"How to make a living easy ! That's the cheese. That's what all the world is aiming after, and I don't pretend to be any better than the majority. But I can't think of no plan, nohow. The ideas don't seem to give down well. when I set to work a thinking. I re collect how I once read of somebody or portion slicker than nothin'. I wish 1 rich. was-or I wish I could pretend I was, and make somebody believe me. But going to marry his father ?" where is the right person ?- Plenty of to find one. I might advertise-I am mine-be Mrs. Darby.' the long-lost son,' and so forth, 'and anybody who has lost can find, by ad- far." dressing so and so.' But I expect I "Confident that his father wouldn't sho'd stand a better chance if I was a consent, we were secretly married, and

body. I want a rich parent, with a born ' portion already for me. I'd give a "And much objected to-though I've "His son! Your son! No, I'll be commission to anybody who would find had a pooty hard tug of Efe since we hanged if I be. I'll never own to such portion already for me. I'd give a one for me, et put me on the track of seen eich other." one. Who will, I wonder? Take a your ideas.

wealthy, who was said to be in want of a care of a Mrs. Bean." gardener. She was called glo my and secretive, and supposed to be a widow ; and as she was often seen to sigh and short thin bair." weep, the impression was that she was inconsolable for the loss of husband or children, and perhaps both, and may be something worse. Her name was un derstood to be Mrs. Rosini Nipkin.

To est supper and leave.

"Then, dear boy, 1 will tell you all." "So do, and I'll do as much for you; here ought to be no secrets atween a nother and her own true son." "I was a gay and sinless young milli.

THE OWNER ADDRESS OF A DECK OF A

ld; very stylish --" "And much sought arter--I can see

ow it is-go on?" "On the day when your elegant and aptivating father-

"That's the man in the pictur' ?" "The same man-made my acquint. nce at a ball. His name was Adolphus Darby."

"Geratious! Am I at Darby? I tho't I was a Tongs." "He was much struck-and so was I.

It was one of two cases of love at first said he would be revenged." sight ; and we so understood it when we went home that night, at a very carly hour in the morning. He swore he other who was the long-lo t son of some. I must marry me, and I told him I had body or other, and slipped into a large | no objection, only his father was too property, and one child three years old,

"What did that matter ? You wa'n't | every day to be called on to move."

"But I, being poor, was of course, people with children they wish were very prond. 'But never mind my mon- "then you have had, in all, eight hus. lost; but nobody that I know of wants ey. Rosini,' says he; only consent to be

"Well, that was square in father, so

want to be found and owned by every. the course of human nature you were

"It was not my fault, my son. Your nap, Sam Tongs, it might littber up father proved to be a gay and ruthless deceiver. Our marriage proved to be a After his nap. Sam Tongs wandered mock muriage, and deserting me, he about, and was so limbered up and lucky married a belle of fortune. For appear, no business, no trade, no clothes, no noth-as to hear of a lone woman, reported ance-sake, I now confiled you to the in. If you want to support me, you

> "Beau ! I remember that name," . She was a tall, fat woman, with a blank look. "Same woman."

"Lived in Philander lane." "Jest so."

"And continuing on at the millinerybusiness, that I might earn an honest "Stranger things have happened in living, and pay your board, but few this carious world, and she may be just were aware I had ever had a son. One the sort of woman for my money." day, to my horror, I discovered that thought the hopeful Tongs, as he Mrs. Bean had fled from Philandar lanestraight way called at the house, under and from that time forth I never knew the plea that he wanted to do her gar- | what became of her or you." dening. He found her to be a buxom "The blame jade latt me on a doorquite old enough to be the mother of a, "Your father, on his deathbed. long lost son. Her sociability at the fessed his guilt, and willed me a large "Blessings on him !" 'And I, weary of him, having lost both son and lover-married again." ·Eh? 'Real marriage this time-hoping to man. drown memory in the domestic cares of life. 'Happy thought, ma !' 'But my second husband died-' 'Gnod.' but-'Cursing him for not letting me know about Adolphus, before he married me 'The old rullion.' fled. 'So I became a threefold wretched woman, on account of your father, you, and the carse.' 'But I wasn't dead-and you had the property ? 'Yes; but I was in a state of deadly uncertainty about you. I didn't know you wore alive ' "In course no'; but here I an; I was. "My feelings of despair and my eraziness I will not attempt to describe." shing." "Do, a little. Try and describe some." "I had a constant whirling im my ears, my feet didn't seem to touch the ground. my hair fall out as if the burning trouble of my brain had singed the costs-my eyes stood out with a horrid stare, every man's tase looked like Adolphu's, every him on that fatal night of the bail-" "Oh, mother, don't !" "And whenever I saw a pes.green coat, I fainted away, with more or less velo city. It was his favorite color, my "Suit is mine, Ma! Ollers was .---Pea green." "In time I grew more steady. My children w re my only comfort, then." "What? Children?" "Yes; not by my first, but my second aushand." "How many children, for love's sake?" "Two-a boy and a girl." "Ry a third man ? Married ?" "Why, certainly." "Are they alive now ?" "No-they left this wicked world when they were blussoms. "That's all right, And I suppose It's your dooty. Tell us of my father, after that you concluded it was best to of yourself, and all about it. If it comes not try your luck in that way any more after that you concluded it was best to but retire to this here place, and weep me to ve hy sceldent, a purpose, to projout your days in peace, thinkin' of m-"No, my son ; that wan't exactly the

third to thirk you vas sizteen : p'n?" "No. I didn't. I married sgnin." "Great Jebu! You must have a big heart." "I was only twenty four when I was joined to my third hu-band."

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"' ''oung enough-any children ?" "Only one."

"Any of 'em still alive ?"

"No-both died about a year after the

marriage." "Sickly couple, I expect. But you

didn't go and bonnce in agin, did, you mother ?"

NO 49 "If you think I can stand it."

"I was married seven times in all, and the mock marriage made eight."

"Holy Babylon !"

"Adolphus at seventeen." continued the widow, counting camly on her fingers, "my first at twenty, my second at twenty-two, with twins, my third at er in the city, and exactly sixteen years twenty four, one child, my fourth at twenty six, fifth, twenty eight, sixth, thirty-two-a child a piece, and all dead -and my seventh at thirty.four-and that was Mr. Nipkin."

"And the last. Well, mother, you must have a constitution. But what an unlucky lumily our is ! yet I suppose all's for the best. When did old Nipkin peg out?

"Bless you, he isn't dead. Oh no-He finally heard about my previous mar, riages, and got into a terrible rage, and

"He did ! I'd like to know what hu, sinces it was of his."

"He said he had been deceived, and two years ago he ran off with most of the leaving me in debt. and now expecting

"The devil !" exclaimed Sam Tongs, with a look of intense disappointment; bands, and one alive and one child now, and no money ?"

"Just as I told you-but my comfort is, that I have found you my first born. who will protect me the remain ler of my days. Shade of Adolphus, the first !" little baby. And then 1 shouldn't lived together in a private way-and in she exclaimed, addressing the portrait, "I bless you for the treasure in our long. lost son

a father and mother."

"You will at least lead your mother few hundred dollars, sonny, "11-"

"Till you marry again? N t a red .--Fact is, I havn't got a cent in the world,

nay do so !" "How can I ?" said Mrs. Ninkin, with

"Go ahead, and marry agin."

"I can't ? my hushand is alive." "What "ifference does that make? He will never come back after the eighth

part of you. Dip in, and marry your ninth. I tell you May get a good chance-not very homely."

"But he has come back again." "Has he ?"

"Ois yes; came back yesterday, and we've made all up." "Then, mother, if that's the case, out

of respect to you, I suppose I will have

healthy looking, and not extremely ugly step, and I was picked up by a tinker--- to call him father. Did be bring iny money ?" "Plenty of baby looked like you at every strain of a Horse who fed near her, and in hiss, music I began to donee, as I did with ing accents thus addressed him : dainfully, replied :

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"Theu I will call him father-and

how dues sissy do ?" This affectionate inquiry received a

sudden and most unexpected answer ; for a door was thrown forcely open, and in strode a stout and frowning elderly

"Call me father? you rusty, tricky, igeorant, lazy secondrel Be off, or I'll make a mop rag of you. Hurry through the door, for I'm not only alive,

"Kicking' he would have said, but ere his foot was poised, Som Tongs had

Sam Tongs concluded to leave the town at once, without stopping anywhere by the way to even beg a lunch.

"That 'ere woman is a mystery to me." he mused, "and I expect it would be most raytional not to get too nigh to her again. For if that old chap ain't her husband, she might want to marry her long, lost son, or kill him after a short trial - which would amount to the same

The Goose and the Horse .- A Fable.

A Goose, who was plucking grass upon a common, thought herself affronted by

"I am certainly a more noble and perfect unimal thus you, for the whole range and extent of your faculties is confined to one element I can walk upon the ground, as well as you :] have, besides, wings, with which I can raise myself in the air; and, when I please, I can sport in ponds and lakes, and refresh myself it the cool waters : I enjoy the aifforent powers of a bird, a fi h, and a quadruped '

The Horse, snorting somewhat dis-

'It is true that you inhabit three elemonts, but you make novery distinguished figure in any one of them. You fly, indeed ; but your flight is so heavy and clumsy that you have no right to put vo uself on a level with the lark or swa'. low. You can swim on the surface of the waters, but you cannot live in them is fishes do ; you cannot find much of your fiel in that element, nor glide smoothly along the bottom of the waves. And when you walk, or rather waddle, upon the ground, with y u. I real feet, mu your long neck stretched out, hiss. ing at every one one wh passes 1 y, you bring upon yourself the derision of all behulders. I confess I am formed outs