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THE MAD ENGINEER.

The following thrilling story is furnished by a Prussian railroad engineer. My train left Danzig in the morning generally about eight o'clock; but once a week we had to wait for the arrival of the steamer from Stockholm.

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coming in at that moment, "what is that fellow doing?" Look, sir, and see how we are going. I looked at the window, and found that we were dashing along at a speed never before traveled on that road.

"Well," I replied with a shudder, "I wish he had approached me in the same way; but he was more cautious than Danzig." At Schwartz we found an engineer to run the engine to Bromberg; and having taken out the western mail for the next morning train to carry along, we saw that Krollor would be properly attended to, and then started on.

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The whole fearful truth was now opened to me. The speed of the train was increasing every moment, and I knew that a few more miles per hour would launch us all into destruction. I called to the guard, and then made my way forward as quick as possible. I reached the after platform of the after tender, and there stood Krollor upon the engine-board, his hat and coat off, his long black hair floating wildly in the wind, his shirt unbuttoned at his throat, his sleeves rolled up, with a pistol in his teeth, and thus glaring upon the fireman, who lay motionless upon the fuel.

OUR GULLIBLE PEOPLE. If there is any one characteristic that distinguishes the Northern people more than any other, at the present time, it is their gullibility. Experience is a school--it is said to be a "dear," one, but, nevertheless, it is a school; and we are constrained to say, that our people seem to show but little proficiency in the learning it teaches.

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"Krollor! Krollor!" I cried at top of my voice. The crazy engineer started and caught the pistol in his hand. Oh! how those great black eyes glared, and how ghastly and frightful the face looked. "Ha! ha! ha!" he yelled demoniacally, glaring upon me like a roused lion.

Darkness was near at hand, and the sight was picturesque in the extreme. Over a space of fifty acres or more, were spread in unique clusters, hundreds of families in the valley of the Shenandoah. The government had furnished them with the soft, bituminous Cumberland coal, which abounds in this region, and each little family had lighted a pile which burned bright but smoky, like a blacksmith's fire; and around it were grouped the few articles of household gear, which, like the children of Israel, they had carried with them from out of Egypt.

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"Merciful heavens!" gasped the guardsman, "there's not a moment to lose; Schwartz is close by. But hold," he added, "let's shoot him." At that moment a tall, stout German student came over the platform where we stood, and we saw that the madman had his heavy pistol aimed at us. He grasped a huge stick of wood and with a steadiness of nerve which I could not have commanded, he hurled it with such force and precision, that he knocked the pistol from the maniac's hand.

What are some of our lessons, sadly learned? and upon what does any man base the hope of a speedy reduction of the rebellion? A few days ago, Sheridan was "whipping them out" of the Shenandoah Valley; but he is now north of Winchester, and the charred and desolated Valley abandoned to the rebels. Sherman has a mysterious movement on foot, from which great results are confidently anticipated: it is said to puzzle the rebels wonderfully, but we have not forgotten that the same great General (and we believe him to be one of the most competent in the service) made just such a mysterious move-

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- The crow is a brave bird; he never shows the white feather. Less grow fat on green tomatoes boiled and mixed with corn meal. Elihu Burritt figures up 10,000 tons of steel annually made into crinolines. A woman committed suicide in Carthage, Ill., because her husband voted the Republican ticket. An Irish lover remarked that it is a great pleasure to be alone, especially when your "swatenance is wild ye."